



# FIRST EDITION - SPRING 2023

*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 2023

*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 6

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

#### Good Friday, April 7

7 p.m. Adoration of the Cross (*includes the reading of the Passion according to St. John*)

#### Holy Saturday, April 8

7 p.m. Joint Easter Vigil Service at St. John's Episcopal Church

*Pastor Leber will be assisting with worship - park at First Lutheran, walk up the block and join us!*

#### Easter Sunday, April 9

Holy Communion at 8 and 10:30 a.m.



### *Easter Morning Fellowship and Egg Hunts*

**Sunday, April 9, between 9 and 10 a.m.**  
**(egg hunts at 9:30 a.m.)**



#### **Martin Luther Room**

Please join us in the Martin Luther Room any time between 9 and 10 a.m. on Easter morning for a time of fellowship and a light breakfast (bagels, pastries, fruit, etc.). A craft will be available for the kids, and at 9:30 a.m., we will hold egg hunts for various age groups. (*Egg hunts will be outside unless the weather doesn't cooperate!*)

## Building to Serve All God's Children

### Capital Campaign Update (as of March 12)



<b>Total campaign commitments:</b>	<b>\$601,915</b>
<b>Total given through 12/31/21:</b>	<b>\$808,005</b>
<b>Total given since 12/31/21:</b>	<b>\$65,389</b>
<b><u>Grand Total given to date:</u></b>	<b><u>\$873,394</u></b>

*Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!*

## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### April 2023

<b>Thurs., Apr. 6</b>	7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service
<b>Fri., Apr. 7</b>	1:40 p.m. - Station of the Cross - in nave 7 p.m. - Good Friday Service
<b>Sat., Apr. 8</b>	7 p.m. - Joint Easter Vigil Service - at St. John's Episcopal Church
<b>Mon., Apr. 10</b>	Building/Office Closed - <i>Easter Monday</i>
<b>Tues., Apr. 11</b>	9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
<b>Wed., Apr. 12</b>	6:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee 6-10 p.m. - Dickinson Rehearsal
<b>Fri., Apr. 14</b>	7 p.m. Baker/Egolf Rehearsal
<b>Sat., Apr. 15</b>	12:30-4 p.m. Baker/Egolf Wedding
<b>Tues., Apr. 18</b>	6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
<b>Wed., Apr. 19</b>	5:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee 7 p.m. - Holocaust Remembrance Service
<b>Sun., Apr. 23</b>	4 p.m. - First serves at Soup Kitchen
<b>Tues., Apr. 25</b>	9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting 5 p.m. - Finance Committee 6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee 4:30-6:30 p.m. - Dickinson Rehearsal
<b>Wed., Apr. 26</b>	6-10 p.m. - Dickinson Rehearsal 7 p.m. - Faith Formation Committee
<b>Sat., Apr. 29</b>	8 a.m.-1 p.m. - Dickinson Rehearsal
<b>Sun., Apr. 30</b>	Blood pressure checks after worship 4 p.m. - Dickinson Orchestra & Choir Concert

### May 2023

<b>Tues., May 9</b>	9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
<b>Tues., May 16</b>	7 a.m.-8 p.m. - Election Day Polling Location 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
<b>Wed., May 17</b>	7 p.m. - Social Ministry & World Outreach Committee
<b>Tues., May 23</b>	9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
<b>Mon., May 29</b>	Building/Office Closed - <i>Memorial Day</i>

### Weekly meetings

*Community Room (room 17 on the lower level of the Christian Education wing)*

Tuesdays at 4 p.m.:  
Overeaters Anonymous

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.:  
Alcoholics Anonymous

**Please note that the building  
and office will be closed  
on Easter Monday, April 10.**

## Good Friday Community Cross Walk

You are invited to participate in some or all of the Ecumenical Way of the Cross Walk on Good Friday, April 7, from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m. We will remember the events of the last day of Jesus' life as we walk and stop at various locations in the downtown Carlisle area. We also will pray for specific needs of our community, country, and world. Scripture and prayers will be led by various church and community leaders. A booklet will be provided for participants.

12:00 p.m. – Opening prayer, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stations, New Life Community Church, 64 E. North Street

1:40 p.m. (approximately) - 12<sup>th</sup> station at First Lutheran (in the nave)

1:50 p.m. – 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> stations and closing prayer, Saint Patrick Shrine Church, 152 E. Pomfret Street



## Faith Formation News

For their 2nd Sunday service project in February, our Sunday School youth baked cookies and signed Valentine's Day cards for My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen's clients on Valentine's Day.

In March, the kids assembled approximately 100 activity kits for Caitlyn's Smiles, an organization in Harrisburg that provides activities for children in medical facilities.



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## Holocaust Remembrance Service (Yom HaShoah)

Jointly Sponsored by Congregation Beth Tikvah and the Carlisle Area Religious Council

April 19, 2023, 7 p.m.

First Lutheran Church



**Guest Speaker** — Michael F. Polgar, Ph.D., Penn State-Hazleton, co-editor and contributing author of an open educational resource (OER) textbook entitled “The Holocaust: Remembrance, Respect, and Resilience”. Professor Polgar’s presentation will focus on “Antisemitism During the Holocaust: the Power of Toxic Terminology and Weaponized Words.” (<https://psu.pb.unizin.org/holocaust3rs/>) As the son and grandson of survivors, he will also share some of his family’s history.

**Musical Interludes** by Lori Elliott and Sue Northey, flutists for the West Shore Symphony Orchestra.

Light refreshments will follow the service, which will be held in the Martin Luther Room.

## Social Ministry and World Outreach News

### Share God’s Love this Lent!

**We are still in need of most items for our Lutheran World Relief personal care kits initiative!** Our stretch goal is to assemble 258 personal care kits in celebration of First Lutheran’s 258th birthday this year!

Items may be dropped off on Sunday mornings or in the church office during regular office hours through Easter Sunday. Each kit consists of:

- ♥ dark-colored, light-weight bath towel (between 20” x 40” and 52” x 27”)
- ♥ 2-3 bath-size bars of unscented or lightly-scented soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ♥ adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- ♥ **sturdy** comb
- ♥ metal nail clippers (attached file optional)



Monetary donations are also accepted; checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church with “Personal Care Kits” in the memo line. Funds remaining after the purchasing of items will be donated to the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund. We hope you will join us in providing tangible hope to our neighbors in need!



## ***From our Sister Parish...***

Peace and well be with you. Living Lent in the Divine Redeemer with religious fervor. Here in San Miguel we are taking precautions against a possible eruption of the Chaparastique Volcano.....We have had joyous celebrations in the Church, celebrating the day of friendship and God's great love for everyone.....also celebrated the World Day of Prayer, it was a very emotional spiritual moment.

Hugs and greetings from all your brothers and sisters here at El Divino Redentor are with you. God bless you.

## ***If you are 55 or older, keep an eye out... for the date of our April potluck lunch!***

We will be discussing a regular monthly meeting day/time at our kickoff on Friday, March 31, and will publicize that once it is agreed upon.

We are excited about this new fellowship ministry for older members and friends of First! Monthly gatherings will begin with a potluck lunch and conclude with a brief presentation, either by a First Lutheraner or an outside speaker, on a topic of interest.

For those of you who do not cook (or do not enjoy cooking): Please don't let that be an impediment to your attendance! You are welcome to purchase prepared foods - the deli counter can be your friend! Contact Pastor Leber with any questions.



## ***SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THANKS!***

The Faith Formation Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's Souper Bowl of Caring event a huge success. We raised \$700 and collected over 200 food items for Project SHARE!

Much thanks, *Alecia Staley*

# 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](http://www.lutherancamping.org) for information about upcoming events, summer camp and summer employment opportunities!

## Opportunities at Camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald this spring:

- ✠ April 16 — Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald, 2-4:30 p.m.
- ✠ April 23 — Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald, 2-6 p.m., register by April 14
- ✠ April 29 — Work Day at Nawakwa, 9 a.m., register by April 21
- ✠ May 6 — Work Day at Kirchenwald, 9 a.m., register by April 21
- ✠ May 21 — Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Nawakwa, 3:30 p.m., register by May 12

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

### 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 of a week at camp, plus you are able to take the \$20.00 CampPerson discount.



*Pastor Leber leading Summer Camp Kick-off Worship at Nawakwa*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### DEATHS

CELEBRATING A



**Thomas Jeffrey Green**

birth — October 30, 1941  
death — March 2, 2023

**Evelyn T. Sheaffer**

birth — June 22, 1930  
death — March 2, 2023

Charley & Joan Gitt (52 years) ..... 4/4  
Jim & Cindy Allgyer (54 years) ..... 4/19

✝ *Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Dear Congregation & Pastors at First Lutheran,

Thank you all so very much for your prayers, cards, calls and visits as I recovered from recent surgery. I appreciate your support and friendship more than I can say.

Peace,  
*Marge Knox*

Thank you for “Cans for Cumberland Goodwill EMS” and for raising \$63.91 [from aluminum cans collected in 2022].

We are thrilled to have your support. Through your donation, we will be able to train new EMS providers and continue to serve the residents of the Carlisle Area.

You truly make a difference for us and we are incredibly grateful!

*Cumberland Goodwill EMS*

Dear First Lutheran Family,

Thanks so much for your prayers, concerns, cards and phone calls during my recent hospitalization and physical therapy. They gave me much encouragement and helped a lot.

God bless you,  
*Joan Gitt*

### *From the Salvation Army...*

Dear First Lutheran Church,

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation and thanks to you as valued sponsors of our Angel Tree Program. You made a real difference in the lives of the families we serve here in our community. The nearly 800 children and families that we served this Christmas were faced with overwhelming challenges and stress that some days felt unbearable. Beyond the gifts of toys and clothes, you shared the gift of memories. Memories that are filled with joy, smiles and laughter we all so often need around the holidays. On behalf of the families we served, staff and volunteers, we THANK YOU greatly for your time, effort and donations that made Christmas magical as so many of the families assisted described it.

We wish you a flourishing spring,  
*Trinette Ream*

Pastor Leber,

Thank you and everyone in your congregation for your support, prayers and thoughts during my mother's passing away. We thought the service and your homily was exactly what Mother would have wanted. In addition express our thanks for those who provided food, time and effort to provide the family with a reception after the service. It was a meaningful time for fellowship and to reflect on my mother's life and memories we have.

Thank you again.

In Christ,  
*The Sheaffer family*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Church Office Hours:**

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

**Sunday Worship:**

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion



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Sunday sermons are posted on our website — so if you couldn't worship with us or would like to share a sermon with a friend, visit [www.firstlutherancarlisle.org](http://www.firstlutherancarlisle.org) and click on the "Worship" tab and then "Sermons."