



FIRST EDITION - SPRING 2021

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

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

Holy Week and Easter 2021

*Join us as we tell the story of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection,
the story at the center of our life together as Christ's community,
the story which gives us, and the world, hope!*

The Three Holy Days

Maundy Thursday, April 1

12:15 p.m. Holy Communion (no singing)

7 p.m. Holy Communion and stripping of the altar

Good Friday, April 2

12 noon- 3 p.m. - Nave open for meditation and prayer - Pastor Leber will offer brief sung prayers on the hour (12 noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m.)

7 p.m. Service of readings and music

Holy Saturday - no Easter Vigil this year! (See below for Egg Hunt info!)

Easter Sunday, April 4

Holy Communion at 8, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Worshippers will be asked to RSVP for Easter Sunday worship



Easter Saturday and Egg Hunt



**Saturday, April 3, 11 a.m. — 12 noon
On the east lawn**

Families with kids under the age of 10 are invited to join us on the lawn at 11 a.m. for a brief devotion, socially-distanced egg hunt and craft!

(Event will not be held in the event of rain)

Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of March 10)



Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total commitments paid to date:	\$597,550
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$92,718
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$690,268</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

Spring cleaning and don't know what to do with your donations?

Take them to the Community Aid bins located throughout our community. In addition to supporting Community Aid, some of these bins help support local organizations such as

- ♥ **Safe Harbour** — bin located at VFW Post #447, 959 Trindle Road, Carlisle
- ♥ **Project SHARE** — bin located at Project SHARE, 5 N. Orange St., Carlisle



Easter Lilies and World Hunger

This year on Easter Sunday, 30 lilies will be decorating the chancel area. If you wish to sponsor a lily (or lilies) for \$11.50 each or give to World Hunger in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for, a loved one, contact Robin in the church office at secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org or at 717-249-3310. Donations must be received by Tuesday, March 30, in order to have your acknowledgement printed in the bulletin.

Please note that the church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR LOVE!

During the month of February, the Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee offered an opportunity for us to serve Christ by reaching out to struggling families in our community through the collection of critically-needed baby-care items and monetary donations for the Carlisle Area Family Life Center.

As always, your response and generosity were amazing as you can see below! We collected 63 baby-care items and \$625 in monetary donations! Thanks for sharing your love with the most vulnerable in our community!



Thank you from Project SHARE

Dear Pastor Leber and Friends,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$510.00 from your Souper Bowl Event on February 20, 2021. With your support, Project SHARE, continues to address the ever-present issue of food insecurity in the greater Carlisle area. Last year alone, Project SHARE distributed more than 1.6 million pounds of shelf-stable and frozen foods, fresh fruits and vegetable to our food insecure neighbors....

Your contribution and that of others like you, help us remain on the front line in the fight against hunger - not only providing nourishment for the body — but also for the mind and spirit.... **Thank you!**

With humble appreciation,

Debra Hess

Director of Development



Thank You!

A heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring in February by making a monetary donation. Thanks to your generosity, \$510 was collected for Project SHARE, which includes a \$250 donation by the Faith Formation Committee.

The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania



“Camp is where I first really felt God speaking to me,” is a common refrain we hear from campers year after year – and not just from kids.

The outdoor ministries of the ELCA offer a wide variety of programs that provide growth experiences for people of all ages, many of whom become leaders in the church and their communities. These ministries are carried out on the territory of the Lower Susquehanna Synod through the Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania, with a mission to be: *“The Church, in a place and time apart...Where God's presence is experienced, Faith is renewed, Christ's love is felt, and the Church is strengthened for the service and proclamation of the Gospel!”*

You are encouraged to regularly check out www.lutherancamping.org for information about upcoming events, summer camp and summer employment opportunities!

SUMMER CAMP BROCHURES ARE HERE!

Summer camp brochures for Camp Nawakwa and Camp Kirchenwald are available in the church office for anyone wishing to spend a week or weekend at camp this summer. (Yes... they even offer an elder camp for 55+!)

First Lutheran, through the Faith Formation Committee, offers camp scholarships to cover 1/2 the cost for a week at camp, plus you are able to take the \$20.00 CampPerson discount.

Opportunities at Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald and the Wittel Farm this spring:

- ✚ April 11 — Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa, 2-4:30 p.m.
- ✚ April 24 — Work Days at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa, 9 a.m.
- ✚ April 25 — Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald, 2-6 p.m., registration deadline: April 16
- ✚ April 30-May 1 — Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald, registration deadline: April 23
- ✚ May 16 — Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic, 3:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for any of these events, contact the camping office at (717) 677-8211 or visit www.LutheranCamping.org.



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

Dear First Lutheran Church,

We send greetings once again from Tanzania, as we stand in surrounding storms! For those who have suffered through this pandemic with illness, economic uncertainty, and loss of loved ones, we pray for grace and peace in the midst of sorrow and uncertainty.

It seems there is no place untouched by this pandemic. The reach of this virus is wide. Tanzania has decided to take a different road than other nations.... As a family, we are still taking precautions and not gathering socially except in small numbers and always outside. In the hospital, masks are still worn, but in the general public, there is seldom a mask to be found....

With all the unknown, we are doing our best to continue caring for the children and families that are before us daily. There is a call upon all of us in these days of uncertainty and political change to offer kindness at every turn. To love each person, to work to understand the “other” who is not like us.

I met Sabina (pictured below center) shortly after she gave birth at our hospital. Her little girl (below) was born at 28 weeks gestation, weighing only 2 lbs. 5 oz. Sabina quietly told me that she had lost all five previous pregnancies due to preterm labor.... This has been our experience as we teach neonatology and accept referrals from other hospitals. Most preterm deliveries, especially when less than 3.3 lbs., very rarely survive. We are changing that story, and our overall NICU survival rates exceed 93%.

Today Sabina’s daughter is 60 days old and nearing hospital discharge. Critically-ill babies can survive with proper training, equipment, motivation and support....

Once again, we are grateful for your interest and support....

May God, who gives us his peace, be with you.

Jodi and Steve Swanson



Pictured above: Sabina’s daughter at 60 days old.



From left to right: Three mothers—Agnes, Sabina and Pendo

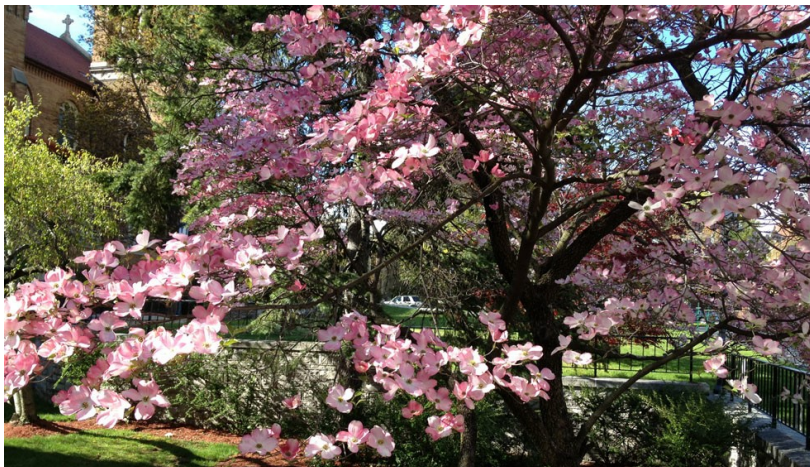
All babies born between 27-31 weeks gestation with birth weights ranging from 1.3 lbs. to 2.8 lbs.

Three different stories saying: “Every baby deserves to go home with their mother.”



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| 1-Mar.....Beverly Eshenour
Lois Van Orden | 17-Mar....Erika Fisher
Kathy Hall | 3-Mar.....James Fitzsimons |
| 2-Mar.....Elise Erickson
Sue Shank | Pat Keller
Todd Shank | 6-Mar.....Brynlee Taylor |
| 5-Mar.....Caryn Carr
Richard Chamberlain | 19-Mar....Landin Hockley | 7-Mar.....Dustin Hoch |
| 7-Mar.....Martha Metz | 20-Mar....Annette Nickey | 8-Mar.....Dean Van Orden |
| 8-Mar.....Karen Galbraith
Ginny Rahal
Layton Shank | 21-Mar....David Raphael | 10-Mar....Alyssa Shaw |
| 10-Mar....Colby Kreiser | 23-Mar....Jeff Hoch | 15-Mar....Kurt Deery
William Enck
Don Osborne |
| 11-Mar....Roma Morrison
Marjorie Rynk | 24-Mar....Karen Deery | 20-Mar....Kayla Franklin |
| 15-Mar....Charles Inners | 25-Mar....Stephanie Koplitz-Harty | 21-Mar....Ian Galbraith |
| 16-Mar....John Shugars
Dee Weigel | 26-Mar....Ronald Sharp | 22-Mar....Rhoda Bear
Lauren Cozort
Babette Hoch
Courtney Ramond
Douglas Stuart |
| | 27-Mar....Jacqueline Cook | 24-Mar....Thomas Frederick
Reed Trefren |
| | 29-Mar....Charlotte Ulrich | 25-Mar....Keith Houtz
Jean Kuebler |
| | | 28-Mar....Roma Morrison
Lindsay Seibert
Kathy Hall |
| | | 29-Mar....Derek Over |
| | | 30-Mar....Aaron Weaver |
| | | 31-Mar....Cristal Over |

Updated Membership Directories are available! You may pick up a copy in the church office during office hours or contact Robin at 717-249-3310 or secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org to request a mailed copy.



- Harold & Virginia Shenk (53 years)..... 3/16
- Charles & Joan Gitt (50 years) 4/4
- Lester & Andrea Keck (54 years) 4/12
- James & Cindy Allgyer (52 years) 4/19



2-Apr.....Betty Nickey
Sam Orner
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

11-Apr.....Joyce Randall
Helen Scott
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-AprDotty Kinsey
Debra Nickey
23-AprHeidi Rugoletti
24-AprJimmy Callahan
Jay Chestnut
Carrie Fearer
25-AprSteve Bloser
Joanne Croft
Lori Hogg
Sandy Luther
26-AprRob Berry
27-AprSandra Jumper
Ken Massa
Ruth Osborne
Jennifer Peffer
Jamey Shank
29-AprTaylor Miller
Ruth Oakes
30-AprEmmaRose 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
Madelynn Staley
7-Apr Kaylee Cozort
Eden Peffer
Amelia Yocum
9-Apr June Egolf
10-Apr Les Keck
Joe Shughart

10-Apr.....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

17-Apr Chuck Seibert
18-Apr Debra Nickey
19-Apr Jodee Eshenour
Tanner Eshenour
Holly Markle
Jake Markle
Hunter Mulholland
Ella Stone
21-Apr Larry Shenk
David Stum
22-Apr John Mancke
David Raphael
23-Apr Don Fraley
Steve King
25-Apr Benjamin Jumper
26-Apr Barbara Lillich
27-Apr Kimberly Fickel

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Church Office Hours:

Monday — Thursday
8:30 a.m. — 12:15 p.m. & 12:45 — 4:30 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

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

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Sunday Worship:

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion



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Resources for weekly at home worship (including recordings of the sermon and organ hymn accompaniments, a bulletin, children's bulletin and *Taking Faith Home*) can be found at:

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