



FIRST EDITION - AUGUST 2022

We worship, welcome, witness, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
21 SOUTH BEDFORD STREET, CARLISLE, PA 17013

FAITH FORMATION FOR OUR YOUNGER MEMBERS RESUMES THIS FALL!

KICK-OFF ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 9:30 a.m.
ROOM 22 (upper level)

After more than two years of our Covid-19-induced break from Sunday morning Faith Formation for kids (and, boy, have we missed everybody!), we will once again gather to learn about God's love, sing, make crafts and have fun!

Because we are not yet resuming our weekly 10 a.m. fellowship time, Faith Formation will run from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

There is a wide variety of ages in this group – so our teachers/leaders are going to be very flexible and work with whomever comes on any particular morning. Kids from 3 years old through grade 5 are welcome!

132 East High Street Update

Thank you to all who attended our special congregation meeting on July 31 at which we voted unanimously to gift our house at 132 E. High Street to Safe Harbour, Inc.! Of course, it will take a few months for us to sort out all the details of the transfer. Once Safe Harbour officially owns the house, demolition and renovation will begin. What a wonderful way to serve our community - by helping to increase the supply of affordable housing units!



Safe Harbour

Did you know? One of our members, Ann Jordan, designed this logo for Safe Harbour!

Pastor Leber's time away has begun!

She is taking a week of her 2022 vacation time and then beginning her three-month sabbatical on Monday, August 15. Pastor Leber has planned worship through early 2023, met with all of our church committees and council in the past six weeks, and is leaving the congregation in the very capable hands of Pastor Richard Lorenz, who will serve as our "Sabbatical Pastor".

In order for her time away to be effective, Pastor Leber will be fully disconnecting from ministry at First. Please call the church office or Pastor Lorenz for pastoral care emergencies (home: 717-960-9656 or cell: 717-701-7238). Pastor Lorenz will also be attending Congregation Council meetings, providing support to our administrative staff, and spending time in the office each week. He is available for conversation and consultation!

First Lutheran has a busy and exciting fall ahead, with many opportunities to "worship, witness, welcome, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ"! Pastor Leber will return on Monday, November 14.

Building to Serve All God's Children

Capital Campaign Update (as of June 30)



Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total given through 12/31/21 :	\$808,005
Total given in 2022:	\$18,594
<u>Grand Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$826,599</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

Committee Meetings & Events

August 2022

- Tues., Aug. 9 — 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
- Tues., Aug. 16 — 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Tues., Aug. 23 — 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
7 p.m. - Evangelism Committee

Regular Church Office Hours Resume

Beginning August 12, the church office will once again be open until 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.

September 2022

- Mon., Sept. 5 — Office/Building closed - *Labor Day*
- Sun., Sept. 11 — 3 p.m. - Baroque Banquet Orchestra -
Fine Arts at First
- Tues., Sept. 13 — 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
- Tues., Sept. 20 — 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Wed., Sept. 21 — 7 p.m. - Social Ministry & Global
Outreach Committee
- Tues., Sept. 27 — 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
5 p.m. - Finance Committee

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



Fine Arts at First Concert

Sunday, September 11 at 3 p.m.

We will resume our concert series with an exciting program of music by Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel, Antonio Vivaldi and Jean Phillippe Rameau. The orchestra of fine musicians from the Central PA area will play a varied program of music from some of our favorite composers of the early 18th century from throughout Europe. Bach flourished in Germany, Handel in London, Vivaldi in Italy and Rameau in France. Join us for a delightful and uplifting program of great music. Free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!

Our next blood drive will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022,
from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Festal Hall.

You can pre-register for our drive (or another local drive) by going to the ARC website (<https://www.redcross.org>), clicking on “Give Blood” , and then “Find a Blood Drive.”

Please call the church office if you can cover a volunteer shift at the welcome table, registration, or the canteen!

Remember - you can donate once every eight weeks - eight weeks from October 29 is September 3, 2022!



American Red Cross



You are invited to the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Where: First Lutheran Church, Festal Hall

When: Saturday, October 8, from 4–6 p.m.

Join us for the opportunity to taste-test a competitive line-up of chili recipes and vote for the best with a monetary donation. Vote with quarters, dollar bills, or a check. 100% of the proceeds will benefit Project SHARE, Carlisle’s food pantry and social service organization that supports our community. Last year we raised \$700—let’s see if we can beat that record!

The chili recipe with the highest donations will be crowned this year’s Chili Cook-Off Winner. Don’t miss out on the spicy competition! Bring your friends! Bring your appetite!

Calling All Cooks: We are looking for chili cooks and cornbread bakers. If you would like to be a cook or baker, please email Robin at secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org or call the church office at (717) 249-3310.

Class of 2022

Congratulations to

Sean Christenson

son of Stuart and Cynthia Christenson and brother of Celia
graduated from Boiling Springs High School. This fall, Sean will be attending a 5-year program at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia at the College of Architecture and the Built Environment. He plans to study architectural design and hopes to achieve a B.Arch. degree.



Carrie Ewing Fearer

daughter of Steve and Jane Ewing and sister of Colton
graduated from Ohio State University with a PhD in environmental science. She has accepted a post-doctoral position at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire, starting in September.

Ian Galbraith

son of Allan & Karen Galbraith and brother of Ben
graduated from Carlisle High School. In the fall, Ian will be attending Coastal Carolina University in Conway, S.C. to study chemistry.



our graduates!



Michael Raphael

son of David Raphael & Michele Thorp and brother of Sarah
graduated from Carlisle High School. He plans on attending James Madison University (“JMU”) this fall.

Joshua Staley

son of Alecia & Michael Staley and brother of Madelynne
graduated from Gannon University with a BA in political science and a minor in history. He has been hired by LEAF (Leadership Education and Farming) as the program coordinator.



Ian Stum

son of Ed & Lisa Stum
graduated from Cumberland Valley High School and this fall will be attending Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he will be studying marine biology/environmental science.

2022 Bible Camp

June 27-29



During Bible Camp, we raised \$160.00 to purchase animals through the ELCA Good Gifts program. This offering allowed us to purchase 2 goats and 2 pigs for families in need around the world! *(Purchasing two of each animal allowed us to keep with our Noah's Ark theme!)*



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CELEBRATING A



Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift. I really appreciate it. I plan to use it for my college needs. Thank you for providing a place for me to grow my faith throughout the past years.

From,
Sean Christenson

Thank you for thinking of me! It has been wonderful having the 1st Lutheran community supporting me and my family! Your graduation gift is very thoughtful and will help me gather things for college.

Thanks again!
Ian Galbraith

Dear First Lutheran Family,

Thank you so much for your generous gift and outstanding support throughout the years!!

I have grown up in the church, and my faith has developed within its beautiful walls. FLC has been a very important part of my life, and it always feels like a second home once I walk down the entrance.

Many thanks,
Michael [Raphael]

Thank you to everyone at First Lutheran for the \$50. It will really help me when I get to school in August. With my budget for school, this money has bought me one week's worth of groceries, supplies, and good times with new friends. I will always remember my times at church fondly.

Thank you,
Ian Stum

- John & Sandy Kohler (50 years) 7/1
- Ken & June Egolf (63 years) 7/19
- Sam & Sue Simmons (52 years) 8/1
- Keith & Roxanna Houtz (56 years) 8/6
- Jay & Donna Chestnut (58 years) 8/15
- Ron & Patsy Sharp (57 years) 8/22
- Jim & Linda Fargus (53 years) 8/23
- Jim & Carolyn Schade (55 years) 9/16

Birthday Directory Available!!

We have produced a “birthday directory” (similar to our membership directory). This way, information about birthdays will be available to the congregation when the *First Edition* is not published monthly. A copy may be picked up in the High Street narthex, the Atrium or in the church office.



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

Newsletter articles are due by the 15th of each month.