

Nominees for Congregation Council for a three-year term, ending December 2026
(five to be elected):

Jeff Caton: Jeff grew up in Nokesville, Va., before entering the Air Force in 1982. Jeff and his wife, Linda, who just celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary, have two grown children, daughter, Laura, (Pittsburgh) and son, Daniel (Frederick, Md.). Jeff retired in 2010 from the US Air Force after a 28-year career. He works part-time as a professor with Defense Acquisition University, currently focused on teaching research methods. Jeff and Linda enjoy music and traveling. Jeff planted an orchard three years ago and is hoping to have his first harvest this year. He also has completed (and is planning more) DIY projects around the house, the latest being a solar power system. Jeff and Linda are new to the Lutheran church. Jeff grew up in the Church of God (Anderson Indiana Affiliation). As a family, they have attended military chapels in various locations along with Methodist and Presbyterian churches. Jeff has been a United Way volunteer tax preparer at Bosler Library for seven years and has been a volunteer judge for the Carlisle Area School District science fair for over 10 years. He has sang in many choirs in the past and just joined the First Lutheran Chancel Choir this fall.

Roger Giffin: Roger has attended First Lutheran since 1979 and became a member in spring 2018. He previously served on council from 2019 to 2021. He grew up in Curwensville, Pa., where he was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Roger is a 1977 graduate of Penn State where he earned a B.S. in business administration. Roger worked at Daily Express, Inc. for over 41 years where he was Project Manager. He retired in June and now enjoys his time reading, bike riding, playing golf and following his favorite sports teams.

Michael Luther: Mike and his wife, Diane, have been married for 36 years. They have two adult children, Jordan and Zachary, and one grandchild, Laila, who is 14. Mike is employed by the Faulkner Auto Group as a parts manager at the Volkswagen store, with 38 years of service. Mike and Diane joined First Lutheran about 5 years ago after looking for a new church to worship and continue their Christian upbringing. After attending services, they never felt so welcome in any other community. Mike currently serves as an usher/greeter at the 8 a.m. worship service and looks forward to continuing his faith with First Lutheran for years to come.

Robert McDaniel: Fay and Robert (Rob) McDaniel moved to Boiling Springs in April 2019 from Lexington, S.C., where they were members at Zion Lutheran Church. Rob was born in Rock Hill, S.C., and he grew up in South Carolina, North Carolina and Maryland as his parents relocated within the National Park Service. Rob retired from the USAF in 2001 as a Lt. Col. and retired in 2019 from the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control where he worked as an Environmental Program Manager in the Bureau of Land and Waste Management. Rob and Fay have three children and six grandchildren who live in Ohio, Georgia and New York. They love to travel especially to visit the grandkids and enjoy reading and walking the trails in Boiling Springs. Rob also enjoys gardening and trout fishing. Rob enjoys living in the area and looks forward to working with you in serving Christ.

Debra Reeder: Debra/Deb grew up in New Bloomfield, Perry County, and currently resides across the road from her childhood home. She has two sons – Brent (Indiana) and Adam (Pennsylvania). Deb retired in 2016 from the Perry County Assistance Office of the PA Department of Human Services. A lifelong Lutheran and a church musician since the age of 12, Deb retired in 2021 from being a weekly church organist for Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and Episcopalian parishes after serving 55 years. She currently is a supply organist as scheduling permits. Deb enjoys playing the piano, singing, and photographing landscapes as well as animals/birds in her backyard. She enjoys reading books to increase knowledge of Lutheran theology, liturgy, church history, and biblical studies. Deb has served several terms as a member of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Worship Committee. She appreciates our rich historical/traditional Lutheran liturgy, hymnody, and sacred choral and organ music. Deb is very happy and thankful to be a member of First Lutheran since joining in December 2021 and for the opportunities to serve as assisting minister, lector, and choir member.