

Nominees for Congregation Council for a three-year term, ending December 2027
(five to be elected):

Bill Boehm: Bill is a lifelong Lutheran who was born in Williamsport, Pa., and later relocated to the Harrisburg area where he grew up. After graduating from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1972, he worked at the Pennsylvania Department of State where he served as a legal assistant, the Pennsylvania Director of Elections, Director of Voter Registration and later as Policy Director for the Department. Following retirement from the Commonwealth, Bill worked four years in Washington, D.C., as Deputy Policy Director at the Federal Election Assistance Commission. He obtained his master's degree from Penn State in 1983. Bill and his wife, Debbie, have traveled extensively across the United States and, since retirement in 2013, throughout Europe. They have three children and five grandchildren, all of whom live in the area. Bill enjoys traveling and being with his grandchildren who he and his wife watch 4-5 days a week when not traveling! Bill currently serves as an usher/greeter and lector at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and looks forward to continuing his faith journey here in the years ahead.

Janis Drasher: Janis and her husband, Don, have been married 51 years and have two sons. Their youngest son, Travis, lives in Carlisle. Janis and Don's oldest son, Sean, lives in Palmyra with his wife, Tammy, and their children, Nathan and Katrina. Janis and Don have two other very special family members, Reba and Chopper, their dogs. Janis is a retired registered nurse. Her 40-year career started with bedside nursing in various medical specialties then expanded to management and education. It was a rewarding and wonderful career. Spending time with family and friends is important to Janis and Don. Their grandkids keep them busy with their activities (high school orchestra concerts, dance recitals and competitions and sporting events). They also love to travel. No matter where they go in the U.S. or abroad, Janis and Don meet wonderful people and learn so much from their experiences. From the first time they attended First Lutheran, it felt like home. Janis would be honored to serve on Congregation Council.

Jeri Fitzsimons: Jeri is a daughter of First Lutheran, who was baptized here and worshipped here with her family. She is married to David Fitzsimons. They have two adult children, Colleen and James, both of whom live in the area. In the past, Jeri has been involved at First Lutheran with vacation bible school, children/youth Sunday school and volunteering with youth activities. She also has served on Council previously. Jeri enjoys gardening, reading, exercising and other activities.

Joanne Miller: Since her retirement from the West Shore School District as an elementary teacher, Joanne has been attending the early Sunday service. In the past, she has worked with the Christian Education Committee (now known as the Faith Formation Committee), as well as Sunday school and vacation bible school. Joanne also sang in the Chancel Choir and worked with the Cherub Choir. She has begun helping with the quilting group and has joined the Evangelism Committee. Joanne looks forward to serving on Congregation Council.

Sam Orner: Sam and his wife, Robin, have been members of First since 1986. They have two adult children, Emily, who lives in Baltimore, and Andrew, who lives with his wife in Canada. Sam has been involved over the years with the Property Committee, Youth Committee and the Faith Formation Committee (a committee that combined both the previous Youth and Christian Education committees.) He has previously served several terms on council, serving in the roles of vice president and secretary. Sam volunteers at My Brother's Table soup kitchen during First's days of serving. For over 20 years, he was involved with youth activities including three Youth Gatherings. Sam has been a member of the Chancel Choir for 15+ years. He is active in the overall church community helping where his skills fit, such as outdoor shrubbery trimming, decorating for Christmas, etc. Sam also delivers quilts, personal care kits and school kits to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in New Windsor, Md. His hobbies are playing tennis, reading and putting together puzzles.