



FIRST EDITION - SPRING 2020

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

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

Christ is Risen!

It has been a different kind of spring, to say the least. As is usual, the grass is growing faster than we can mow, flowering trees are in glorious bloom, and birds are chirping cheerily as they build their nests.

As is not usual, our building stands mostly empty, as it has for weeks now. No Head Start students singing as they walk down the ramp, past the church office, on their way back from the playground to class. No choirs filling the air with music on Thursday evenings. No quilters quilting, no office volunteers answering the telephone, no people learning and teaching and serving.



While we may be anxious for life to return to normal - for this house of God to be filled to overflowing with praise and joy and welcome - we also know that is not realistic, at least in the short term. At our monthly Congregation Council meeting this past Tuesday (via Zoom!), we discussed some of the practices we will need to implement when larger gatherings are permitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania once again. Pews will be marked at six feet intervals so households can be appropriately socially distanced from one another. Doors will be designated for entrance and exit. We will likely temporarily add a third service at 9:15 a.m. to facilitate having enough smaller gatherings for everyone to feel comfortable and safe attending. The celebration of holy communion will continue to be suspended for some time to come.

We all will be learning a “new” normal together. The good news is that the risen Christ will be with us in our learning, just as He has been with us during this different kind of spring.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Leber

The High Street entrance decorated for the 2020
Easter season - perhaps a new tradition?

Thank you!

Thank you for your continuing financial support of our congregation! We are so grateful for the many members and friends of First who have been generous in giving during this time. We are also grateful for your support of special appeals, such as our Head Start gift card giveaway. Please see page 3 for current opportunities to help our community!

Our new atrium entrance door..



Our new accessible entrance door has been installed and is fully operational - we look forward to it being used soon!

Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of April 26)



Total campaign commitments:	\$604,415
Total commitments paid to date:	\$499,010
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$72,064
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$571,074</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

In case you missed it...

The recycling center to which we take donated soda cans (a continuing fundraiser) is closed until further notice, so please recycle at your residence.

The spring rummage sale has been cancelled. Please keep items at home until the fall sale in October or donate them to another good cause. Remember that we only accept clothes for the season, so we won't be able to take spring clothes for the fall sale.



Vacation Bible School (previously scheduled for June 14-18) has been cancelled. We will plan to use the chosen curriculum (and the decorations already made!) in 2021.

SPECIAL APPEALS FOR OUR COMMUNITY IN THIS TIME OF NEED

+Council has voted to authorize a second grocery store gift card giveaway to our 28 Head Start families. These families have been especially affected by the pandemic. Each family will receive a \$50 gift card to the Weis store (which is walkable for our neighborhood).

+First Lutheran is responsible for the meal at My Brother's Table (Salvation Army) on May 17. Because of social distancing, My Brother's Table has had to convert from congregate meals to individual meals that can be picked up in the parking lot. For that reason, they have asked that First Lutheran raise money for the purchase of appropriate "to go" items rather than providing volunteers and food donations (you may recall that we collect canned fruit, baked beans, rolls, etc. for these meals four times a year).

**MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THESE
APPEALS CAN BE MAILED TO FIRST
LUTHERAN - please make sure to let us
know how to apply your gift!**

Thank you!

MISSING HEARING OUR ORGAN?

Our cantor, David Erickson, has posted a few recordings on YouTube. Enjoy!

From God Shall Naught Divide Me (Bach)

<https://youtu.be/YbH4FRZvJ2M>

Our Father Who Art in Heaven (Bach)

<https://youtu.be/X4JQgn1XpLM>

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BIRTH

**Milo Atticus Slusser
to Megan and Kyle Slusser**

April 12, 2020

Congratulations!

DEATH

R. Edward Shenk

birth — January 17, 1927

death — April 10, 2020

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

Scenes from Holy Week

Though we were not able to gather here for worship, it felt important to observe our usual pattern of setting up the chancel throughout the days of Holy Week and Easter weekend.

Palm/Passion Sunday (a picture of our Zoom recording session on Palm/Passion Sunday - the group prepared a dramatic reading of the Passion according to John, posted online for Good Friday worship)

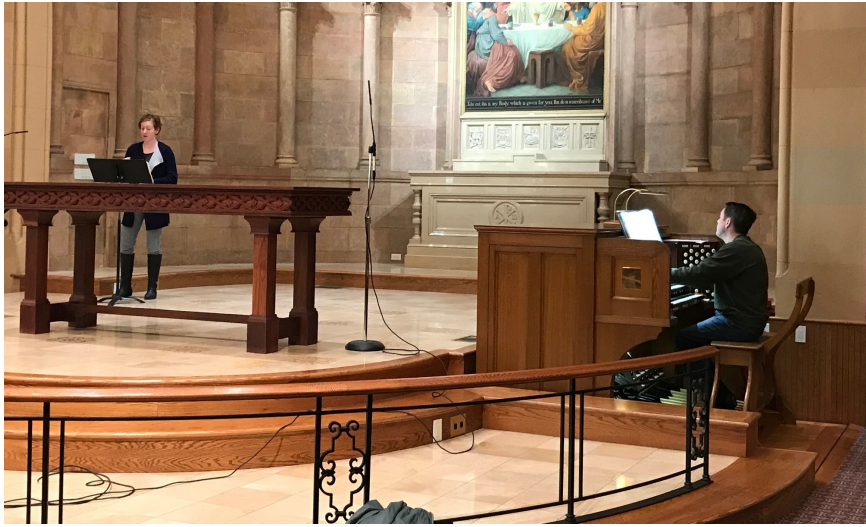


Maundy Thursday (thanks to MaryAnn and Bill Schirmer for lending us this pitcher and basin each year, a beautiful reminder of the gospel for Maundy Thursday, Jesus washing his disciples' feet)

Good Friday (the chancel stripped of all adornment - the wooden cross is the same one placed at our High Street doors on Easter morning)



and Easter 2020



David Erickson and Michelle Trefren recording special music for Holy Week.



Easter Sunday The chancel put back together and decorated for Easter morning (just missing lilies this year!). Our 2020 Paschal candle lit for the first time!



Yes, we know April is over, but it's not too late to wish people a belated birthday or baptismal anniversary!

2-Apr.....Betty Nickey
 Sam Orner
 Sterlen Sheaffer
 3-Apr.....Jeremy Guadalupe
 Babette Hoch
 Derek Over
 5-Apr.....Tanner Shenk
 6-Apr.....David Fitzsimons
 Michele White
 7-Apr.....James Allgyer
 William Burkholder
 Bryan Eshenour
 Andrea Keck
 8-Apr.....Laura Himmelreich
 Mike Luther
 9-Apr.....Madison Engle
 Benjamin Galbraith
 Boni Leszczuk

11-Apr ...Patty Guadalupe
 Joyce Randall
 Helen Scott
 Patrick Spiese
 12-Apr ...Kaylynn Kreiser
 Barbara Lillich
 Milo Slusser
 13-Apr ...Callie Culbertson
 Bill Souders
 14-Apr ...David Erickson
 15-Apr ...David Egolf
 Marsha Lorenz
 16-Apr ...Norma Greider
 17-Apr ...Kimberly Fickel
 18-Apr ...Rickie Cook
 Jake Markle
 Adam Shaffer
 19-Apr ...Caroline Zink
 20-Apr ...Julie Stone
 21-Apr ...Michael Mullen

22-Apr .. Dorothy Kinsey
 Debra Nickey
 23-Apr .. Heidi Rugoletti
 24-Apr .. James Callahan
 Jay Chestnut
 Carrie Ewing
 25-Apr .. Steve Bloser
 Joanne Croft
 Lori Hogg
 Diane Luther
 26-Apr .. Robert Berry
 27-Apr .. Sandra Jumper
 Ken Massa
 Ruth Osborne
 Jennifer Pepper
 Jamey Shank
 29-Apr .. Taylor Miller
 29-Apr .. Ruth Oakes
 30-Apr .. EmmaRose Harty



3-Apr..... Ken Egolf
 Cindy Markle
 Trena Martin
 4-Apr..... Leann Erickson
 5-Apr..... Charles Inners
 6-Apr..... Carol Brandt
 Susan Kline
 Lee Leidigh
 Kathryn Manspeaker
 Alecia Staley
 Madelynne Staley
 7-Apr..... Kaylee Cozort
 Eden Pepper
 Amelia Yocum
 9-Apr..... June Egolf
 10-Apr.... Lester Keck
 Joseph Shughart
 Ian Stum

11-Apr Caryn Carr
 13-Apr Mike Pounder
 14-Apr Rickie Cook
 Robert Cook
 Mary Ann March
 Zachary Weaver
 15-Apr Tom Bloser
 Elise Erickson
 Roger Giffin
 Logan Haggerty
 Lisa Milos
 Louis Shank
 16-Apr Nancy Baish
 Bob Hollen
 17-Apr Joe McDermond
 Cassie Mulholland
 Chuck Seibert
 18-Apr Debra Nickey

19-Apr.... Jodee Eshenour
 Tanner Eshenour
 Holly Markle
 Jake Markle
 Hunter Mulholland
 Ella Stone
 21-Apr.... Yvonne Karper
 Larry Shenk
 David Stum
 22-Apr.... John Mancke
 David Raphael
 23-Apr.... Don Fraley
 Steven King
 25-Apr.... Benjamin Jumper
 26-Apr.... Barbara Lillich
 27-Apr.... Kimberly Fickel

MAY Birthdays



- 3-May Janis Drasher
Judith Kauffman
Ethel Simmons
- 4-May Brittany Haggerty
Matthew Zink
- 5-May Pria King
Robin Orner
- 6-May Steve Hildebrand
- 8-May Emily Marshall
Ron Mentzer
- 10-May ... Debra Egolf
- 11-May ... Shelby Pearce
- 12-May ... Harry Kline
- 14-May ... Ricky Franklin
- 15-May ... Bill Chestnut
- 17-May ... William Fickel
Louis Shank
- 19-May ... Harriet Decker
- 21-May ... Douglas Eshenour
- 22-May ... Carl Decker
Kaye Spiese
- 23-May ... Agnes Gillingham
MaryGrace Harty
- 24-May ... Lauren Engle
- 25-May ... Bob Baker
Megan Mackes
Lyla Stone
- 26-May ... Robert Cook
- 27-May ... Brenda Kiser
- 31-May ... Maximus Shank

- 5-May Norah Brantner
Layton Shank
- 7-May Joshua Staley
- 8-May Elizabeth Yocum
- 10-May ... Brittany Weibley-D'Cruz
- 12-May ... Sarah Niebler
- 13-May ... Ann Shearer
- 14-May ... Lester Reeder
- 15-May ... Richard Lorenz
- 19-May ... Laura Himmelreich
- 21-May ... Dorothy Kinsey
- 23-May ... Landin Hockley
- 24-May ... Tyler Ramond
- 25-May ... David Erickson
David Fitzsimons
- 27-May ... Ethan Colón
- 30-May ... Marsha Lorenz
Taylor Miller
Evelyn Sheaffer
- 31-May ... Megan Slusser

CELEBRATING A



- Lester & Andrea Keck (53) 4/12
- James & Cynthia Allgyer (51 years) 4/19
- Don & Patricia Fry (64 years) 5/11

Sunday	Attendance	Offering
Feb. 2	135	\$4,007.50
Feb. 9	135	\$7,289.25
Feb. 16	138	\$2,969.00
Feb. 23	149	\$11,823.40
Mar. 1	136	\$4,987.22
Mar. 8	117	\$4,790.25
Mar. 15	51 (one service)	\$2,578.11
Mar. 22	<i>Services cancelled due to Coronavirus.</i>	\$3,801.50
Mar. 29		\$2,085.00



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Office Hours:

While the building is closed, administrative staff are working in the building:
Monday — Friday
8:30 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

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Pastor Leber is available by cell throughout the week at (717)215-6055



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DURING THIS TIME, resources for weekly at home worship (including recordings of a homily and organ hymn accompaniments, a bulletin and a children's bulletin) can be found at:

<https://firstlutherancarlisle.org/resources-for-worship-and-faith-formation-at-home/>

Resources are posted by 8 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Pastor Leber is currently sending e-mail updates once or twice a week. If you are not receiving them and wish to, please call the church office with your current e-mail. Please also regularly check your spam/junk folder (sometimes e-mails from @firstlutherancarlisle.org addresses get filtered).