

Nominees for Congregation Council – 2017 Annual Meeting

For a three-year term, ending December 2020 (five to be elected):

John Bartko: John is a baptized and confirmed Slovak Evangelical Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Lutheran. He grew up in Florida on an egg-producing chicken farm and graduated from the University of Florida and VPI a.k.a. VA Tech with a PhD in mathematical statistics. John retired as Captain (O6) as a commissioned officer of the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Service, one of the seven uniformed services. His duty station for 33 years was at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. John served on the most recent Minister of Music Search Committee. He took flat Luther with him on a Slovak mission trip in 2014. John and his wife, Mary Kay moved to Newville over eleven years ago and live at Green Ridge Village.

Kathy Brunie: Kathy and her mother, Lois Quigley, joined First Lutheran in December 2014 coming to us from Trinity Lutheran in Camp Hill. Kathy is the office manager for a dental office in Mechanicsburg. She and Jeff, her husband of 32 years, are the proud parents of two daughters: Chelsea, who graduated from West Chester University and is a nurse in Delaware, and Emily who recently graduated from Lock Haven University and is an elementary teacher in the Carlisle School District. Kathy and Jeff attended Penn State University, and they enjoy attending PSU sporting events. Kathy has served as a communion assistant and currently serves as a greeter and an usher and helps with the communion setup/cleanup crew.

Don Fraley: Don has been a member of First Lutheran since 2009 and served a term on congregation council from 2013-15. Don is currently a member of the Property Committee and has been for eight years. He was married to Rai for 56 years, before she became ill and passed away in December of 2015. Don has two sons, Michael (wife, Terry) and Gregory (wife, Susan).

Lisa Kratzer: Lisa was born in New Jersey where she attended Christ Memorial Lutheran Church. She was baptized, confirmed and married at Christ Memorial and then, shortly thereafter, moved to Mifflintown, Pa. Lisa joined Trinity Lutheran Church in McAlisterville along with her two children, Robert, now 28 and married, and Katherine, now 25. Lisa served on Trinity's council for six years and also served as the elementary youth director and Christian Education chair. She moved to Carlisle in 2011 and began attending services at First Lutheran, becoming an official member about three years ago. Lisa loves to travel. The beach is her happy place, and of course, anytime she can be with her family is a blessing. Lisa looks forward to serving our Lord in the coming months at First Lutheran.

Sarah Niebler: Sarah joined First Lutheran Church in fall 2015, a couple years after she moved back to south-central Pennsylvania. She currently co-teaches the High School Sunday school class, serves as a lector and assisting minister at the 10:30 a.m. service, and volunteers at random times in the church office for special projects. Sarah has also been a C.A.R.E.S. host volunteer and helped with confirmation classes and VBS. In her day job, Sarah is an assistant professor of political science at Dickinson, teaching classes and conducting research on American campaigns and elections, political behavior, and public opinion. In her spare time, Sarah like to be outside biking, playing tennis or playing golf.