

FIRST EDITION - FALL 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

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US FOR IMPORTANT WORK

**The Annual Congregation Meeting has been scheduled
for Sunday, November 20, in the nave
following the 10:30 a.m. service.**

The agenda will include reports from staff, officers and committees; election of members to Congregation Council (five to be elected to serve three-year terms); election of members to the 2023 Nominating Committee (three to be elected to serve one-year terms); and adoption of the Mission Spending Plan and Capital Budget for 2023.

The 2022 Annual Report, including the 2023 proposed budgets, and bios of council nominees will be available, beginning November 6, at the church, on our website (<https://firstlutherancarlisle.org/members/>), or by request via U.S. mail.

Members have the privilege of voice and vote at meetings if they are confirmed and have communed and made a contribution of record to the congregation during the current or preceding calendar year.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Building to Serve All God's Children

Capital Campaign Update (as of September 15)



Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total given through 12/31/21 :	\$808,005
Total given in 2022:	\$23,794
<u>Grand Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$831,799</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

Committee Meetings & Events

October 2022

- Sat., Oct. 1 — 9 a.m. - Property Work Day
- Sat., Oct. 8 — 4-6 p.m. - 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off - *Festal Hall*
- Tues., Oct. 11 — 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
- Sat., Oct. 15 — 12-3 p.m. - Spooky Saturday
- Tues., Oct. 18 — 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Sun., Oct. 23 — 3 p.m. - Central PA Symphony Concert
3:45 p.m. - FL Serves at My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen
- Tues., Oct. 25 — 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
- Wed., Oct. 26 — 7 p.m. - Faith Formation Committee
- Sat., Oct. 29 — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Blood Drive
- Sun., Oct. 30 — Blood pressure checks in Martin Luther Room following each service

November 2022

- Sun., Nov. 6 — 4 p.m. - Dickinson Orchestra Concert
- Tues., Nov. 8 — 7 a.m.-8 p.m. - Election Day Polling Location
9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
- Tues., Nov. 15 — 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Wed., Nov. 16 — 7 p.m - Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee
- Sun., Nov. 20 — 11:30 a.m. - Annual Cong. Meeting
- Tues., Nov. 22 — 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting
- Thurs., Nov. 24 & Fri., Nov. 25 - Office Closed
- Wed., Nov. 30 — 7 p.m - Advent Worship

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

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." Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

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 was September 3, 2022!

"Give blood and keep the world beating."



American Red Cross



You are invited
to our
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, please call the church at (717) 249-3310 or email secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org.

THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Each year, the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project provides Christmas gifts to hundreds of children in our community. We will have the opportunity to support this wonderful program again this year.



Angel Tree tags will be available beginning **Sunday, November 6**, on the tree in the upper level of the Atrium. Each tag includes a few wish list items. Purchase an article of clothing and a toy from the wish list and bring the items to the church in a large black plastic bag (one for each child) with the angel tag placed around the tied bag. **Gifts are due no later than Monday, December 5.**

Thank you!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night (November 5)!



Lutheran World Relief

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

October is LWR Ingathering month. First Lutheran volunteers have made approximately 100 quilts for LWR, which will be displayed and blessed at worship services on Sunday, October 2, before being delivered to the LWR Warehouse in Maryland. Donations are being accepted to help offset LWR's shipping costs when distributing quilts and kits. **Please give generously** to help assure that LWR's work continues throughout the world. LWR envelopes will be available at worship on Sunday, October 2; checks should be made payable to "First Lutheran Church" and designated for "LWR."



In 2016, an estimated 28,485 children received School Kits in Honduras. These kits contain essential supplies that ensure children can continue their learning despite the many challenges they face.

Spooky Saturday

October 15, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

First Lutheran will be participating again this year in the downtown Carlisle trick-or-treat event known as "Spooky Saturday." In recent years, several hundred children and parents have passed through our doors and received candy and information about our congregation. This is a great opportunity to show hospitality to our neighbors.

We will need volunteers to welcome trick-or-treaters and help give out candy on October 15. If you can help for an hour or two between noon and 3 p.m., please let the church office know. If you cannot volunteer on the day of the event, you can still help by bringing a bag of candy to the church office sometime before Friday, October 14. Thank you!



Did you know...that First Lutheran provides meals four times a year at My Brother's Table?

This year we served meals on **Sundays, January 23, April 24 and July 24 and will serve again on Sunday, October 23.** Our standard menu consists of fried chicken, baked beans, applesauce, dinner rolls, butter and cookies. Prior to each serving date, we ask for donations of needed food items. The following items are needed for our October 23 serving date:

- #10 cans of baked beans (4)
- applesauce 6-packs (5)
- dinner rolls (5 dozen)
- cookies (10 dozen)

We also welcome volunteers to help prepare/pack food at 3:45 p.m. in the Festal Hall kitchen (lower level) and/or serve the meal at 5 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 20 E. Pomfret Street.

Interested in volunteering to help pack/serve or to donate food items? Contact Robin Orner in the church office at 717-249-3310 or email her at secretary@firstlutheranCarlisle.org.

The Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee thanks you in advance for helping to feed and provide fellowship to our neighbors in need!

**Remembrance of the Saints
All Saints Sunday
November 6**

Each All Saints Sunday, the church celebrates and gives thanks for the community God creates through baptism – the community of the saints, God's beloved children, called to love and live and serve in the name of Christ. We also remember and celebrate those saints of God who have died during the past year.

This year, we will continue our tradition of displaying pictures of our beloved saints on All Saints Sunday, November 6. Simply bring to worship that morning a picture of the loved one(s) you wish to especially remember and place the picture(s) on the table by the baptismal font. You also may drop off pictures in the office the week of October 31st. For display purposes, it is helpful if pictures are in standing frames.

We give thanks for those who have meant so much to us and now rest from their labors.



**Fall
Work
Day**



**FALL PROPERTY WORK DAY
Saturday, October 1**

The Property Committee will be holding its fall exterior work day on **Saturday, October 1, beginning at 8:30 a.m.** Work to be done includes weeding and trimming shrubbery and doing other miscellaneous items preparing the church for fall and winter. All interested people are welcome to attend. Contact Rich Wood if you have and questions.

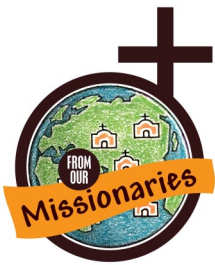


The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania
Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Fall Events

- ✠ October 4-6 — Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa
- ✠ October 23, 1-6 p.m. — Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald and at Nawakwa
- ✠ November 6 — Quilt Auction at Nawakwa (2 p.m. Silent Auction of Craft Items/3 p.m. Live Auction of Quilts)
- ✠ November 11-13 — Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa
- ✠ December 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. — Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm

For more information or to register for any of these events, visit www.LutheranCamping.org.
Financial assistance for registration fees is available through the Faith Formation Committee.



Excerpts from a recent email from our missionaries, Steve & Jodi Swanson

Dear First Lutheran Church,

We have often shared with you the highs and lows of life here in Tanzania and we are so grateful that you listen to both sides of the story. Once again, we have highs and lows to share..... in July, we celebrated Caedmon's graduation from Rift Valley Academy in Kenya. Then we reached a new "high"-- Mt. Kilimanjaro, at 19,341 feet! In celebration of his high school graduation, the family climbed to the top of Africa. We were above the clouds for 6 days and it was a remarkable adventure....

Our newest video: [watch at <https://vimeo.com/726316951>] A Maasai premature baby girl, whose family initially refused transfer from their rural hospital to our NICU in Arusha. Every baby deserves the opportunity to go home with the mother.

Last year we hosted a neonatology conference in Arusha for 55+ Tanzanian hospitals, entitled "*Tiny Feet, Big Steps--Advancing Care of Critically Ill and Premature Babies in Tanzania*". [watch video clip at <https://vimeo.com/669453098>]

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and we are thankful for an opportunity to care for children in need. It is such challenging work and at the same time, so very rewarding. It is a privilege to learn from our Tanzanian friends and coworkers as we watch them face the challenges of their work with determination and compassion.

In Christ's service,
Steve & Jodi

*You can view the complete email at
www.firstlutherancarlisle.org.*



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DEATHS

Brenda H. Helwig

birth — November 19, 1934
 death — August 5, 2022

Joan M. Eshenour

birth — June 12, 1934
 death — September 19, 2022

† Rest eternal grant them, O Lord,
 and let light perpetual shine upon them.

CELEBRATING A



- Jim & Carolyn Schade (55 years) 9/16
- Tom & Monica Frederick (51 years) 10/2
- John & Judith Kauffman (59 years) 10/5
- John & Juliet Ward (63 years) 10/31



FINE ARTS AT FIRST IS BACK!

Pictured above are Lee Leidigh and Sam Orner who installed the Fine Arts at First banner prior to the September 11 concert, which was its first performance after a two-year hiatus.



Dear Friends at First Lutheran,

I and my family wish to thank the caring church family for their prayers, cards and concern during my sister's (Mary Kipe) illness and passing. The concern and prayers were gratefully appreciated.

Love in Christ,
Joan Gitt and family

Several weeks ago I fell at home resulting in a significant head injury. I am recovering slowly and hope to be in church soon. Thank you for your prayers, cards and notes. And thank you to Pastor Lorenz for his pastoral care. Frank and I have been moved by the warmth and hospitality of First Lutheran.

Linda Leber



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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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Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



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.