



FIRST EDITION - FALL 2023

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

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

WAYS TO SERVE Congregation Council and committees

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Romans 12:6-8 NRSV

Serving on Congregation Council or a committee isn't particularly glamorous work. It involves attending meetings, reviewing minutes and other reports, participating in discussions about budgets, policies, and activities, and looking back at what has been going on and forward to what might be. But the work of Council and our committees is incredibly important to our congregation - ministry in Christ's name doesn't happen without it!

Please prayerfully consider whether you have gifts of organization, planning, leadership, communication, and/or visioning to offer the work of First Lutheran's Council and/or committees!

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Under First Lutheran's constitution, duties of Council members include:

- Being a leader in the congregation by assisting in long-range planning, setting goals and priorities, and evaluating activities in light of our mission and goals;
- Overseeing the administration of our congregation, including financial and property matters;
- Maintaining supportive relationships with the Pastor and staff;
- Being examples, individually and corporately, of the life and ministry expected of all baptized persons;
- Promoting a congregational climate of peace and goodwill, and as differences and conflicts arise, endeavoring to foster mutual understanding.

Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month (except July) at 6:30 p.m. Meetings typically run 1-1.5 hours. Council members also serve on one committee as a liaison.

The 2023 Nominating Committee will soon be recruiting nominees to fill five 3-year terms (2024-2026). Please contact Pastor Leber or President David Fitzsimons if you'd like to know more or are open to nomination!

COMMITTEES

First's standing committees typically meet 4-6 times/year. Pastor Leber is happy to talk with you about the responsibilities of a particular committee. You are also always welcome to attend a committee meeting as a guest—meetings are announced in the calendars in the *First Edition* and the weekly bulletin.

- *Evangelism
- *Faith Formation
- Fine Arts at First
- Finance
- Property
- Social Ministry & World Outreach
- *Stewardship
- Worship & Music

**These committees would especially welcome new members at this time*



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

September 2023

- Sun., Sept. 17 4 p.m. - Daniel Aune, organ - *Fine Arts*
Tues., Sept. 19 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
Tues., Sept. 26 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting Group
5 p.m. - Finance Committee

Chancel Choir



Thursdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Weekly meetings

Community Room (room 17 on the lower level of the Christian Education wing)

Mondays at 7 p.m.:

Alcoholics Anonymous Book Group

Tuesdays at 4 p.m.:

Overeaters Anonymous

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Fridays at 7:30 a.m.:

Weight Management Support Group

Saturdays at 10 a.m.:

Alcoholics Anonymous Book Group

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

If you or someone in your household would like to be added to our homebound list, please contact the church office. Homebound members receive flowers and periodic home communion visits.

October 2023

- Sun., Oct. 1 3-6 p.m. - Pastor Leber's 10th Anniversary Celebration - *Allenberry*
Tues., Oct. 3 6:30 p.m. - Worship & Music Committee
Fri., Oct. 6 7 p.m. - Dickinson Organ Recital
Sat., Oct. 7 8:30 a.m. - Outside Property Work Day
Sun., Oct. 8 LWR Ingathering Sunday
Tues., Oct. 10 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting Group
Fri., Oct. 13 12-1:30 p.m. - 55+ Potluck Luncheon
Fri.-Sat., Oct. 13 & 14 Council Retreat at Nawakwa
Sun., Oct. 22 4 p.m. - First serves at My Brother's Table Soup Kitchen
Tues., Oct. 24 9:30-11 a.m. - LWR Quilting Group
Wed., Oct. 25 7 p.m. - Faith Formation Committee
Fri., Oct. 27 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - 55+ Trip to Seminary Ridge Museum
Sat., Oct. 28 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - Blood Drive - *Festal Hall*
Sun., Oct. 29 Blood pressure checks following both services
3 p.m. - Central PA Symphony Concert

UPDATED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE SOON!

In the next few weeks, updated issues of First Lutheran's Church Membership Directory will be available on the kiosk in the Atrium (upper level), the High Street narthex and in the church office.

To request a mailed copy, contact the church office.

Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of August 18)

Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total given through 12/31/21:	\$808,005
Total given since 12/31/21:	\$74,839
<u>Grand Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$882,844</u>



Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

Fall Work Day



FALL PROPERTY WORK DAY Saturday, October 7, 8:30 a.m.

The Property Committee will be holding its fall exterior work day on **Saturday, October 7, 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 hands are welcome! Contact Rich Wood if you have any questions.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES - FALL 2023

Sunday morning adult learning opportunities have resumed! Some may be "one-off" classes; some may run for a number of weeks. You are welcome to attend whichever classes interest you.

Classes will meet in room 22 (upper level of the education wing) and will start promptly at 9:15 a.m. and finish at 10 a.m.

You are also invited to join us for a weekly fellowship time from 10-10:15 a.m. in the Atrium.



FAITH
FORMATION

- ♦ September 10, 17 & 24: *Myths about Religion and Politics in America*, led by Dr. Sarah Niebler, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dickinson College
- ♦ October 8, 15 & 21: *Slavery, Religion and the Civil War*, led by Rich Wood
- ♦ November 5, 12, 19: *"To Dust We Shall Return"* A repeat of Pastor Leber's 2023 Lent series on being mortal and her sabbatical learnings about evolving and emerging funeral practices.

Sing with us this fall!

Chancel Choir rehearsals have begun! The choir, led by David Erickson, is open to high school and above and will rehearse most Thursdays this fall at 7 p.m. in the choir room (lower level) and sing during the 10:30 a.m. worship service about 1-2 times a month. The choir will also begin preparing music for the December 17 service of Lessons & Carols. Please consider joining the Chancel Choir to 'Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord'. Contact David with any questions, dve@pa.net or (717) 602-7736. All musical skills and backgrounds are welcome!



Worship Help Wanted!

Our weekly worship ministry depends on the time and talents of many volunteers.

We are currently recruiting additional assisting ministers, usher/greeters, communion assistants, and communion setter-uppers/cleaner-uppers for both Sunday worship services.

To find out more, please contact Robin Orner, office manager, or Pastor Leber.

55+ Potluck Lunch and Learning 2nd Fridays at 12 noon Festal Hall

Join us on the second Friday of each month, as members and friends of the congregation 55 and older gather at 12 noon for "lunch and learning".

October 13 - Carol Brandt, long-time member of First, will give a presentation on her experiences hiking the Appalachian Trail.

November 10 - Matthew March, Cumberland County Historical Society: *Molly Pitcher - Legend and Fact*

Bring a homemade or store-bought entrée, side or dessert to share!



**55+ Potluck
LUNCHEON**



55+ Field Trip to the Seminary Ridge Museum FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

9 a.m. – assemble in First's parking lot to carpool and depart
10 a.m. – arrival at the Museum – brief welcome and orientation
10-12 noon – self-guided tours of Museum
12 noon – box lunch in the Seminary Refectory

FINAL RSVPs and payment for discounted group admission and lunch will be due on Friday, October 13.

(Total cost per person is expected to be \$22 and scholarships are available.)

On the three Sundays before our field trip (October 8, 15, 22), Rich Wood will be leading an Adult Faith Formation series on "Slavery, Religion and the Civil War." You do not have to attend this Sunday School class to go to the Museum with us, but you might find it helpful background. Class will be in room 22 (upper level of Christian Ed wing) from 9:15-10 a.m.



Fine Arts at First Concert

Sunday, September 17 at 4 p.m.

Our first concert of the 2023-2024 Fine Arts at First Concert Series will feature Daniel Aune on organ. Daniel Aune is the Coordinator of Organ Studies and serves on the faculty at The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University, the oldest music conservatory in the United States. He is also the Director of Music and Organist at Christ Lutheran Church at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore. At Christ Church he leads the choral and instrumental programs, as well as the *Hafenmusik: Music by the Harbor* concert series.

Daniel holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the Eastman School of Music, where he studied with David Higgs. He has won awards, competitions and numerous accolades for his playing of creative and audience friendly programs. He is a published composer, and is active in the Baltimore Chapter of the AGO and of ALCM.

The concert is free. A freewill offering will be received, and a dessert reception hosted by the Fine Arts Committee will be held following the performance.

During “Afters in the Atrium” on Sunday, August 20, we celebrated the Rev. Sarah Heintzelman’s 45th anniversary of ordained ministry.



Dear Pastor Leber and congregation friends,

Thank you for the special, lovely celebration of my 45th ordination anniversary, August 20. Had lovely visits with visitors and all of you!

Altar flowers are gracing my great room with their color.

Pastor Sarah



WELCOME OUR



Michael Calligan



Jeff & Linda Caton



Michael Doherty



Rev. Sarah Heintzelman

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

NEW MEMBERS!



Ed & Sue Petersen



Deneen Schroyer



Tracy Stritch



Ben, Emily & Esther Uleau

and proclaim the good news to all the world!

Social Ministry and World Outreach News

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 in early November on the tree in the upper level of the Atrium. Each tag will include 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 attached to the bag. **Gifts will be due in early December.**

Thank you!

Lutheran Disaster Response

You are invited to support Lutheran Disaster Response's (LDR) work in the aftermath of the wildfires in Hawaii and Hurricane Idalia. Designated LDR envelopes are available on the bulletin tables or you may drop off your donation to the church office. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church and designated for Hawaiian wildfires, hurricane response, or "where needed most."

You can also make a donation online at <https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>



Lutheran
Disaster Response

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!

**Our next blood drive will be held on Saturday, October 28,
from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Festal Hall.**

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." Walk-ins are welcome!

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

"Give blood and keep the world beating."



American Red Cross



Ron Jumper at the fall 2023 drive



October is LWR Ingathering month. Already this year, First Lutheran volunteers have made 100 quilts for LWR, which will be displayed and blessed at worship services on Sunday, October 8, before being delivered to the LWR Warehouse in Maryland. Donations will be 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 8; checks should be made payable to "First Lutheran Church" and designated for "LWR Shipping Fund."



First Lutheran's Quilting Ministry

As many of you know, First Lutheran has had an active quilting ministry for decades. Since the evidence of our group is usually once a year on Ingathering Sunday in October (when our pews are draped with about 100 quilts), it might be helpful to know more about this ministry.

Firstly, do you know where these quilts are sent? They are delivered to the Lutheran World Relief Warehouse in New Windsor, Md. From there they are shipped all over the world, including the USA. This past May, Emma Wagner, LWR Congregational Engagement Manager, spoke to us between worship services and explained the multiple uses of quilts in various countries. One surprising use is by school children in unheated schools to sit on and wrap up in. This allows more of the student's body's fuel to be used by the brain for learning, instead of being used to keep warm.

Secondly, did you know that you can be a part of this ministry even if you have no interest in cutting or sewing fabric? **Our group relies heavily on donations, both monetary and fabric donations.** Without donations the approximate cost of assembling **one quilt is \$28.50.** Some of our members who are Thrivent members have used their \$250 Action Dollars to purchase flat sheets and quilt batting. If any of you are Thrivent members and would want to use your Action Dollars to help purchase quilting supplies, please contact Linda Fargus or Marsha Lorenz for assistance. Betty Baker, a former quilter, has been purchasing batting (with her Thrivent dollars) for many years. Fabric donations are greatly appreciated as well. The fabrics must be new or gently used cotton. There is a bin for fabric donations outside the church office on the lower level. Thank you in advance for any way you can help this important ministry.

Spooky Saturday

October 21, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

In recent years, during Spooky Saturday events, 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 21. 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 20. Thank you!



Collection **UPDATES**



First Lutheran continues to collect aluminum can pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. Collection containers are located in the Atrium, the High Street narthex and in the hallway outside the church office.

We have discontinued on-going collections of food items for Project SHARE and personal care items for Safe Harbour. We will advertise periodic collections for specific items (e.g., during Christmas in July) and continue to financially support both of these local organizations (as well as several others) throughout the year.

We are also no longer collecting aluminum cans.

Thanks to all who have supported these collections over the years!

Remembrance of the Saints All Saints Sunday November 5

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 5. 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 30th. 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.



SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL FABRIC SALE!

Friday, Oct. 13: 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14: 9 a.m.-12 noon

Donations of new or unused and clean fabrics, buttons and notions should be dropped off at the Salvation Army no later than September 30.

Proceeds benefit the programs of The Salvation Army.

*For more information, call Hattie Ogle
717-258-3438*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DEATHS

C. William Souders **Lawrence L. Shenk**
 birth — April 13, 1946 birth — January 6, 1933
 death — June 6, 2023 death — June 7, 2023

Lois B. Quigley
 birth — July 2, 1936
 death — July 1, 2023

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

NEW MEMBERS — June 11, 2023

BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Michael Calligan
Jeff & Linda Caton
Michael Doherty
Ben, Emily & Esther Uleau

BY TRANSFER

Rev. Sarah Heintzelman
Ed & Sue Petersen
Deneen Schroyer
Tracy Stritch

WEDDING

Stephanie Koplitz-Harty
 and
Michael Doherty
 August 26, 2023
 Congratulations!



My dear friends of First Lutheran,
 I am so grateful for the many ways you have supported me following my cancer diagnosis. All the hugs, prayers, cards, visits, and words of encouragement and wisdom have bolstered me and given me hope for the journey ahead.
 God's blessings to you all and much thanks,
Alecia Staley

CELEBRATING A



Sam & Sue Simmons (53 years) 8/1
 Don & Janis Drasher (50 years) 8/4
 Keith & Roxanna Houtz (57 years)..... 8/6
 Jay & Donna Chestnut (59 years) 8/15
 Ron & Patsy Sharp (58 years) 8/22
 Jim & Linda Fargus (54 years)..... 8/23
 John & Beverly Mancke (56 years) 8/26

 Jim & Carolyn Schade (56 years) 9/16

 Tom & Monica Frederick (52 years) 10/2
 John & Judith Kauffman (60 years)..... 10/5
 John & Juliet Ward (64 years)..... 10/31

First Lutheran Family,
 Thank you so much for the graduation gift! I will definitely put it to good use in school. Your support and generosity will always be remembered as I explore new goals and work towards new achievements. Thank you for sharing a very special moment in my life.
 With gratitude,
Madison Engle

First Lutheran Church,
 Thank you so much for your very generous gift. I appreciate it very much. I am excited to begin my education at Millersville University as an early childhood education major in August. Thank you again for the graduation gift.
 Many thanks,
Ainslee Martin

Thank you for the care packages during our finals week!
 Thank you!
EmmaRose and MaryGrace (Harty)

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(Closed for lunch from 12:15-12:45 p.m.)

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