



FIRST EDITION - SUMMER 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



Fellowship Sunday

Sunday, June 25

ONE service of holy communion at 9:15 a.m.
followed by a continental breakfast

This is a wonderful opportunity for our two worshipping communities - the “early” folks and the “late” folks - to gather together around Christ’s table...and then the breakfast table!

Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets for breakfast items!

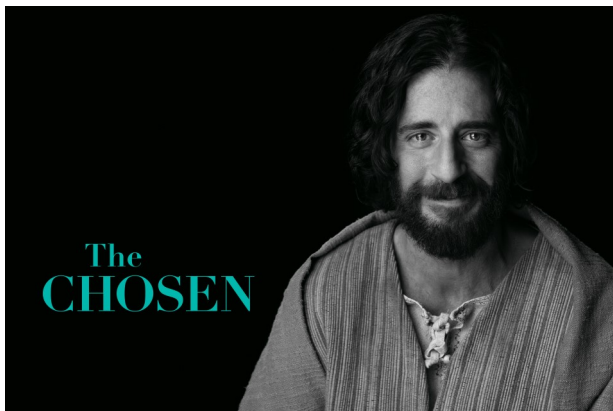
SUMMER DISCUSSION GROUP ON *THE CHOSEN*

Thursdays in June and July
6:30 p.m. in Festal Hall

Join us as we watch and discuss the first season of this historical drama based on the life of Jesus! Each Thursday, we will view one episode (run time from 30-50 minutes) and then spend some time in conversation facilitated by Pastor Leber, wrapping up with a brief evening prayer service.

While the series is telling a story, each episode also stands on its own, so feel free to come when you can.

June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27



**Friday, June 9
12 noon**

Martin Luther Room



**55+ Potluck
LUNCHEON**

Our next 55+ potluck is coming up soon! Join us on the second (note change!) Friday of each month, as members and friends of First 55+ and older gather at 12 noon for “lunch and learning”.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

June 9 - Michelle Lisk, owner and CEO of SYNERGY HomeCare: “Everything You Want and Need to Know About In-Home Services”

July 14 - Peter Miele, executive director of the Seminary Ridge Museum and Education Center (Gettysburg): “A Monument to Memory: Gettysburg’s Eternal Light Peace Memorial”

August 11 - Dave Braithwaite, chaplain of the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry: Chaplain Dave will share how our community ministers to the drivers of the millions of vehicles that pass through Central PA each year.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

June 2023

- Sun., June 4** 6-8 p.m. - New Members' Class
- Thurs., June 8** 5:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group
- Fri., June 9** 12-1:30 p.m. - 55+ Potluck Luncheon
- Tues., June 13** 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting Group
- Thurs., June 15** 6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group
- Tues., June 20** 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Wed., June 21** 6:30 p.m. - Evangelism Committee
- Thurs., June 22** 6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group
- Sun., June 25** 9:15 a.m. - One service followed by breakfast/fellowship
- Tues., June 27** 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting Group
- Thurs., June 29** 6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group

July 2023

- Mon.-Tues., July 3-4** Building/Office Closed
- Thurs., July 6** 6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group
- Tues., July 11** 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting Group
- Wed., July 12** 7 p.m. - Social Ministry & World Outreach Committee
- Thurs., July 13** 6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group
- Fri., July 14** 12-1:30 p.m. - 55+ Potluck Luncheon
- Thurs., July 20** 6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group
- Sun., July 23** 4 p.m. - First serves at My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen
- Tues., July 25** 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting Group
- Wed., July 26** 7 p.m. - Faith Formation Committee
- Thurs., July 27** 6:30 p.m. - *The Chosen* Discussion Group
- Sun., July 30** Blood pressure checks following both services

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

Fridays at 7:30 a.m.:
Weight Management Support Group

Summer Church Office Hours

As in years past, the office will be closing at 12:15 p.m. on Fridays over the summer. Pastor Leber may or may not be in the building on any particular Friday afternoon but will always be available by cell at (717) 215-6055.

Please note that the building and office will be closed on Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4.



Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of May 15)



Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total given through 12/31/21:	\$808,005
Total given since 12/31/21:	\$69,319
<u>Grand Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$877,324</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

“Afters” in the Atrium

“Afters” in the Atrium (formerly known as Lemonade on the Plaza) begins on June 4! Individuals, families and other groups interested in hosting “Afters” in the Atrium can sign up for one or more Sunday(s) on the list displayed in the High Street narthex. Hosts are responsible for providing light refreshments (food and drink) after the 8 a.m. service (monthly) or the 10:30 a.m. service (weekly) and for cleaning up. If you have any questions, please talk to Robin Orner, office manager, or Pastor Leber!



Please note: Bible Camp will not be held in June as previously announced. The Faith Formation Committee will be working with parents of our younger members to develop some events and activities that work for our busy families.

Did you know...

that we collect and recycle **aluminum cans** for the Union Fire Company, our first responder? Collection containers are in the hallway outside the church office. Questions? Contact Rob in the church office at 717-249-3310.

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

Now that lots of events and activities have resumed in our building (which means that lots of folks are around!), a reminder that we have an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a central location on the upper level, the hallway between the nave and the Martin Luther Room. We also have first aid kits in several locations on both the lower and upper levels.

AEDs require bi-weekly or monthly monitoring with regular service and replacement of batteries, pads, etc. at certain intervals. Thanks to Marsha Lorenz who has been faithfully monitoring the AED and first aid kits since their placement in 2019.

A reminder: If there is a medical emergency in the building, call 911 FIRST.



Congratulations to our graduates!

Class of 2023

Madison Engle

daughter of Mark and Lauren Engle

graduates from Cumberland Valley High School. This fall Madison will be attending the Pennsylvania State University's College of Engineering at University Park. She will study electrical engineering as an Impact Scholar.



Luke Erickson

son of David and Leann Erickson and brother of Elise

graduates from Carlisle High School. Luke has been accepted to and plans to attend Shippensburg University in the fall to begin his studies in genetics.

Ainslee Martin

daughter of Chuck & Tali Martin and sister of Madison

graduated from Boiling Springs High School. This fall Ainslee plans to attend Millersville University to begin her studies in early childhood education.



Thank you!

Thanks to all who supported our Lenten initiative through monetary gifts and donations of personal care items, to those who sorted and organized supplies, and to those who helped to assemble the kits. Because of your generosity, we were able to assemble 258 kits for Lutheran World Relief!



258 personal care kits were blessed on Sunday, May 7, when Emma Wagner, LWR Congregational Engagement Manager, gave a presentation on LWR's work around the world. Emma also preached at both services.



Cantor Search Update

The Personnel Committee has been in serious conversation with a cantor candidate for more than two months and was at the point of finalizing the details of a compensation and benefits package. Unfortunately, due to some emerging concerns about the candidate's transparency and commitment to the congregation, last weekend the committee unanimously decided to discontinue the conversation.

We are so grateful for the continuing service of David Binkley as our long-term substitute organist. David has expressed a willingness to continue playing for us as long as we need him. Thank you, David B!



This past Sunday, Pentecost, the Chancel Choir wrapped up another season. We have been blessed by their song! Thanks, too, to David Erickson, who was hired as our very part-time Chancel Choir director for the winter and spring, enabling our singers to keep singing a few Sundays a month during this interim without a cantor.



Easter Sunday 2023 - photo by Janelle Hoch

Social Ministry and World Outreach News

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY—CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

During July, the Social Ministry & World Outreach Committee will be collecting socks, snacks and other items for Community CARES. We invite you to take one or more flower(s) from the Christmas tree displayed in the Atrium that month, each of which will list \$15-20 of needed items. In early August, we will fill the socks before delivering them to Community CARES. Donations may be placed in the designated collection boxes in the High Street narthex, the Atrium or in the hallway near the church office. Collection deadline is Sunday, July 30.



Needed Items (*in case you want to start shopping now*):

Tube or crew socks (women/men/boys/girls — all sizes)

Lip balm (unflavored)

Toothbrushes (**MUST MUST MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED**)

Toothpaste (5-7 oz. tubes)

Boxes of individually wrapped snacks, e.g., granola bars, sandwich crackers (cheese or PB)

Boxes of kid-friendly individually wrapped snacks, e.g. Teddy Grahams, animal crackers, goldfish

Monetary donations will also be accepted. Place your donation in an envelope clearly marked with your name and “Community CARES”. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church with “Community CARES” on the memo line.

Share the Christmas spirit this summer!



Help us feed our neighbors!

First Lutheran is providing the evening meal at My Brother’s Table (a ministry of the Salvation Army) on **Sunday, July 23**. We will need both meal and dessert items and volunteers to help serve.

We currently need:

#10 cans of baked beans (4) dinner rolls (5 dozen)
#10 cans of applesauce (4) cookies (15 dozen)

If you can help provide food and/or help serve, please call the church office to sign up. Items may be brought in any time on or before Friday, July 21.

Attention Thrivent Members! If you have Action Dollars available, please consider offering them to the Social Ministry & World Outreach Committee to help fund its various outreach projects such as purchasing chicken for My Brother’s Table. For more information, contact Robin Orner, committee chair, at 717-249-3310.

Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CELEBRATING A



WEDDING

Donna Egolf
and
Robert Baker, Jr.

April 15, 2023
Congratulations!

- Gary & Patty Shank (56 years) 6/3
- Al & Iris Alinio (52 years) 6/16
- Jered & Elaine Hock (53 years) 6/20
- Bob & Kathy Hall (58 years) 6/26
- Ron & Lois Quigley (67 years) 6/30
- Don & Ann Roeder (61 years) 6/30

- John & Sandy Kohler (51 years) 7/1



Thanks to our church family for their cards, calls and support during my recent surgeries and recovery.
Carolyn and I have really appreciated the support and visits we have received from Pastor Leber and Pastor Lorenz.
We certainly appreciate being back in church again.

Thank you, *Jim Schade*



Happy 45th Ordination Anniversary, Pastor Heintzelman!

Many of you have had the opportunity to meet the Rev. Sarah Heintzelman over the past few years since she began worshipping regularly with us. Pastor Heintzelman will be received into membership at First, along with several other folks, on Sunday, June 11.

Now that she is “one of ours”, we have the honor of celebrating Pastor Heintzelman’s 45th ordination anniversary (August 18, 1978) and will do so during “Afters in the Atrium” following 10:30 a.m. worship on August 20.

Pastor Heintzelman began her church work in 1968 as a deaconess at Christ Lutheran, Harrisburg. In 1972, she began serving Trinity Lutheran, Lemoyne, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, New Cumberland (half-time at each). After U.S. Lutherans voted to ordain women to Word and Sacrament ministry in 1970, then-Sister Sarah began her studies at the Lutheran Theological School at Gettysburg (while still working!). She was ordained at Mt. Zion Lutheran, Boiling Springs, which she served from 1978-1990. Pastor Heintzelman also was pastor of Evangelical Lutheran, Mt. Holly (1990-93), and St. Matthias Lutheran, Carlisle, from which she retired in 2017.



Congratulations and thank you for your many years of service to Christ’s church!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Office Summer 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.

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 and click on the "Worship" tab and then "Sermons."