

FIRST EDITION - MAY 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



Scenes from Holy Week and Easter 2021

Christ is risen!

Left: Easter egg hunters!

Right: Our Easter display on High Street

Below: Maundy Thursday evening worship



Photo Credit: Renee Kiel



Bible Camp is coming!

Mark your calendars for Bible Camp!

Monday-Wednesday, June 28-30, 6-7:30 p.m.

As we ease back into in-person activities, we are planning a three-evening long summer bible camp for kids ages 4 through those just finishing 6th grade. Bible camp will be outside (of course, indoor restrooms will be open) and socially-distanced.

Join us for bible stories, crafts, activities and music! Information will continue to be shared in future newsletters, bulletins and Pastor Leber's emails.

Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of April 25)



Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total commitments paid to date:	\$604,306
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$141,750
<i>(This number had a large increase due to a gift not previously reported.)</i>	
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$746,056</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

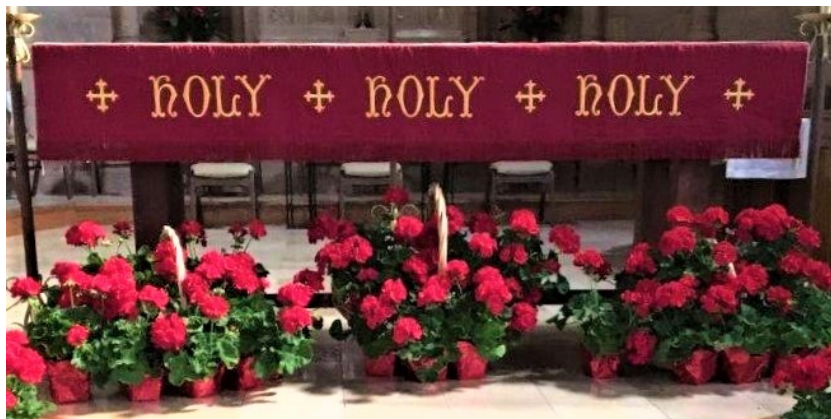
From the Finance Committee...

The Finance Committee wishes to recognize the incredibly faithful and generous financial support offered by our congregation throughout the pandemic. Thank you for continuing to give of your treasure to our ministries! As you can see from the numbers above, you have also been incredibly faithful and generous in fulfilling your commitments and giving "as able" to *Building to Serve All God's Children*!

After surveying practices in a number of other congregations, the Finance Committee has decided that **statements of contribution** will be sent out twice a year (July and January) rather than quarterly. We want to be good stewards of staff time, paper, and postage. Please note that you may request information about the status of your financial contributions at any time during the year - Robin Orner, our office manager, can provide an oral update or print a written report within minutes. *Again, thank you!*

Help Sponsor Pentecost Flowers!

Want to help us decorate the nave on Pentecost Sunday, May 23? Sponsor a geranium(s) in memory of, in honor of, or in thanksgiving for a loved one! The list of dedications will be printed in the bulletins. Any flowers not picked up will be planted in the churchyard.



To sponsor a flower(s) (\$6.00 each), contact Robin Orner, our office manager, at 717-249-3310 or secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org. Deadline is Sunday, May 16. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church with "Pentecost Flowers" noted in the memo line.



SUPPORT OUR PA WOUNDED WARRIORS!

During May, the Social Ministry and Global Outreach Committee will be raising money for Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, a non-profit organization that provides support to PA wounded warriors and their families and to veterans in crisis. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church with “PA Wounded Warriors” written in the memo line. **Donations will be received through May 31.** We hope you will join us in supporting this organization and its vital ministry to those who have served our country and protected our freedom.

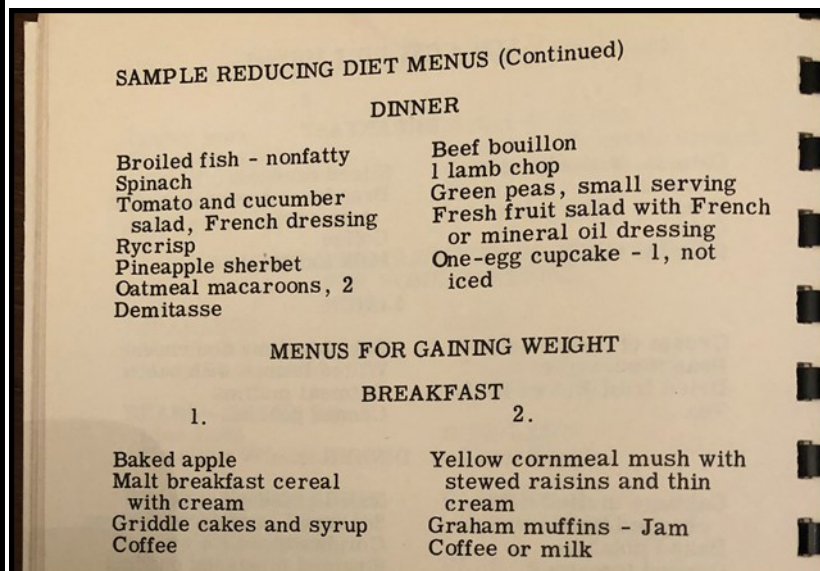
Thank you!

Did you know... that we continue to collect and recycle **aluminum cans** for the Cumberland-Goodwill EMS? Collection containers are in the hallway outside the church office. Questions? Contact Robin in the church office at 717-249-3310.

ATTENTION PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Need some yarn to complete a prayer shawl? We have recently received a donation of yarn so there is plenty available in room 18. You are welcome to stop by during regular office hours to pick up some.

From Our Archives



TOO SKINNY? TRY THIS. This c. 1950 cookbook compiled by First Lutheran's Fidelity Class included not only recipes, but sample menus for those who wanted to gain (and lose) weight. Whether or not these menus would help accomplish this intended purpose in 2021 is problematical. Business discount coupons also came along with the book, such as one free car lubrication with the purchase of \$10 in gas—courtesy of Cromer's Cities Service at 728 North Hanover.

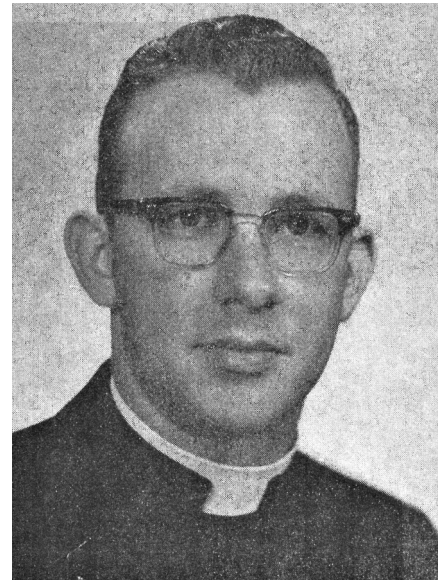
A CENTURY

This spring, we rejoice to celebrate the milestone ordination of the Reverend William C. Jacobs and Janet. Together, they represent 100 years of

Pastor Jacobs - 60th anniversary

Pastor Jacobs was ordained on June 14, 1961, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Arendtsville, Pennsylvania, after graduating that May from Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary (now United Lutheran Seminary). Just a week after ordination, Pastor Jacobs was installed at his first call, the "New Kingstown Charge" - St. Stephen's, New Kingstown and Mt. Zion, Allen. Pastor Jacobs also served calls to Calvary Lutheran, Dover, and St. Peter's Lutheran, Middletown, before being called to our congregation in 1977.

Pastor Jacobs served First Lutheran for 24 years, retiring in 2001. There are many folks still at First Lutheran who were baptized, confirmed and/or married by him! Pastor Jacobs also has been gracious in assisting us with our quarterly healing services in recent years. Congratulations, Pastor Jacobs, and blessings to you and Janet as you celebrate this anniversary!



Pictured on the front of his ordination service bulletin



Presiding at holy communion on his final Sunday as our called pastor in 2001.

OF MINISTRY!

anniversaries of two faithful pastors of Christ's church,
the Reverend Richard G. Lorenz.
Word and Sacrament ministry!

Pastor Lorenz - 40th anniversary

Pastor Lorenz was ordained on May 16, 1981, at the annual convention of the New Jersey Synod, in Ocean City, New Jersey, after graduating just a few days before from Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary (now United Lutheran Seminary). Pastor Lorenz's first call was to Jerusalem Lutheran Church, Sellersville, Pennsylvania. He also served calls to Resurrection Lutheran, Levittown, and St. Paul, New Cumberland, before becoming the senior pastor of Trindle Springs Lutheran, Mechanicsburg, in 2000. After his retirement from Trindle Springs in 2014, Pastor Lorenz and Marsha, his wife, joined First Lutheran. Since 2015, Pastor Lorenz has been serving as our congregation's "pastoral assistant" - we are very grateful for his preaching and visitation ministry!



Seminary graduation picture



*Pastor Lorenz pictured in "The Bucks County Courier-Times"
ministering to pediatric hospital patients*

Join us on Sunday, June 6!

Because we are not yet serving refreshments, due to COVID-19/social distancing protocols, we are unable to celebrate these ordination anniversaries as we often celebrate such things, with post-worship fellowship. We will recognize the ministries of Pastor Jacobs and Pastor Lorenz during the prayers of the church on Sunday, June 6, and we will invite you to greet them out on the High Street plaza after the late service!

FROM CARLISLE AREA FAMILY LIFE CENTER



Dear Robin, Pastor Leber and members of the congregation,

The Carlisle Area Family Life Center would like to thank you so very much for your recent donations from your "Share the Love" outreach initiative! What a wonderful idea! We so appreciate all the diapers, wipes and formula. Those are the items that bring many of our clients into the center. We are also thrilled with the blankets, crib sheets and baby toiletries. Those items will be used in the layettes that we give all our new mothers! They are so grateful to receive these needed items for their newborns!

Thank you also so very much for your generous donation of \$625.00 for the center. We will use this money to assure that we have plenty of diapers, wipes and formula for the families that come into the center. Many of our clients are still struggling due to the coronavirus and are very grateful for any assistance that we can offer them to help provide for their little ones. It is thanks to people like yourselves that we are able to assist these families in our community.

May God Bless you all and we hope and pray that you all stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely for Life,

Jackie Phillips
Executive Director



The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania

Summer camp
brochures are
here!

Brochures for camps Nawakwa and Kirchenwald are available in the church office! First Lutheran, through the Faith Formation Committee, offers camp scholarships to cover 1/2 the cost for a week at camp, plus you are able to take the \$20.00 CampPerson discount.

Information (including about COVID-19 protocols) and online registration is available here: <https://www.lutherancamping.org/>

WEAR RED FOR
Pentecost

Help us celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit by wearing red to worship on Sunday, May 23, the Day of Pentecost!



Attention
Graduates!

We would like to place a list of First Lutheran graduates and their plans for the future in the June issue of the *First Edition*. If anyone in your household is graduating from high school or college with the class of 2021, please contact the church office at (717) 249-3310 by Thursday, May 20.



1-May Keith Houtz
 3-May Janis Drasher
 Judith Kauffman
 Ethel Simmons
 4-May Brittany Kennedy
 Matt Zink
 5-May Pria King
 Robin Orner
 6-May Steve Hildebrand
 8-May Emily Marshall
 Ronald Mentzer
 10-May Debra Egolf
 11-May Shelby Pearce
 12-May Harry Kline
 13-May Jeff Stuby
 14-May Ricky Franklin
 15-May William Chestnut

17-MaySean Christenson
 William Fickel
 Louis Shank
 18-MayAmelia Vieira
 19-MayHarriet Decker
 Henry Stuby
 21-MayDouglas Eshenour
 22-MayCarl Decker
 Kaye Spiese
 23-MayStuart Christenson
 Agnes Gillingham
 MaryGrace Harty
 24-MayHarry Cozort
 Lauren Engle
 25-MayRobert Baker, Jr.
 Megan Mackes
 Lyla Stone
 26-MayRobert Cook
 27-MayBrenda Kiser
 29-MayErin Vieira
 31-MayMaximus Shank

5-MayNorah Brantner
 Layton Shank
 Dale Stitzel, Sr.
 7-MayJoshua Staley
 8-MayElizabeth Yocum
 10-MayBrittany Weibley-D'Cruz
 12-MaySarah Niebler
 13-MayAnn Shearer
 14-MayLester Reeder
 15-MayRichard Lorenz
 19-MayLaura Himmelreich
 21-MayDorothy Kinsey
 23-MayLandin Hockley
 24-MayTyler Ramond
 25-MayDavid Erickson
 David Fitzsimons
 27-MayEthan Colón
 30-MayMarsha Lorenz
 Taylor Miller
 Evelyn Sheaffer
 31-MayMegan Slusser

We wish to thank the congregation members for their thoughts and prayers for us. Thank you for the get well cards when Joan was on the prayer list and for the sympathy cards when Gary Stamm died. Also, thanks for the 50th anniversary cards and the flowers from Easter Sunday, April 4. This is a very thoughtful congregation.

God's peace to all,
Charles and Joan Gitt



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DEATH

James Vovakis

birth — February 28, 1932

death — March 12, 2021

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

**Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday,
 May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.**

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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.

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Sunday Worship:

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion



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**Resources for weekly at home worship (including recordings of the sermon
and organ hymn accompaniments, a bulletin, children's bulletin and
Taking Faith Home) can be found at:**

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