



FIRST EDITION - SUMMER 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

A Safe Place for Kids!

Even before it was a legal requirement in Pennsylvania, First Lutheran implemented the policy of conducting background checks on staff and volunteers working with children and youth. We have been grateful for the many folks who have gone through the process of becoming “approved adults” since 2013!

As we are emerging from a year+ of pandemic, we are reviewing the status of our approved adults. Pennsylvania criminal record and child abuse clearances must be conducted every five years. We have started the process of obtaining new clearances for those interested in continuing as an approved adult.

As we work through the renewal of clearances for our current approved adults, we invite others to become approved. Clearances are free for volunteers in Pennsylvania. Pastor Leber can help you with the process and also will review what it means to be a “mandated reporter.” If you already have recent clearances from a job or other volunteer activity, we can make copies of those for our files.

Only approved adults may participate as a leader, chaperone or volunteer in any ministry or event involving children and youth at First Lutheran. Thank you for helping make our congregation a safe place for kids!

Bible Camp is almost here!

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

If you haven't yet registered your child for Bible camp, there is still time! We will be learning about Jesus feeding 5000+ people with five loaves and two fish, making crafts, playing games and singing! On Wednesday, we also will be visited by some alpacas! All activities will be outside (indoor restrooms will be open). Please email or call Rob in Orner to register (secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org or 717-249-3310).



Building to Serve All God's Children Capital Campaign Update (as of May 31)



Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total commitments paid to date:	\$609,522
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$141,720
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$751,292</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

Committee Meetings & Events

June & July 2021

- Sat., June 19 — 11 a.m. — Pat Fry Memorial Service
- Mon.-Wed., June 28-30 — 6-7:30 p.m. — Bible Camp
- Mon., July 5 — Office Closed — *Independence Day*
- Wed., July 21 — 7 p.m. — Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee
- Tues., July 27 — 5 p.m. — Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Wed., July 28 — 7 p.m. — Faith Formation Committee

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

Thank you from Safe Harbour

Thank you to First Evangelical Lutheran Church for your generous donation of \$351 to Safe Harbour.

Safe Harbour appreciates the donation funding support from donors such as your organization. As you know, homelessness entails much more than the lack of housing and finances. Its causes are diverse, as are the full range of social and economic challenges confronting those in need. The donation funding received by Safe Harbour provides the support and guidance need to assist homeless individuals and families in improving the quality of their lives.

Safe Harbour is grateful for First Evangelical Lutheran Church's generosity. You are truly making a difference in the lives of homeless and nearly homeless children and adults.

Sincerely,
Scott K. Shewell, President and CEO

Dear Pastor Leber,

Thank you for recognizing the fortieth anniversary of my ordination at the worship services on June 6. Your words were a flashback to the past for me. The flowers I brought home are beautiful. The food prepared by Ann Roeder, Jessica King, Nancy Ingram, Robin Orner and Karen Hollen was delicious and most appreciated.

Many Thanks,
Pastor Lorenz





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

Dear First Lutheran Church,

One year ago we were in the midst of wondering whether we should stay in Tanzania or leave in very questionable times. When we think back to “what we knew” then, in the midst of pandemic uncertainty and closing borders, we were living on the edge. Though there are unknowns and risks, it seems our feet have landed on more certain ground. At the same time, we are aware of great losses for so many of our friends and supporters. Loss of loved ones is at the top of the list. For those of you who have lost close family members or friends, we hope you find comfort and peace....

In so many ways, hope has risen in our hearts even in the midst of that which remains unknown. As of yet, there is no Covid vaccine available in Tanzania. Covid statistics have not been released since May 2020, and the country still struggles to meet demands on its healthcare system. But there is relief over having survived the last year, and a sense of changes coming. It could also be that hope is rising with the arrival of the long rains as everything has burst out in color! Whatever the reason may be, we hold on to hope....

Dr. Evelyine Mushi is among the top 1% of all doctors I have ever worked with in Tanzania. All who know her admire and respect her work ethic, intelligence, dedication, humility, and compassionate care for mothers and their children....Against a backdrop of personal suffering, childhood loss of both parents and two siblings, she is a testament to resilience and grace....

We are always grateful for your interest and support....

With gratitude,
Jodi and Steve Swanson



Pictured above: a NICU patient

Right: Dr. Evelyine Mushi holding a NICU graduate



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

SAVE THE DATE! The Social Ministry and Global Outreach Committee will be hosting a Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 9, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The event will benefit Project SHARE and will provide an opportunity for some friendly competition! Chili cooks: please make yourself known to Janelle Hoch at ochohoch@gmail.com!



Class of 2021

Congratulations to

Carrie Ewing Fearer

Daughter of Steve and Jane Ewing and sister of Colton
received her master degree in environmental science from Ohio State University. Carrie is continuing her studies in order to earn her PhD.



Benjamin Galbraith

Son of Allan & Karen Galbraith and brother of Ian
graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Fla., with a bachelor's degree in marine geology. Ben will be working this summer as a Fishing Guide/Boat Captain for Eckerd College's Summer Camp and will continue to volunteer for the Search and Rescue Team.

EmmaRose Harty

Daughter of Stephanie Koplitz-Harty and sister of MaryGrace
graduated from Carlisle High School. In the fall, EmmaRose will be attending Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa., where she will begin her studies in neuro-science.



our graduates!



Sarah Raphael

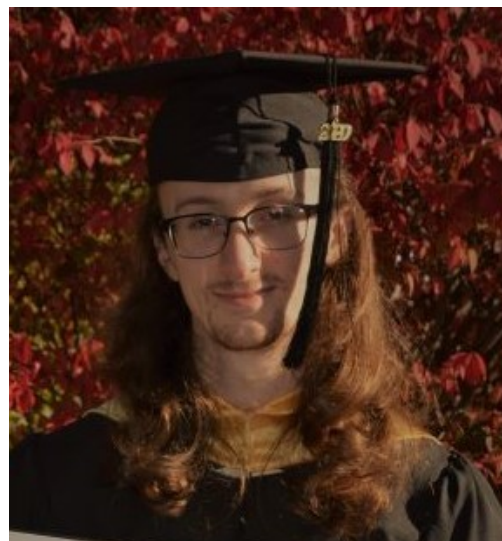
Daughter of David Raphael & Michele Thorp and sister of Michael graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Me., with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. After graduation Sarah will be working in an AmeriCorps position for College Possible, a Seattle non-profit, helping to support college access and retention for students of low-income backgrounds.

Class of 2020

James Fitzsimons

Son of David & Jeri Fitzsimons and brother of Colleen

graduated from Millersville University with the class of 2020 and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. (Since there was no in-person graduation ceremony in 2020, Millersville University recognized the class of 2020 at its 2021 graduation ceremony.)



Mariella Guadalupe

Daughter of Jamie and Patty Guadalupe

and sister of Jeremy Guadalupe and Alanna Appel

graduated from Susquenita High School with the class of 2020. Mariella is currently working as a maintenance manager at an apartment complex.



1-JunSeth Seely
 2-JunSophie Rugoletti
 4-JunKurt Brantner
 Ginny Brennan
 7-JunMatt Houtz
 8-JunElaine Hock
 9-JunMadison Martin
 10-JunConnie Alexander
 Susan Mentzer
 12-JunJoan Eshenour
 Jim Fargus
 13-JunOrr Brenneman
 14-JunJean Kuebler
 15-JunMary Kay Gentry-Bartko
 16-JunKaren Longenecker

17-Jun..... Debbie Reitzel
 19-Jun.....Jim Brantner
 20-Jun.....William Croft
 William Croft, Jr.
 Patsy Sharp
 20-Jun.....Mariella Guadalupe
 21-Jun.....Evan Brantner
 22-Jun.....Jodee Eshenour
 Evelyn Sheaffer
 23-Jun.....Sue Simmons
 24-Jun.....William Enck
 Sarah Niebler
 Darlene Ramond
 25-Jun.....Don Drasher
 Jill Shank
 26-Jun.....Gerald Gillingham
 27-Jun.....Mark Engle
 28-Jun.....Trena Martin



2-Jun Nancy Ingram
 3-Jun Phyllis Orenyo
 Jeff Stuby
 6-Jun Sean Christenson
 Jacqueline Cook
 Blanche Drumheiser
 7-Jun Kace Cozort
 12-Jun Dave Jones
 14-Jun Matt Drumheiser
 15-Jun Callie Culbertson
 Robin Orner
 16-Jun Adam Shaffer
 18-Jun Shelby Pearce
 Harrison Stuart
 21-Jun Ginny Rahal
 24-Jun Beverly Eshenour
 25-Jun Roxanna Houtz
 Jonathan Mentzer
 Julie Ward
 26-Jun Nicholas Shank
 28-Jun Colby Kreiser
 Kaylynn Kreiser
 Ryan Kreiser
 29-Jun John Kauffman
 Ruth Osborne
 30-Jun Gibson Koikoi



Gary & Patricia Shank (54 years)6/3
 Jered & Elaine Hock (51 years)6/20
 Robert & Kathleen Hall (56 years)6/26
 Ron & Lois Quigley (65 years)6/30
 Donald & Ann Roeder (59 years)6/30

Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you! Throughout my four years at Bates [College], you have supported me with care packages, newsletters, and kind words. I deeply appreciate the way you made me feel — part of the First Lutheran community. Thank you again for everything!

With love,
Sarah Raphael





1-Jul..... Jane Ewing
Susan Hunt

2-Jul..... Jan Bigelow
Lisa Newton
Lois Quigley
Virginia Shenk
Kyle Slusser

3-Jul..... Linda Fargus

5-Jul..... Luke Erickson
Tanner Eshenour

6-Jul..... John Kohler

7-Jul..... James Fitzsimons
Robert (Bob) E. Nickey

8-Jul..... Beth Shenk

10-Jul.... Michael Fisher

11-Jul.... Dana Culbertson

13-Jul.... William Gillingham
Mark McClelland

17-Jul.....Tali Martin

18-Jul.....Jered Hock

21-Jul.....Hope Miller

22-Jul.....Christian Cook
Don Fry
Robert C. Nickey

23-Jul.....Connie McDermond
Jon Shank
David Stum

25-Jul.....James Fulton
Frank Ramond
James Schade, Jr.

27-Jul.....Tom Bloser
Kaylee Cozort

28-Jul.....Colton Ewing
Monica Frederick

29-Jul.....Kathryn Manspeaker
Glenn Miller

29-Jul.....Luke Ranta

30-Jul.....Judith Brantner
Celia Christenson
Janelle Hoch



2-Jul..... Donna Chestnut
Benjamin Galbraith

3-Jul..... Stuart Christenson

7-Jul..... David Egolf

8-Jul..... Karen Galbraith

9-Jul..... Carrie Fearer

10-Jul.... Gerald Gillingham
Pria King

15-Jul.... Lisa Leber

16-Jul.... Christian Cook
Helen Scott

18-Jul.... Susan Mentzer

28-Jul.... Maximus Shank
Charlotte Ulrich

30-Jul.... William Chestnut
Joanne Croft

31-Jul.... Janelle Hoch



Ken & June Egolf (62 years)..... 7/19

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY—CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

During the month of July, our Christmas tree will be in the upper level of the atrium covered in ornaments. Listed on these ornaments will be items currently needed by Domestic Violence to aid in their mission of providing shelter to women and children in crisis.

Here's how it works...take an ornament, purchase the item or items listed and then place your donation in the designated container located in the hallway outside the church office by Sunday, August 8.



The Christmas spirit doesn't have to be limited to one season. Let's show our community that we celebrate the Good News of Christ's birth all year long! Thank you!

The Social Ministry and World Outreach Committee

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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/>