



FIRST EDITION MAY 2019

We worship, welcome, witness, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

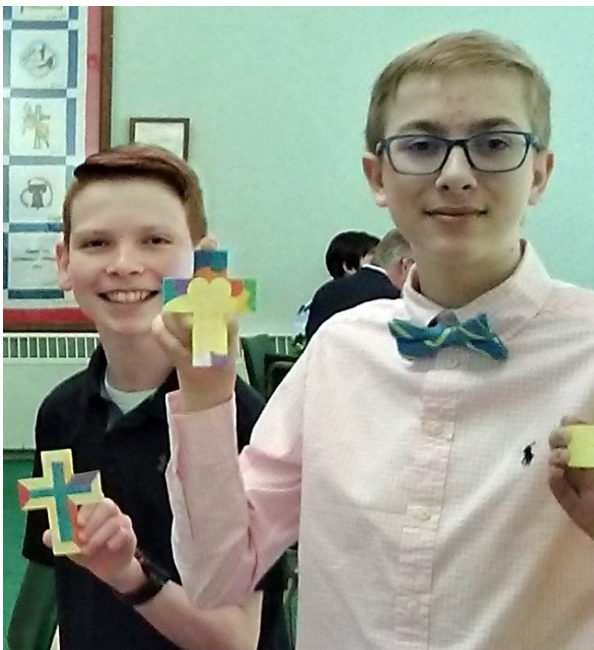
FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
21 SOUTH BEDFORD STREET, CARLISLE, PA 17013

Scenes from Holy Week and Easter at First Lutheran



Left: The Cherub Choir singing “Hosanna!” on Palm/Passion Sunday

Below: Craftmaking at the Easter Sunday Fellowship and Egg Hunt



Above: All set up in the Martin Luther Room for the first part of the Easter Vigil Service

Our Easter celebration continues for a “week of weeks” (seven Sundays). Join us during this joyous, hopeful season!

SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Friday, May 10 — 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 — 8-11 a.m.

Help is needed to make this a successful sale! Setup will take place on Thursday, May 9, from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.m. with the sale taking place on Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be served on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday at 11 a.m. we will start to pack up the remaining items for Purple Heart. Men are encouraged to help on any of the days, but especially on Saturday at 11 a.m. to help cleanup, put away tables and racks and help pack.

Donations of baked goods are needed for our bake sale. No cakes or bought items, please. Good choices are small loaves of bread, pies, muffins, cookies, candies, fudge, whoopee pies, Chex Mix, etc. Please mark your pans with your names. All baked goods should be brought to the Festal Hall kitchen on Thursday or early Friday morning.

Donations for the rummage sale may be brought to Festal Hall. Items should be in clean, usable condition, and electrical items should be checked at home for working condition. Please, only spring and summer items. No baby cribs, swings, car seats, ski equipment, electronics or exercise equipment will be accepted. Brown grocery bags are always welcome!

FIRST LUTHERAN GOLF OUTING NEWS

**The 2019 golf outing, benefitting Meals on Wheels of Carlisle,
will be held on Friday, May 17, 1 p.m. at the
Eagles Crossings Golf Course (501 Conodoguinet Ave, Carlisle)**

Registration forms are available on our website at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org
and in the church office.

Cost is \$70.00 per person (includes a round of golf in scramble format, cart, unlimited range balls, prizes, and a steak dinner). If you can't golf, join us for dinner! (\$20/person)

Deadline to register: May 15

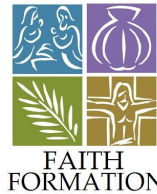
Additional opportunities to support the golf outing can be found in the March and April issues of the First Edition and on our website.

Lemonade on the Plaza

The 2019 Lemonade on the Plaza season starts on Sunday, June 2, and will run through the end of September (weather permitting).

Volunteers are needed to host one or more Sundays. You may sign up in the High Street narthex or by calling the church office at 717-249-3310. Our sexton, John, takes care of setting the table and a few chairs out on the High Street plaza (or in the Atrium during inclement weather). Hosts are responsible for providing and setting up the treats/drinks by the end of the 10:30 a.m. service and for cleanup, including putting the table/chairs back in the narthex.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Roger Williams at 717-245-9043 or by email at rogwilliams@comcast.net.



ADULT FORUM

The Adult Forum will conclude with speakers from four social service organizations. On April 28 we will have Jackie Phillips from the Carlisle Family Life Center. Bob Weed from Project SHARE will speak to us on May 5. On May 12 Beth Kempf from Community CARES will be our guest, and we will conclude with Scott Shewell from Safe Harbour on May 19.

Please join us to hear these interesting partners in ministry. We meet in the Lounge off the Martin Luther Room at 9:15 a.m. All adults are welcome!

NEW DIRECTION FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

“To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1

It is now time to move to a different model for adult Sunday school. During the next Sunday School year (September-May), a number of different adult education opportunities will be offered, coordinated by the Faith Formation Committee. There will no longer be a class called the Adult Forum.

Please watch the *First Edition* and bulletins for more information!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 2019 Meeting

+Pastor Leber updated Council on *Building to Serve All God's Children*.

+Council approved a request submitted pursuant to our Facility Use Policy to serve wine at a wedding reception in the Martin Luther Room.

Ministry For Men

Opportunities to serve:

- May 1 — Mother/Daughter/Women's Banquet help serve and clean up. Show up by 5:30 p.m. Contact Bill Schirmer at 717-243-1110.
- May 9-11 — Spring Rummage Sale, help set up on Thursday (8 a.m.) and help clean up on Saturday (11 a.m.)

Men's Huddle: Saturday, May 18 – Men's Huddle at Bob Baker's hunting camp. Call Bob at 717-249-0556 to get signed up. This has turned into an "annual event" that you will remember. A car pool will form at the church at 7:15 a.m.

News For Men? Watch for an email regarding a series on Men's Health – the connection of Physical and Spiritual Health.



The following e-mails were sent between our Sister Parish, Divine Redeemer, in El Salvador and Patty Gillingham, our Sister Parish contact.

On 2/11/2019 Pastor Fernandez wrote:

Dear Patty,

Blessings of our Savior, now and forever.

We have had many activities. Also, supporting social movements, prior to the elections. We have a new president, we hope and trust in God that it will be for the good of our people.

I share some photos with you.

On the part of the parishioners, personal and family, love for all in First Lutheran Church.

With brotherly love,

Pastora, Belinda Fernandez
Church The Divine Redeemer
San Miguel, El Salvador

On 3/2/2019 Patty Gillingham wrote:

Dear Pastor Belinda and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you very much for the very nice pictures. It is wonderful that you had a baby from your congregation for the nativity as baby Jesus. So happy to see all the children participating in the play. The costumes are beautiful.

We really appreciate your sharing the pictures.

We also send many well wishes and love to everyone at Divine Redeemer from everyone at First Lutheran.

Sincerely,
Patty Gillingham



From Our Archives



PORTRAIT OF A PASTOR

This imposing individual is Benjamin Keller, First Lutheran's pastor from 1816 to 1828. Engravings such as this one often featured prominent individuals of the day--Presidents, political figures, military personalities, and local figures of note. In this case Keller's notoriety came from his being the first pastor of St. James' German Evangelical Lutheran Church in Philadelphia.



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MAY 4TH, 2019 DOWNTOWN CARLISLE

9AM - 6PM

Meetings & Events

May 2019

- Wed., May 1** — 6:30 p.m. — Mother/Daughter/Women's Banquet
- Fri., May 3** — 7 p.m. — Lutheran Camping Night with Harrisburg Senators
- Sat., May 4** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Wed., May 8** — 6:30 p.m. — Worship & Music Committee
7 p.m. — Faith Formation Committee
- Thurs., May 9** — 9 a.m. — Rummage Sale Setup
- Fri., May 10** — 8 a.m.-2 p.m. — Rummage & Bake Sale
9:30 a.m. — Construction Meeting
- Sat., May 11** — 8-11 a.m. — Rummage & Bake Sale
9 a.m.-12 p.m. — Cantate Carlisle Rehearsal
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., May 14** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
5:30 p.m. — Property Committee
- Wed., May 15** — 8:30 a.m. — FL Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry and Global Outreach Committee
- Fri., May 17** — 1 p.m. — FL Golf Outing at Eagles Crossings Golf Course
- Sat., May 18** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *at Bob Baker's cabin*
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi
- Sun., May 19** — 11:30 a.m. — 3rd Sunday Fellowship (hosted by Worship & Music Committee)
4 p.m. — FL Serves at My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen
- Tues., May 21** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Thurs., May 23** — 3-8 p.m. — Hoch/Shaulis Reception Setup & Wedding Rehearsal (MLR & Sanctuary)
- Fri., May 24** — 9:30 a.m. — Construction Meeting
4-8 p.m. — Hoch/Shaulis Wedding & Reception
- Sat., May 25** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Mon., May 27** — Memorial Day — *Office Closed*
- Tues., May 28** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
5:15 p.m. — Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee

♫ **Bell Choir – Thursdays, 6-6:45 p.m.**

♫ **Chancel Choir – Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.**

**Staff meetings are held every
Wednesday at 1 p.m.**

During *Building to Serve All God's Children*, meetings, including council, committees, WELCA, money counters, etc., are being held in room 18 (across from Pastor's office).

WHO IS my neighbor?



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14-18

5:15 — 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner

5:45 — 8 p.m. VBS

Save the date! Vacation Bible School is only two-and-a-half short months away. This year's theme is "Who Is My Neighbor?", a VBS program by ELCA World Hunger. During the week participants will hear the story of the good Samaritan and will explore what it means to be a neighbor to the people God places in our midst.

Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in helping with VBS in any way, including with decorations, please contact VBS Co-Directors Tali Martin at 717-422-5596 or Robin Orner at 717-319-1398, or call the church office at 717-249-3310. All volunteers 18 years of age and older who help during the week of VBS must be approved per our Child Protection Policy.

We're looking forward to another successful and exciting week at VBS. Please join us!

VBS donations needed!

We are in need of the following items:

- ☺ Artificial trees
- ☺ Big (1-2 ft. in size) stuffed animal pets such as squirrels, turtles, dogs, cats, etc.

These items will be returned following VBS so please make sure to attach your name.

We would like to place a list of First Lutheran graduates and their plans for the future in the June issue of the *First Edition*. If anyone in your household is graduating from high school or college with the class of 2019, please contact the church office at 717-249-3310 or email Robin at secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org by Wednesday, May 15.



Help Sponsor Pentecost Flowers!

For a \$10.00 donation, you can help sponsor the flowers that will decorate the nave on Pentecost Sunday, June 9. You may make your donation in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one, which will be printed in the bulletin on the 9th. All flowers will be planted in the churchyard.

Look for sponsorship forms on the kiosk in the narthex and in the church office beginning Sunday, May 5. Deadline for donations is Sunday, June 2. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church with "Pentecost Flowers" noted in the memo line. Thanks!



Help us celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit by wearing red to worship on **Sunday, June 9**, the Day of Pentecost!

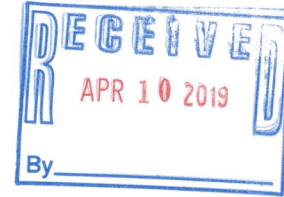


Our Sunday school youth have been busy! For their 2nd Sunday Service Project in March, they drew cheery pictures to send to the patients in the children's ward of the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania. In April, they assembled 25 newborn kits for Global Health Ministries, which will be sent overseas to new mothers in need.



March 25, 2019

First Lutheran Church
21 S Bedford St
Carlisle, PA 17013-3316



Dear Friends at First Lutheran Church,

Greetings from Lutheran World Relief! We're so thankful for your partnership, and for your energy and enthusiasm for this ministry.

I'm excited to be able to share some details about where some of your items traveled in the last year. You may already have spotted in your online Tracker record that your School Kits went to Rwanda. Your donations departed our Maryland warehouse in late January.

LWR's partner in Rwanda is World Help. Since 1992, World Help has served nearly 75 million people in over 70 countries through aid and relief; education and sustainability; and community and spiritual development programming to communities struggling in the grip of chronic poverty. In this shipment, Mission Quilts and School Kits will serve an estimated 8,000 children and adults struggling in the grip of chronic poverty. These items will provide warmth, comfort, and a chance to receive and education and break the chains of poverty.

World Help recently shared a beautiful video with us demonstrating some of the impact your gifts of quilts and kits are having around the world. I hope you'll take a look, and share it!
lwr.org/worldhelp

Thank you so much for your partnership in bringing hope to our neighbors in around the world. We thank God for you!

Continued blessings on your ministry!

Melanie W. Gibbons
Quilt & Kit Ministry Manager

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL!

I wish to express my sincerest and most heartfelt thanks to all for the kind words, hugs, cards, flowers, gifts and the fellowship reception held on April 14 in celebration my 15th anniversary as secretary/office manager here at First Lutheran. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve you in this capacity, and I have enjoyed interacting and working with all of you. A special thank you to Pastor Leber for her support and to the office volunteers who make my job easier! I look forward to continuing to support the ministries here at First and to serve you in any way I can. May God bless you all!

Love,
Robin

May Worship Assistants

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
8 a.m. service				
Assisting Ministers	Rich Wood	Terri Myers	Sandy Kohler	Chuck Martin
Bread Bakers	Sarah Niebler	Joan Gitt	Robin Orner	Taylor Miller
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Terri Myers	Monica Frederick	Lisa Newton	Terri Myers
Greeter/Usher	Sandy Kohler	Mike Luther	Roger Williams	Sandy Jumper
Lectors	Jim Brantner	Joan Inners	Sandy Jumper	Rich Wood
10:30 a.m. service				
Acolytes	Ainslee Martin	MaryGrace Harty	Michael Raphael	Luke Erickson
Assisting Ministers	Sam Orner	Roger Williams	Janelle Hoch	Sarah Niebler
Bread Bakers	Sarah Niebler	Joan Gitt	Robin Orner	Taylor Miller
Communion Assistants	Caryn Carr Hope Miller	Janet Jacobs Sandy Kohler	Kathy Hall Robin Orner	Karen Hollen Taylor Miller
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Ginny Brennan Robin Orner	Janet Jacobs Ann Roeder	Kathleen Hall Taylor Miller	Hope Miller Debbie Reitzel
Flower Distribution	Taylor & Hope Miller	Ann Roeder	Terri Myers	Babette Hoch
Greeters	Ethel Simmons Alecia Staley	Karen Hollen Ann Jordan	Annette Nickey Dee Weigel	Robin Orner Ann Roeder
Lectors	Jay Chestnut	Michelle Fisher	Taylor Miller	Roger Williams
Nursery Duty	Jeri Fitzsimons Sarah Niebler	Hope Miller Darlene Ramond	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley	Cindy Allgyer Cindy Markle
Head Usher	Don Osborne			
Ushers	Jessica King Steven King Pria King (youth)	Ethel Simmons Sam Simmons EmmaRose Harty (youth)	Jim Brantner Don Fraley Ashley Zink Caroline Zink (youth)	Gerald Gillingham Ruth Osborne Colton Gillingham (youth)

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.



Houtz, Keith	5/1
Williams, Roger	5/2
Drasher, Janis	5/3
Kauffman, Judith	5/3
Simmons, Ethel	5/3
Haggerty, Brittany.....	5/4
Zink, Matthew.....	5/4
King, Pria	5/5
Orner, Robin.....	5/5
Hildebrand, Steven.....	5/6
Egolf, Debra	5/10
Hoch, Shelby.....	5/11
Kline, Harry	5/12
Franklin, Ricky.....	5/14
Chestnut, William	5/15
Fickel, William	5/17
Doney, Pamela.....	5/18
Decker, Harriet.....	5/19
Eshenour, Douglas.....	5/21
Decker, Carl	5/22
Spiese, Kaye.....	5/22
Gillingham, Agnes	5/23
Harty, MaryGrace.....	5/23
Engle, Lauren.....	5/24
Baker Jr., Robert	5/25
Mackes, Megan.....	5/25
Stone, Lyla.....	5/25
Cook, Robert.....	5/26
Kiser, Brenda	5/27
Shank, Maximus.....	5/31

CELEBRATING A



P. Donald & Patricia Fry (63 years).....5/11



Brantner, Norah	5/5
Staley, Joshua	5/7
Yocum, Elizabeth.....	5/8
Niebler, Sarah.....	5/12
Shearer, Ann	5/13
Lorenz, Richard	5/15
Himmelreich, Laura.....	5/19
Hockley, Landin	5/23
Ramond, Tyler	5/24
Erickson, David.....	5/25
Fitzsimons, David	5/25
Lorenz, Marsha.....	5/30
Miller, Taylor.....	5/30
Sheaffer, Evelyn	5/30
Slusser, Megan.....	5/31

WITH OUR MEMBERS

DEATH

Kathryn Elizabeth Hunt

birth — September 8, 1925

death — March 5, 2019

† *Rest eternal grant her, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

FIRST COMMUNION

Pria Rose King

April 14, 2019

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Mar. 3	131	\$5,917.70
Mar. 10	113	\$3,798.00
Mar. 17	149	\$6,805.96
Mar. 24	133	\$2,631.10
Mar. 31	134	\$9,126.10

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Hope Miller — busadmin@firstlutherancarlisle.org - (717) 701-8318
Robin Orner — secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org - (717) 249-3310
John Shughart, Jr. — (717) 249-3310
Tali Martin — president@firstlutherancarlisle.org

Church Office Hours:

Monday — Friday
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Closed for lunch — 12:15-12:45 p.m.

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Sunday Worship:

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. – Sunday Church School



Check out our website!
www.firstlutherancarlisle.org



Pastor Leber's sermons are posted on our website — so if you miss a Sunday or would like to share a sermon with a friend, visit www.firstlutherancarlisle.org and click on the "Worship" tab and then "Sermons."

Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month.