

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

Building to Serve All God's Children Celebration Sunday - October 27



October 27 was a special day, as we opened up our new addition to the congregation and dedicated it to the glory of God. Each worship service concluded with a procession to the atrium for a brief litany. Refreshments and tours of the building were then offered.



During the next few months, we will be "living into" our new space and learning a new traffic flow around and through the building. We will also be thinking through how to furnish the upper level.

It is an exciting time for our congregation! Thank you for your support of *Building to Serve All God's Children*!

Left: The dedication following the 10:30 a.m. service

Reminder of our 2019 annual congregation meeting on Sunday, November 10

We will gather in the Martin Luther Room (upper level) for a potluck lunch following the 10:30 a.m. service, at approximately 11:45 a.m. The business meeting will be held immediately following lunch. Please bring a side, entrée or dessert to share. Beverages and place settings will be provided.

Copies of the Annual Report, 2020 Mission Spending Plan and Capital Projects Budget, and council nominee bios are available, at the church, online at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org or by calling the church office.

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Access to the Building (now that our project is (mostly) done!)

When coming to the church during the week, please enter and exit our building through the door to the new addition, which is unlocked from approximately 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The door on the east end of the Christian Education wing (used as our temporary entrance/exit during construction) will remain locked at all times, including Sunday morning, and is to be used as an emergency exit only, per the recommendation of the Safety and Security Task Force to the Congregation Council.

We are still working on the hardware and a fob system for the new addition door (the door was not manufactured as specified) which could take a little while. The door currently locks with a deadbolt. If, for some reason, you find yourself still in the building after hours, after that door has been locked, please do not unlock and exit through it – there is no way for you to lock the deadbolt behind you and you will



leave the building unsecured. Consider this scenario an "emergency" and exit the door at the east end of the Christian Ed wing by the pastor's office. Thank you for helping to keep our building and all the folks who use it safe and secure!

Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of October 20)

Total pledges/gifts from 118* households: \$728,479

(consists of \$604,415 in three-year pledges/one-time gifts and \$124,064 unpledged/"as able" gifts given and bequests received)

Total pledged and unpledged campaign contributions paid: \$546,725

*Includes nine (9) non-member households, which made one-time memorial gifts to the campaign.

Thank you for a job well done!







Architect

General Contractor

Subcontractors

Agar Welding Service & Steel Supply, Inc. Steel

> Allied Maintenance Systems Final Cleaning

Architectural Doors & Hardware Frames/Doors

Black Roofing & Construction Services Roofing

Brightbill Industries, Inc. *Casework*

Commonwealth Fire Protection

Fire Protection

E & G Services, Inc. Electrical

Elite Plumbing, Heating & AC, LLC HVAC and Plumbing

Fluss Flooring, Inc. *Flooring*

Harrisburg Glass

Curtain Walls & Glazing

Hostetter Supply, Co., Inc. *Specialties*

LaPorte Enterprises, Inc. *Painting*

Keith Tolbert Construction Masonry

R. L. Livingston, Inc. Sitework

Smucker Company Ceiling/Drywall/Metal Studs

thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation Elevator

Thanks also to Danatech Security, Inc., which has serviced our fire/smoke alarm system for years and provided assistance and technical support during the project.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

On Sunday, November 3, we will begin a multi-week study of the Book of Revelation, led by Pastor Lorenz. This biblical book, with its powerful and often disturbing images, can be difficult to read and understand. Our study will assume a literary, historical and Lutheran approach to the author John's words of comfort and hope

written in a time of persecution. The class will be held in the Martin Luther Room from 9:15-10 a.m. on Sundays through mid-December. All are invited!

THANK YOU FROM WELCA

Thanks to all for your very generous donations to the Lutheran World Relief Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund and for your Thankoffering gifts. Because of your generosity people in need in the United States and around the world will feel God's love, compassion and mercy. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Please help us decorate our sanctuary and Martin Luther Room for Advent and Christmas! Immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, December 1, we will hang wreathes, put ornaments on trees, and set up

the crèche. A craft will be offered for the children. Pizza will be available for those who want to have a quick bite to eat before getting to work. All ages are invited to help with this annual event cosponsored by the Worship



& Music and Faith Formation committees!

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School June 14-18, 2020

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS - OCTOBER 2019 MEETING



- The 2020 Capital Projects budget and Mission Spending Plan were approved to be sent to the congregation to be adopted at the annual meeting on November 10.
- The following slates of nominees were approved to be presented to the congregation on November 10:

Congregation Council: Michelle Fisher, Karen Hollen, Steven King, Michael Luther, Sam Orner 2020 Nominating Committee: Leann Erickson, Ann Roeder, Roger Williams

Council approved the purchase of an upright piano to be placed in room 21 for use by the children's Faith Formation program.

Thank you for your support of our Capital Campaign; however, please don't forget our regular giving.



"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above."

James 1:17

GIVING UPDATE

The Stewardship and Finance committees wish to thank the congregation for its generous support of our *Building to Serve All God's Children* capital campaign. Soon we will be reaping the benefits of our beautiful new space as well as continuing to enjoy our renovated, accessible upper floor restrooms, new boiler and new air conditioning systems!

A reminder that, during our capital campaign period, we continue to need strong financial support for our day-to-day ministries, i.e., our operating budget. As of the end of September, weekly offerings are lower than budgeted in the 2019 Mission Spending Plan adopted by the congregation. We hope that you will prayerfully reflect on your 2019 giving and generously support our ministries during the last quarter.

Sometimes people fall behind in giving for the year due to vacations and other absences from worship. A convenient method to ensure regular contributions is through electronic or e-giving, a periodic automatic transfer from your bank account to First. E-giving authorization forms and a list of FAQs are available in the church office or online under the Members tab at www.firstlutherancarlisle.org/members.

We are richly blessed with gifts from God. Thank you for giving with gratitude to support First Lutheran's purpose to "worship, welcome, witness, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ"!



HOLIDAY DINNER BAGS

Project SHARE will be providing its recipients

holiday dinner bags for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Social Ministry and Global Outreach Committee is asking for your help through monetary donations in any amount; \$40.00 will provide a complete holiday meal for a family. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated because Project SHARE's purchasing power and partnerships can make your dollars stretch farther than we can at retail. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church and noted for "Holiday Dinner Bags."

Let's help make the holidays brighter for those less fortunate! Thanks for your support.

Each year The Salvation Army program has reached hundreds of children within our community who are less fortunate than ourselves by continuing the spirit of giving. We will have the opportunity to



participate in this wonderful tradition again this year.

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, November 17. You are invited to pick an angel tag from the tree and purchase an item of clothing and a toy for the child listed on the tag. Gifts are to be placed in a large black plastic bag (one for each child) with the angel tag placed around the tied bag and brought to the church office no later than Monday, December 2. Thank you for your support and God Bless.



COMMUNITY CARES HOST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY 2020

In January, First will serve as the host congregation for the Community CARES shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness. It's been our privilege to serve this vital local ministry as a host congregation (and as a financial supporter) for many years. As we focus on the fullness of Advent and the celebration of the

coming of our King of kings, Jesus, we are preparing to welcome His creation to our building for shelter from winter weather.

We are currently recruiting church host volunteers. These individuals are present approximately two evenings per month, from 8:30 until 10 p.m., to welcome men (maximum of 30) who will spend the night in Festal Hall. A professional volunteer and a male overnight volunteer, both provided by Community CARES, will also be present, and the church host volunteer serves to answer any questions they have regarding First and the shelter area. Our goal is to finalize the schedule by December 15. Please consider serving again, or for the first time, in gifting God's own with the love of a warm, dry place to spend the night. For more information, please contact Patty Gillingham at 717-939-9382 or by email at pgillingham1@yahoo.com. Your time and support is greatly appreciated!

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FINE ARTS AT FIRST

presents

Thomas Gaynor

Concert Organist

THOMAS GAYNOR, New Zealand-born organist, will perform in concert at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m. In 2017, he was awarded the First Prize in Organ interpretation as well as the Audience Prize at the St. Albans International Organ Competition - the 25th organist and the second New Zealander to receive this distinction since the competition and festival was founded in 1963. He is rapidly making his mark on the organ scene in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres with rock-solid playing and remarkable musical élan. Mr. Gaynor is a doctoral candidate at the Eastman School of Music

in Rochester, New York, and a recipient of Eastman's highly coveted Artist Certificate, an honor the institution had not given an organist for nearly three decades. He is represented by Phillip Truckenbrod Concert Artists.

The recital will feature something for everyone and will showcase the majesty and versatility of the church's 1951 Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, regarded as one of the finest instruments in South Central Pennsylvania. The concert will be held as a benefit for **The Arc of**



Cumberland and Perry Counties (<u>www.CPARC.org</u>). Based in Carlisle on Ashland Avenue, its mission is to provide support, training, and opportunities to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. The concert is free. All proceeds raised will be donated to support The Arc's programs. A dessert reception will be held following the performance.

"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens."

—Maria Augusta von Trapp

Remembrance of the Saints All Saints Sunday November 3

Each All Saints Sunday, the church celebrates and gives thanks for the community God creates through baptism – the community of the saints, God's beloved children, called to love and live and serve in the name of Christ. We also remember and celebrate those saints of God who have died during the past year.

As in recent years, on All Saints Sunday, tables will be set up by the baptismal font for a display of pictures of beloved saints, the people who have meant so much to us and who now rest from their labors. You are invited to bring to worship that morning a picture of the loved one(s) you wish to especially remember and honor. You also may drop off pictures in the office the week of October 27th. For display purposes, it is helpful if pictures are in standing frames.



The Carlisle Area Religious Council invites you to a

Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

Wednesday, November 13

Second Presbyterian Church 528 Garland Drive, Carlisle

Dinner — 6 p.m.
Interfaith Service — 7 p.m.

Cost of dinner is \$10 adults/\$5 kids.

Please RSVP by visiting www.growwithsecond.org and clicking on the "Events" tab.

You do not have to attend the dinner to attend the service.

Plan now to attend this expression of unity as we thank God for the blessings he continues to bestow on our great nation.

An offering will be taken for Project SHARE.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE ON DECEMBER 1 — 4 P.M.

The holiday season can be especially difficult for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one – whether a recent loss or a loss from long ago that still aches. While the world around us is filled with cheerful songs and holiday parties and merriment, our sorrow may weigh heavy on us, making it difficult to anticipate and celebrate the birth of our Savior with joy.

On Sunday, December 1, at 4 p.m., we will gather in the chapel for a Service of Remembrance. This approximately 30-minute service includes scripture readings, hymn singing, a few prayers, and the opportunity to light candles in remembrance of loved ones and is followed by refreshments in the Martin Luther Room. *All who are in need of comfort are welcome*.



Meetings & Events

November 2019

Sat., Nov. 2 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — Festal Hall

Thurs., Nov. 7 — 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Early Head Start Family Day — *Festal Hall*

Sat., Nov. 9 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*

Sun., Nov. 10 — 11:45 a.m. — Annual Congregation Luncheon & Meeting

Tues., Nov. 12 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group 5:30 p.m. — Property Committee

Wed., Nov. 13 — 6:30 p.m. — Stewardship Committee

Thurs., Nov. 14 — 4 p.m. — Personnel Committee

Sat., Nov. 16 — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — at Momma Spriggs

3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — Festal Hall

Sun., Nov. 17 — 11:30 a.m. — Youth Lunch & Hike Appalachian Trail

3 p.m. — Thomas Gaynor, organ recital — Fine Arts at First

Tues., Nov. 19 — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council

Wed., Nov. 20 — 8:30 a.m. — FELC Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution

6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee

6:30-9:30 p.m. — Dickinson Orchestra Rehearsal

Thurs., Nov. 21 — 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Early Head Start Family Day — Festal Hall

6:30-9:30 p.m. — Dickinson Orchestra Rehearsal

Fri., Nov. 22 — 7 p.m. — Dickinson Orchestra Concert

Sat., Nov. 23 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*

Sun., Nov. 24 — 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. — Confirmation Class

Tues., Nov. 26 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group

6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee

7-9:30 p.m.— Cantate Carlisle Rehearsal

Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 28 & 29 — Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Sat., Nov. 30 — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*

Staff meetings are held every

Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 6 - 6:45 p.m.

Chancel Choir –

Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: With the winding down of the construction project, meetings, including council, committees, WELCA, money counters, etc., are back to being held in <u>room 16</u> (across from the church office).



An excerpt from a recent email received from our missionaries, Steve and Jodi Swanson:

Dear First Lutheran Church,

We are thankful for beginnings. Welcoming a new baby into the world is perhaps one of the most beautiful of beginnings, and yet some babies struggle to live from the first moments of birth. Whether due to prematurity, in-

fection, or a difficult labor, newborn critically ill newborns may require a level of intensive care that is rarely found in sub-Saharan Africa. It remains a privilege to care for such small ones, and to offer the parents hope.

This year we have had a 20% increase in our neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) admissions. More babies are requiring subsidized or free care due to poverty. As we have outgrown our existing space, there is a new beginning at ALMC as a 2nd NICU and the Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) unit have opened! We continue to receive NICU admissions from many area hospitals, and this year have completed 10 neonatology training workshops in large Tanzania hospitals.

We are so grateful for our families and friends, churches and individuals who support our work through finances and prayers. We wouldn't be here without you. There are many that ask for prayer concerns—would you add our health to your daily prayers? It has been a struggle for all of us at different times yet recently seems we have fallen ill more often. Steve was ill with pneumonia for [six] weeks. Pray also for rest and balance with work hours. We need wisdom to know which situations need our time and attention the most as the needs can be simply overwhelming. Thank you for walking with us!

To read the complete email, see the copy posted on the bulletin board outside Pastor Leber's office.



The new intermediate level neonatal intensive care unit. (NICU).



Tender Care
Cup feeding a preterm baby.



On Rally Day we assembled 112 school kits for Lutheran World Relief.





God's work. Our hands.

This year, WELCA made 90 quilts and assembled 153 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

For our Second Sunday Service Project in October, our youth made 12 tied fleece blankets for Project Linus, an organization that gives blankets to children who are sick or in need.



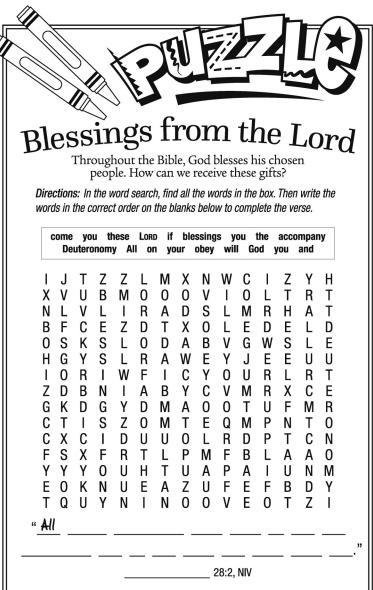
Hiking on the Appalachian Trail

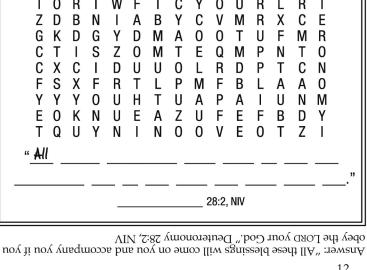
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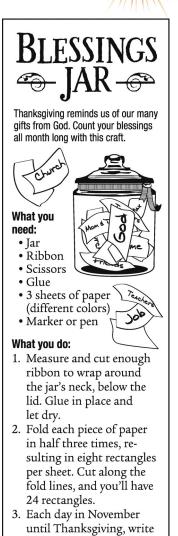
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Youth grades 3-12 and their families are invited to join us as we hike a portion of the Appalachian Trail on Sunday, November 17. We will gather following the 10:30 a.m. worship service (approx. 11:45) for lunch. After lunch we will bag trail mix for our afternoon snack before heading out to the trail.

Please make sure to bring a change of clothes and your hiking shoes with you! Please call Robin in the church office if you and your family are able to join us!







down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar. 4. On Thanksgiving, open

> the jar and read all your blessings to your family

and friends.

From Our Archives

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4	Pull Up Chairs	@ \$ 76.00	\$ 304.0
1	Round Coffee Table		\$ 72.0
1	Floor Lamp		\$ 46.0
1	Drop Leaf Table.		\$ 169.
2	Arm Chairs	@ \$ 64.00	\$ 128.
1	Office Desk		\$ 168.
1	Desk Chair		\$ 116
1	Desk Lamp		\$ 62
1	Table Lamp		\$ 46
	Unlined Draperies Compl	Letely Installed	\$ 8
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NEW FURNITURE FOR A NEW BUILDING. With the construction of our (then) new educational and administrative building in 1966 came the need to provide furnishings for it. Leo J. Leblanc of Earley's Office and Institutional Furnishings on 161 South Pitt Street prepared this estimate for then junior pastor Thomas Hurlocker's office. It is not known how much of it, if any, still remains at First Lutheran.

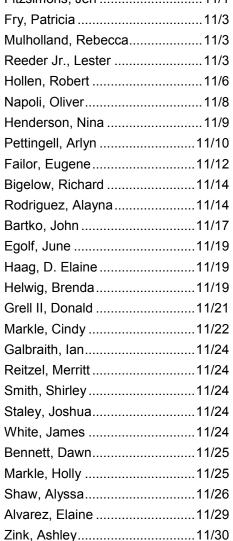
November Worship Assistants

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24	
8 a.m. service					
Assisting Ministers	Rich Wood	Chuck martin	Sandy Kohler	Terri Myers	
Bread Bakers	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Joan Gitt	
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Lisa Newton	Terri Myers	Monica Frederick	Lisa Newton	
Greeter/Usher	Sam Simmons	Sandy Jumper	Gary Newton	Mike Luther	
Lectors	Amy Baish	Jim Brantner	Joan Inners	Sandy Kohler	
10:30 a.m. servi	ce			•	
Acolytes	Michael Raphael	Michael Raphael	Ian Galbraith	Luke Erickson EmmaRose Harty Ainslee Martin	
Assisting Ministers	Janelle Hoch	Sam Orner	Robin Orner	Hope Miller	
Bread Bakers	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler	Taylor Miller	Joan Gitt	
Communion Assistants	Caryn Carr Sarah Niebler	Karen Hollen Hope Miller	Janelle Hoch Sandy Kohler	Kathy Hall Taylor Miller	
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Ginny Brennan Norma Greider	Cindy Allgyer Robin Orner	Ginny Brennan Kathy Hall	Ruth Osborne Ann Roeder	
Flower Distribution	Bill & Mary Ann Schirmer	Ann Roeder	Taylor & Hope Miller	Nancy Baish	
Greeters	Ann Roeder Ethel Simmons	David and Elaine Haag	Jane Ewing Roger Williams	Michelle Fisher Karen Hollen	
Lectors	Michelle Fisher	Karen Galbraith	Jay Chestnut	Robin Orner	
Nursery Duty	Cindy Allgyer Hope Miller	Jeri Fitzsimons Cindy Markle	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley	Cindy Allgyer Kathy Hall	
Head Usher	Don Osborne				
Ushers	Don Grell Elizabeth Yocum Amelia Yocum (youth) Frankie Yocum (youth)	Bill Burkholder Ethel Simmons Ashley Zink Caroline Zink (youth)	Jim Brantner Jeremy Stone Juliet Stone Ella Stone (youth)	Don Fraley Roger Williams Tara Das (youth)	

Please note that the church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.







Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Sept. 1	125	\$3,880.00
Sept. 8	137	\$5,797.00
Sept. 15	141	\$4,545.21
Sept. 22	130	\$6,071.25
Sept. 29	123	\$3,868.25



Bigelow, Jan 11/3	Mancke, Beverly 11/18
Harty, MaryGrace 11/4	Leszczuk, Boni 11/21
Egolf, Debra11/5	Martin, Charles 11/22
Martin, Talitha11/7	Rugoletti, Heidi 11/23
Van Orden, Elizabeth 11/8	Zink, Caroline11/24
Inners, Joan 11/11	Engle, Lauren 11/27



Floyd & Roma Morrison (68 years) 1	1/2
Robert & Rickie Cook(53 years)1	1/6

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WEDDING

John Steffee and Martha Stigelman

October 26, 2019

Congratulations!

Faith Formation Committee,

Hi all, I'm writing from college to thank you all for supporting me throughout my time at First Lutheran. I'm enjoying my classes at Gettysburg College, and I wanted to thank you all for the graduation gift.

Love, MaryGrace [Harty]

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Church Office Hours:

Monday — Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Closed for lunch -12:15-12:45 p.m.

Sunday Worship:

8 & 10:30 a.m. - Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. - Faith Formation Classes



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.