



# FIRST EDITION - JANUARY 2021

*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 outdoor Christmas Eve service, a worship video, a sanctuary "open house", the crèche set up in an alternate location ...it certainly was a different kind of Christmas celebration at First Lutheran this year!*

*What remained the same is the good news of great joy the angels announced - and our appreciation for your cards, gifts and good wishes over the holiday season. Thank you!*

*~the staff of First Lutheran*

## Meet our new sexton!

We are delighted to announce that Congregation Council has hired Scott Disbrow as our new sexton, effective January 1, 2021.

Scott is married to Erin McCusker, whom many folks will remember from her service as our part-time financial secretary, 2015-2018. Scott is also a father and stepfather, former Marine, avid golfer, Kung Fu instructor and long-time resident of Carlisle.



Scott has been spending time with John Shughart during the past week, learning some of the idiosyncrasies and secrets of our 1901, 1966 and 2019 buildings. Due to the significantly reduced activity in the building these days, Scott will be working 25 hours a week to start.

We are very lucky to be able to make a smooth transition in this very critical staff position. Please welcome Scott if/when you run into him in the building. And if you have not yet had a chance to send John a thank you card and/or gift, it is not too late to do so!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE!

We had an **AMAZING** drive in October, with donations totaling **67 pints**. Due to our success, the American Red Cross was anxious to get another blood drive at First Lutheran on the calendar!

**Our next blood drive is on Saturday, March 6, 2021, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.** Guidelines for social distancing will be followed, and pre-registration is strongly encouraged. We also will need volunteers to help with temperature-taking, registration, and the canteen.

Please remember that you can only donate once every eight weeks - eight weeks from March 6 is January 9, 2021!



**American Red Cross**

**Building to Serve All God's Children**  
**Capital Campaign Update (as of December 28)**



Total campaign commitments:	\$604,415
Total commitments paid to date:	\$559,580
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$83,826
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$643,406</u>

*Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!*

## **GREENS SPONSORSHIPS & WORLD HUNGER**

### **CHRISMON TREE**

Presented in loving memory of Janet R. Barnitz  
by Barbara Lillich

### **WREATHS**

*In loving memory of:*

James R. Fickel, Jr. and David J. Fickel by Virginia Ehr  
Wilmer and Katherine Stum by David Stum

*In loving memory of and in honor of:*

The Hall and Ulsh families by Robert and Kathleen Hall

*In thanksgiving for:*

Ruth and Albert J. Murtoff by Don and Ruth Osborne



### **WORLD HUNGER**

*In loving memory of:*

The Eshenour and Bear families by Beverly Eshenour  
Caden Cozort by Nancy Ingram  
Susan Chestnut Spangler by Jay and Donna Chestnut  
Dawn McHale, mother, by Colton Gillingham  
Gerald A. Gillingham, husband and father,  
by the Gillingham, Seely and Van Orden families  
Harold and Glendora Van Orden  
by the Gillingham, Seely and Van Orden families  
Scott Seely, husband and father,  
by Samantha and Seth Seely

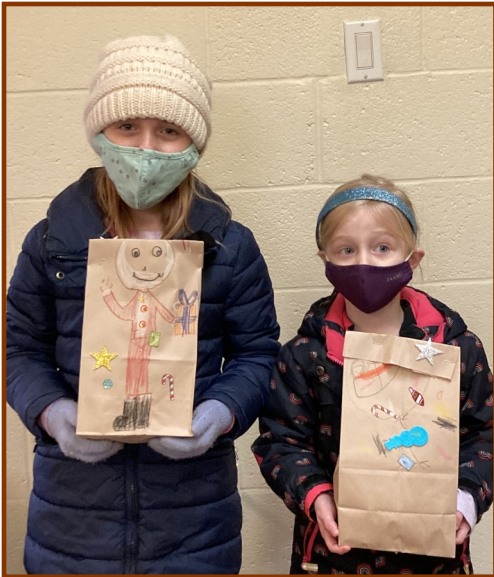
*In honor of:*

My family by Virginia Ehr  
Our children, Emily and Andrew,  
by Sam and Robin Orner

*In thanksgiving for:*

My family by Virginia Ehr  
Pastor Leber by Sam and Robin Orner

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, January 18, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.



## ***Thanks to all who donated cookies for the Carlisle Truck Stop Ministry!***

We delivered **49** bags of cookies to the Truck Stop Ministry on December 21 for distribution to travelers who pass through our area during the holidays!

*(pictured left: two of our bakers, Ella and Lyla Stone)*



## ***And thanks to all who donated cards for the residents of Cumberland Crossings!***

We provided over **100** Christmas cards to Chaplain Judy Strayer, enough for the residents of both the nursing care center and the personal care home. We also purchased a small stuffed holiday bear for each nursing care resident.



**From our Sister Parish, Divine Redeemer Lutheran Church in San Miguel, El Salvador (more news will be printed in the February *First Edition*):**

*Pastor Belinda Fernández writes:*

“This Christmas 2020, the little boy Jesus comes into our lives to dispel the darkness of fear, loneliness, uncertainty, and so many losses that characterize this year that humanity and our country have lived...

These hard times should make us think more than ever that CHRISTMAS IS AN ACT OF SUPREME LOVE, THAT GIVES US A NEW BEGINNING. We celebrate God himself born as a humble child in a stable in Bethlehem, in the midst of poverty and rejection, a helpless child that no one would think would make the Roman Empire totter...

May the child Jesus grant us a blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous Year 2021.”



# WELCOME OUR



*Betsy Bertram*



*Melinda Howe*



*Stuart, Cynthia, Celia and  
Sean Christenson*

*Together we will give thanks  
and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news  
to all the world!*



*Ronald Jumper*

# NEW MEMBERS!



*Clare Orris*



*Will, Michelle, Laurel and  
Reed Trefren*



*Jeffery, Samantha and  
Henry Stuby*



*Erin and Amelia Vieira*



*Dean and Lois Van Orden*

**Remember! Celebrate! Act!  
Pursuing the Dream:  
Uniting in Truth and Love**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021  
Virtual Presentation - 4:00p.m.**



**Keynote Speaker:  
Chad Dion Lassiter**

**Executive Director, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission**

**Music: Bethel AME, Buffalo Gospel Band**

**Service to include scholarship awards**

**Hosted by Carlisle United Methodist Church**

**Service will be streamed on the church's [YouTube channel](#) **

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2021 Commemorations will also include the following streamed events:

- **Community Discussion on Racism  
Saturday, January 16**
- **Presentation from our Civic Leaders  
Monday, January 18**



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**Details and updates on our Facebook page:  
[Carlisle Martin Luther King Commemoration](#)**






1-Jan ..... John Kreiser  
 2-Jan ..... Susanne Burke  
 3-Jan ..... Jo Ann Gitt  
               Susan Kline  
               Ella Stone  
 4-Jan ..... Ian Stum  
 5-Jan ..... Doug Champlin  
               Ann Shearer  
               Michele Thorp  
 6-Jan ..... Carol Green  
               Larry Shenk  
 8-Jan ..... Norah Brantner  
               John Mancke  
 9-Jan ..... Cheryl Henderson  
 10-Jan ..... Chuck Martin  
               Lisa Milos  
               Cassie Mulholland  
               Clare Orris  
 11-Jan ..... Betty Baker  
               Steven King

12-Jan ..... Ken Egolf  
                   Mary Ann Van Orden  
 13-Jan ..... Alecia Staley  
 15-Jan ..... Marjorie Shenk  
 17-Jan ..... Cynthia Christenson  
 18-Jan ..... Gary Newton  
 20-Jan ..... Bill Boehm  
                   Bill Jacobs  
 23-Jan ..... Dale Stitzel  
 24-Jan ..... David Haag  
 25-Jan ..... Lee Leidigh  
 26-Jan ..... Kevin Brenneman  
 27-Jan ..... Lorie Shank  
 29-Jan ..... Joanne Miller  
                   Tyler Ramond  
 30-Jan ..... Roger Giffin  
                   Mary Ann March  
 31-Jan ..... Robert Jumper  
                   Nicholas Shank

2-Jan.....James Fulton  
                   John Ward  
 3-Jan.....Bill Jacobs  
                   Kara Sheaffer  
 4-Jan.....Bob Hall  
 5-Jan.....Tammy Champlin  
 7-Jan.....Rich Bigelow  
                   William Croft  
                   Eloise Slusser  
                   Phineas Slusser  
 8-Jan.....Madison Engle  
                   May Seibert  
                   Tanner Shank  
 9-Jan.....Carol Green  
 10-Jan.....Lucas Fickel  
                   Ken Massa  
                   Benjamin Slusser  
 11-Jan.....Michael Fisher  
                   Taylor Shank  
                   Frankie Yocum  
 13-Jan.....Oliver Napoli  
 20-Jan.....James Baish  
 25-Jan.....Connie McDermond  
 27-Jan.....Brenda Helwig  
 31-Jan.....Charley Gitt  
                   Robert Jumper

CELEBRATING A  
  
 50+ Anniversary

Harry & Susan Kline (53 years) ..... 1/6  
 Tom & Carol Green (57 years) ..... 1/9  
 Dennis & Sue Shank (55 years) ..... 1/15  
 Joe & Connie McDermond (53) ..... 1/27

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**NEW MEMBERS — December 6, 2020**

**BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Betsy Bertram  
 Melinda Howe  
 Ronald Jumper  
 Clare Orris  
 Jeffery & Samantha Stuby and son, Henry  
 Erin Vieira and daughter Amelia

**BY TRANSFER**

Stuart & Cynthia Christenson and children, Celia and Sean  
 Will & Michelle Trefren and children, Laurel and Reed  
 Dean and Lois Van Orden

*Welcome!*

**DEATH**

**Patrick Q. Spiese**

birth — April 11, 1942  
 death — December 8, 2020

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

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**Church Office Hours:**

*Monday — Thursday*  
8:30 a.m. — 12:15 p.m. & 12:45 — 4:30 p.m.

*Friday*  
8:30 a.m. — 12:15 p.m.

Pastor Leber is available by cell throughout the week at (717) 215-6055.

**Sunday Worship:**

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion



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<https://firstlutherancarlisle.org/resources-for-worship-and-faith-formation-at-home/>

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE  
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 20!**