



FIRST EDITION SEPTEMBER 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

To everything there is a season...



As we move into the fall season - the beginning of a new year of faith formation and the time of harvest, cooler weather, and changing leaves - as our choirs begin rehearsing and singing and ringing again and we start planning for Advent and Christmas (!) - we do find ourselves still in the season of construction. *Building to Serve All God's Children* has, indeed, taken much longer than we anticipated, for a variety of reasons. We have done our best to keep you updated through the *First Edition* and bulletins over these past eleven months. Thank you for your continuing patience and understanding as we have worked through challenges.

Because we are still under construction, we will be “easing” into the fall. While some activities will begin immediately (e.g., choirs, see p. 5, and some Sunday School classes), other activities, such as confirmation, will get a later start. We hope to be able to use our new nursery (upper level, former Youth Lounge) by mid-September. In the meantime, we are using one of the Head Start rooms under the sanctuary as a temporary nursery.

Please note that most, if not all, Sunday morning activities will take place on the upper level once our project is complete. **Please also note our new Sunday morning schedule, effective Sunday, September 15:**

8 a.m. Holy Communion
9:15-10 a.m. faith formation for all ages* (new ending time)
10-10:15 a.m. weekly fellowship*
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Our new weekly fellowship will be held in the upper level of the Atrium (our wonderful new gathering area!) once it is finished. Until then, please join us each week from 10-10:15 a.m. in the Martin Luther Room for coffee, tea and conversation.

**Thank you for your support as we are
*Building to Serve All God's Children!***

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

All people interested in being received as new members of First Lutheran are asked to attend an evening of orientation on Sunday, September 8, from 6-8 p.m. in room 18 (lower level, across from the pastor's office). Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran transferring from another congregation, new to our denomination, or somewhere in between, you will find the introduction to our congregation and review of basic Lutheranism helpful. **New members will be received at both services on Sunday, September 15.** Please contact the church office (at 717-249-3310 or secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org) to let us know you will be attending the class and joining the mission and ministries of First Lutheran!



AUGUST COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ✚ Pastor Leber updated Council on the work of the Safety and Security Task Force as well as the *Building to Serve All God's Children* building project.
- ✚ Council set the date for the annual congregation meeting for Sunday, November 10, after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Safety and Security Update

The Safety and Security Task Force has recommended that, once construction is finished, the door on the east end of the Christian Education wing (currently used as our temporary weekday entrance) be kept locked at all times. The door will continue to have panic bars to provide emergency egress. Please help us maintain the safety of people in our building by making sure that doors and windows are secured when you leave the building, especially after evening meetings. Thank you!

Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of August 25)

Total pledges/gifts from 117* households: \$646,500
(consists of \$604,415 in three-year pledges/one-time gifts and \$42,085 unpledged/"as able" gifts given)

Total pledged and unpledged campaign contributions paid: \$444,776

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



Sunday, October 6, will be a special day, as we celebrate Thankoffering and Ingathering Sunday!

Thankoffering services have a long history in the Lutheran church, beginning in the late 19th century, when Lutheran women were given small Thankoffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection.



During worship on October 6, we will also bless the quilts the women of First have made throughout the year and the school and personal care kits donated by the congregation. The kits and quilts will be delivered to Lutheran World Relief for distribution around the world.

Left: Nancy Ingram and Mary Ann Schirmer working on a quilt. The quilters meet twice a month at the church and welcome new helpers.

Below: Quilts displayed in the sanctuary on Ingathering Sunday 2018

On Sunday, September 29, please pick up a special Thankoffering envelope at worship. Your Thankoffering will be collected on October 6 and used to help women and children in need. Checks should be made payable to WELCA and marked for Thankoffering. Thank you for your support!



Who is My Neighbor? VBS Offering



On August 28, First Lutheran delivered 115 “Grace Bags”, many miscellaneous snack and personal hygiene items, and a check for \$630 to Community CARES. Pictured is Kelly Major from Community CARES, and Robin Orner, co-director, 2019 Vacation Bible School.

Personal Care Kits

The WELCA group is continuing to work on personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. Monetary donations are needed for the purchasing of boxes to send the kits and for postage for shipping them around the world where needed. Let’s show we care by donating to this wonderful project. WELCA plans to assemble at least 120 kits. Checks should be made payable to WELCA and marked for personal care kits.



WELCA MEETING

**Wednesday,
September 4**

9:30 a.m. in room 18

(across from Pastor Leber's office)

At its Sept. 4 meeting, the WELCA group will discuss plans for its fall activities and the rummage and bake sale being held Thursday-Saturday, October 17-19.

Rummage donations may be brought to the church during regular business hours and on Sunday mornings. No large furniture will be accepted until after October 9. **Fall and winter items only. All items must be in clean, usable condition.** Electrical items should be tested at home and marked as such. No electronics, skis, baby strollers, car seats, cribs or swings. Brown paper bags are always appreciated. Mark your calendar now and plan to help one or more days. See the October issue of the *First Edition* for more information.

Sing or ring with us this fall!

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, August 29. This choral ensemble, open to high school and above, rehearses every Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the choir room on the lower level and helps lead the 10:30 a.m. service most Sundays from September through late May.

Not sure about singing on Sundays, consider singing with us for Advent Lessons and Carols! We will begin learning music in October for this wonderful candlelight service of readings and music (Sunday, December 15, at 4 p.m.).

Our **Handbell Choir** (open to middle school and above) will also begin rehearsals Thursday, September 5. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 6-6:45 p.m. in room 25 on the upper level. The Handbell Choir rings at the 10:30 a.m. service every 4-6 weeks or so.

If you have any questions, want to learn more about our choirs, or just want to sit in on a rehearsal or two, please contact our cantor, David Erickson, at dve@pa.net. All musical skills and backgrounds are welcome!



LUTHERAN CAMPING CORPORATION

At Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald this fall:

- ✠ October 1-3 — Book Study Retreat at Nawakwa, registration deadline: Sept. 20
We Never Asked for Wings by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- ✠ October 6 — Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald, registration deadline: Sept. 27
- ✠ October 20 — Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald and Nawakwa, registration deadline: Oct. 11
- ✠ November 3 — Quilt Auction at Nawakwa, registration deadline: Oct. 20
- ✠ November 8-10 — Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa, registration deadline: Nov. 1

For more information or to register for any of these events, check out the camp bulletin board located next to room 16 across from the church office, contact the camping office at (717) 677-8211 or visit www.LutheranCamping.org.

Celebration Sunday - Sunday, October 13

**Join us for worship as we give thanks to God
and dedicate our new and renovated space!**





Sunday, September 8, at 9:15 a.m.

You are invited to join us as we kick off another year of faith formation for all ages at First Lutheran!

Our Rally Day Breakfast will be held from 9:15-10:15 a.m. in Festal Hall on the lower level. **You don't need to bring anything or sign up - just come!**

During the breakfast hour, we will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief. The following Sunday, September 15, Sunday School classes for the Multi-age Class and the Men's Bible Class will begin. Please see below for locations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES — Beginning Sunday, September 15

Classes will be held each Sunday from 9:15-10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship from 10-10:15 a.m. in the new atrium or in the Martin Luther Room.

UPPER LEVEL

Multi-age Class (Pre-K — Gr. 7) — Room 21

Men's Bible Class — Room 24

Look for more information on the start up of the High School Class and Adult Class in your Sunday bulletins and the October issue of the *First Edition*.

A book discussion group is scheduled for Sunday, October 6!

We will be gathering at 7 p.m. to discuss *Everything Happens for a Reason*, by Kate Bowler. All you need to do is buy the book (available from Amazon and other retailers), read it, and show up at Pastor Leber's house (1010 Dale Place, Carlisle) at the appointed hour. **Join us for conversation and refreshments!**



Meetings & Events

September 2019

- Sun., Sept. 1** — 11:30 a.m. — Lemonade on the Plaza — *hosted by Charley & Joan Gitt / Don Grell & Caryn Carr*
4 p.m. — FELC Serves at My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen
- Mon., Sept. 2** — Office Closed — *Labor Day*
- Wed., Sept. 4** — 9:30 a.m. — WELCA Bible Study
6:30 p.m. — Worship & Music Committee
- Fri., Sept. 6** — 9:30 a.m. — Construction Meeting
- Sat., Sept. 7** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Sept. 8** — 9:15 a.m. — Rally Day Breakfast — *Festal Hall*
6-8 p.m. — New Members Orientation
- Tues., Sept. 10** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
- Wed., Sept. 11** — 6:30 p.m. — Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee
- Fri., Sept. 13** — 9:30 a.m. — Construction Meeting
- Sat., Sept. 14** — 3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Sun., Sept. 15** — 9:15 a.m. — Sunday School begins
11:30 a.m. — Thrivent Member Meeting
- Tues., Sept. 17** — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Sept. 18** — 8:30 a.m. — FELC Volunteers at Project SHARE Distribution
- Fri., Sept. 20** — 9:30 a.m. — Construction Meeting
- Sat., Sept. 21** — 7:30 a.m. — Men's Huddle — *at Momma Spriggs*
10 a.m.-1 p.m. — American Guild of Organists (AGO) Event
3-4 p.m. — Tai Chi — *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Sept. 24** — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
5:15 p.m. — Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Fri., Sept. 27** — 9:30 a.m. — Construction Meeting
5-8 p.m. — Nealy/Shaffer Wedding Rehearsal
- Sat., Sept. 28** — 3:30 p.m. — Nealy/Shaffer Wedding
- Sun., Sept. 29** — 2-5 p.m. — Carlisle Musical Arts Club

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day.

Staff meetings are held every Tuesday at 1:30 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).



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

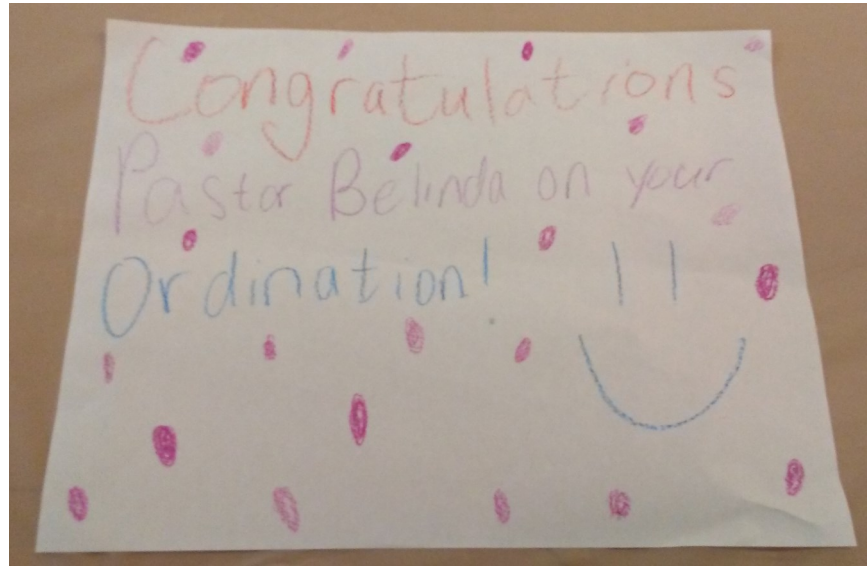
♫ **Chancel Choir – Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**



Thank you to everyone at First Lutheran for signing and sending congratulatory messages to Pastor Belinda on her Ordination into the Lutheran Ministry in San Miguel, El Salvador.

I will provide pictures of her ordination when I receive them. It is a very special occasion for Pastor Belinda and our sister parish Divine Redeemer so thank you for sharing in their celebration!

Patty Gillingham,
Sister Parish Liaison



CALLING ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS!

Do you wonder what “Choice Dollars” are or how to put together an Action Team to access \$250 of community impact funds?

After the late service on Sunday, September 15 (at approximately 11:45 a.m.), a representative from Thrivent Financial will be on site to explain these benefits and how you can use them to “live generously” and help meet needs in our community. Location TBA.



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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

October –

Sunday, October 6, 4 p.m. – Serve dinner at My Brother’s Table (3-12th grades)

November –

Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Hiking on the Appalachian Trail
(3-12th grades)

December –

Sunday, December 1, 11:45 a.m. – Hanging of the Greens (all ages and all congregation members)

Sunday, December 15, 4 p.m. – Advent Lessons & Carols followed by ‘Round-the-Tree Carol Sing (all ages and all congregation members)



A BIG thanks to John and Beverly Mancke for hosting our end-of-year picnic for youth and their families at Lake Meade. John and Beverly graciously opened their lakeside home to us for an afternoon of great fun, good food and fellowship. We deeply appreciate their hospitality and generosity. And thanks to Ian Galbraith for the boat rides on the lake!

September Worship Assistants

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
8 a.m. service					
Assisting Ministers	Chuck Martin	Chuck Martin	Jacqueline Cook	Terri Myers	Rich Wood
Bread Bakers	Taylor Miller	Sarah Niebler	Kathy Brunie	Joan Gitt	Robin Orner
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Monica Frederick	Lisa Newton	Terri Myers	Monica Frederick	Terri Myers
Greeter/Usher	Mike Luther	Roger Williams	Sandy Kohler	Sam Simmons	Sandy Jumper
Lectors	Jim Brantner	Lisa Newton	Amy Baish	Chuck Martin	Chuck Martin
10:30 a.m. service					
Acolytes	Ainslee Martin	Ainslee Martin	Michael Raphael	EmmaRose Harty	Ian Galbraith
Assisting Ministers	Robin Orner	Sarah Niebler	Janelle Hoch	Sam Orner	Hope Miller
Bread Bakers	Taylor Miller	Sarah Niebler	Kathy Brunie	Joan Gitt	Robin Orner
Communion Assistants	Caryn Carr Don Osborne	Sandy Jumper Sam Orner	Kathy Hall Karen Hollen Hope Miller	Karen Hollen Taylor Miller	Sandy Kohler Don Osborne
Communion Setup/Cleanup	Kathy Hall Debbie Reitzel	Ginny Brennan Norma Greider	Yvonne Karper Robin Orner	Cindy Allgyer Kathy Brunie	Norma Greider Elaine Hock
Flower Distribution	Kathy Hall	Nancy Baish	Terri Myers	Bill & Mary Ann Schirmer	Ann Roeder
Greeters	Charley & Joan Gitt	Taylor & Hope Miller	Jane Ewing Don Fraley	Karen Longenecker Sean Nedimyer	Michelle Fisher Donald Grell
Lectors	Hope Miller	Ann Roeder	Sam Orner	Sarah Niebler	Jered Hock
Nursery Duty	Marsha Lorenz Sarah Niebler	Hope Miller Jeri Fitzsimons	Nancy Ingram Alecia Staley	Kathy Hall Robin Orner	Cindy Allgyer Cindy Markle
Head Usher	Ethel Simmons				
Ushers	Sam Orner Roger Williams Michael Raphael (youth)	Bob Baker Jim Brantner Blanche Drumheiser Matt Drumheiser	Jered Hock Don Osborne Ian Galbraith (youth)	Michelle Fisher David Stum Ashley Zink Caroline Zink (youth)	Bob Baker Elizabeth Yocum Amelia Yocum (youth) Frankie Yocum (youth)



- Fraley, Don 9/1
- Ward, John 9/1
- Fitzsimons, Colleen 9/2
- Schade, Carolyn 9/7
- Davidson, Susan 9/8
- Hall II, Robert..... 9/8
- Fickel, J. Lucas..... 9/9
- Seibert, May 9/9
- Stum, Lisa..... 9/9
- Kreiser, Ryan 9/10
- Erickson, Leann..... 9/13
- Cozort, Lauren..... 9/14
- Asten, Carole..... 9/18
- Drumheiser, Matthew 9/20
- Frederick, Thomas..... 9/21
- Pounder, Michael..... 9/22
- Seely, Samantha 9/22
- Chamberlain, Shirley 9/23
- Kohler, Sandra..... 9/24
- Taylor, Mitchell 9/25
- Taylor, Crystal 9/27
- Shank, Patricia 9/28
- Karper, Yvonne..... 9/30

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
July 7	115	\$5,398.00
July 14	122	\$2,988.25
July 21	136	\$7,280.00
July 28	106	\$2,332.00

CELEBRATING A



- Robert & Louise Baker (64 years) 9/4
- James & Carolyn Schade (52 years)..... 9/16



- Culbertson, Dana.....9/8
- Alexander, Constance9/14
- Hoch, Jeffrey.....9/14
- Seely, Seth9/15
- Harty, EmmaRose9/16
- Rodriguez, Alayna9/16
- Erickson, Luke9/18
- Croft, William9/19
- Gitt, Joan9/20
- Mackes, Megan 9/22
- Strasbaugh, Glenda 9/23
- Strasbaugh, Robert 9/23
- Shank, Jon 9/24
- Jordan, Ann 9/26
- Deery, Karen 9/28
- Shank, Patricia 9/28
- Brunie, Kathy 9/30

To our friends at First,

Thank you for your prayers, your cards, the beautiful flowers, and to the Prayer Shawl Group for the beautiful shawl which, even now, is always near me.

Mary Kay Bartko



Are you interested in volunteering in the church office one or more mornings a month?.... We are in need of a few additional volunteers who are willing to help out in the office from 9 a.m. — 12 noon. Duties include answering the phone and greeting individuals who come in to the office. If you are interested or have questions, please call Robin at 717-249-3310.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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



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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.