



FIRST EDITION - WINTER 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



Join us on Sunday, February 27, as we say "Thank You"!

A reception to pay tribute to our cantor, David Erickson, in recognition of his service to First Lutheran Church over the years will follow the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Transfiguration Sunday, February 27.

David has served as our interim music minister twice since 2013 and also as part-time cantor since July 2018 - a total of over 4½ years.

Leading us in song during worship and directing the Chancel and Bell choirs, as well as inviting guest instrumentalists and singers to participate in our services, David has truly enriched the musical experience of our church family. Although David has resigned from this position, he and his family will remain active in and supportive of the congregation and its worship and music program.

As usual, care will be taken to follow safe Covid-19 protocols at the reception. Plan to attend when we will celebrate the many gifts that David has shared with us!



Speaking of "Thank You"...

We are so grateful to the folks who helped us decorate inside and outside the church during Advent and/or prepare for Christmas Eve services and/or undecorate in January!



David Erickson
Leann Erickson
Luke Erickson
David Fitzsimons
Roger Giffin
Kathy Hall
Janelle Hoch
Karen Hollen
Ron Jumper

Jessica and Pria King
Lee Leidigh
Joan Lineweaver
Mike Luther
Hope Miller
Taylor Miller
Sarah Niebler
Sam Orner
Ann Roeder



Building to Serve All God's Children

Capital Campaign Update (as of December 31)



Total campaign commitments:	\$601,915
Total commitments paid to date:	\$643,647
Unpledged/"as able" gifts given to date:	\$164,358
<u>Total given to date:</u>	<u>\$808,005</u>

Thank you for your continuing generosity and support!

Committee Meetings & Events

February 2022

- Tues., Feb. 1 — 4 p.m. — Finance Committee
- Tues., Feb. 8 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
6:30 p.m. — Property Committee
- Sat., Feb. 12 — 11 a.m. — Orr Brenneman memorial service
- Tues., Feb. 15 — 6:30 p.m. — Congregation Council
- Wed., Feb. 16 — 6:30 p.m. — Worship & Music Committee
- Sat., Feb. 19 — 3 p.m. — Emily Orner Ordination Service
- Mon., Feb. 21 — Building & Office Closed — Presidents' Day
- Tues., Feb. 22 — 9:30-11 a.m. — LWR Quilting Group
6:30 p.m. — Evangelism Committee
- Wed., Feb. 23 — 4 p.m. — Fine Arts at First Committee

Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, February 21, for Presidents' Day.

Ordination of Emily Orner Saturday, February 19, 3 p.m.

Emily Orner will receive the Church's gift of Ordination to Word and Service Ministry on Saturday, February 19 at 3 p.m. at First Lutheran. Bishop William Gohl, of the Delaware-Maryland Synod (DE-MD), will preside.

Emily, who grew up at First Lutheran and is the daughter of Robin and Sam Orner, graduated in May from United Lutheran Seminary and has been called by the DE-MD Synod Council to serve Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area.

Your prayers and presence are invited!



CHANCEL FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Would you like to sponsor flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones or to mark a special occasion? Many Sundays in 2022 are available! Contact Robin in the office for dates and costs at 717-249-3310 or secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org. We will not have flowers when there is no sponsor.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED!

The Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade. The dangerously low blood supply levels have forced some hospitals to defer major surgery, including organ transplants.

Please consider giving blood soon, either at a drive in the area (see upcoming local drives and sign up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>) OR

during our next blood drive, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.: (pre-register at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=firstlutherancarlisle>)

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



American Red Cross



First Lutheran Church will be offering quarterly blood pressure screenings on the LAST SUNDAY in January, April, July and October. Screenings will take place in the Martin Luther Room following each service beginning **January 30, 2022**. Subsequent dates will be April 24, July 31 and October 30.

On Sunday, February 13 - Super Bowl Sunday - the Faith Formation Committee is again participating in the national hunger fighting campaign, "Souper Bowl of Caring". Tables will be set up in both the Atrium and High Street narthex before and after both worship services to collect canned goods and monetary donations to benefit Project SHARE. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to First Lutheran Church and indicate "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the memo line. We look forward to talking a little football and working together to help our neighbors in need!



INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements about the cancellation of meetings, rehearsals, concerts and/or worship services or the closure of the church office/building due to inclement weather will be posted on our website, www.firstlutherancarlisle.org, and recorded on our outgoing message at the main church number: (717) 249-3310. You can also text or call Pastor Leber for info at (717) 215-6055.

Social Ministry and Global Outreach News

Attention Thrivent Members! If you have Action Dollars available, please consider offering them to the Social Ministry & Global Outreach Committee to help fund its various outreach projects such as purchasing chicken for My Brother's Table. For more information, contact Robin Orner, committee chair, at 717-249-3310.

Thanks to all who participated in our Advent Fill-a-Box initiative!

As you can see in the picture to the right, we had a FANATASTIC response to our Advent drive for Community CARES and Operation Warm Hearts. We were able to deliver **40** boxes of much-needed items to Community CARES and **7** boxes stuffed full of socks to Operation Warm Hearts. Your generosity is amazing! Thank you for your continuing support and for sharing God's love to those in our community who are in need.



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

We delivered **102** (a record!) bags of cookies to the Truck Stop Ministry on December 21 for distribution to travelers who pass through our area during the holidays!

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

We served a meal on **Sunday, January 23, and will serve again on Sundays, April 24, July 24 and 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 the above items (except for the chicken) so watch your *First Editions* and bulletins!

We also welcome volunteers to help prepare/pack food (3:30 p.m. in the Festal Hall kitchen) and/or serve the meal (4:45 p.m. at the Salvation Army (20 E. Pomfret Street).

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



Congregation Council transition — 2022 Officers

Many thanks to Roger Giffin, Nancy Ingram, Lee Leidigh, John Shugars and Ashley Zink whose service as council members ended at the end of December. We are grateful for their leadership and commitment to the congregation!

During worship on Sunday, January 16, 2022, we installed the council members elected by the congregation at its annual meeting in November to serve three-year terms, Connie Alexander, Kathy Hall, Ron Jumper, Karen Longenecker and Les Reeder, as well as the officers elected by the council for 2022, Michelle Fisher, president, David Fitzsimons, vice president, Lisa Kratzer, treasurer, and Sam Orner, secretary.

Please take the opportunity to thank these faithful servants for their labors!

Homeless Remembrance Blanket Project

From the Lower Susquehanna Synod Homelessness and Affordable Housing Task Force to First Lutheran:

Thank you so much for your hospitality in hosting the blanket event on December 21. The event was a huge success because of your willingness to host. We are so grateful for your faithfulness.



The “blanket of blankets” displayed on our High Street Plaza. The blankets (all hand-made by community volunteers) were blessed during the event and distributed to those in need.

UPDATE ABOUT OUR CANTOR SEARCH

Unfortunately, we have not had any applicants for our part-time cantor position. There are fewer and fewer people choosing a career in church music these days, and a number of full- and part-time organist/minister of music positions are open in congregations in Central PA at this time, so, while this is disappointing, it is not entirely unexpected.

We are extremely blessed to have contracted with a substitute organist, David Binkley, for Lent, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. David served as Organist/Choirmaster at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church for 42 years from May of 1973 until his retirement in December of 2015. He is an honor graduate of Lebanon Valley College and received the Master of Sacred Music degree from New York City’s Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music.

An active member of the American Guild of Organists and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, David has played organ recitals and presented church music workshops throughout the Central PA area.

As our substitute organist, David will not be responsible for our choir program. At this time, the Bell Choir is on hiatus. We hope to provide opportunities for singers from the Chancel Choir to sing in a “pick up choir” at least a few times a month.

David is open to extending his contract into the season of Easter if our cantor position continues to remain open.

WELCOME OUR



Al and Iris Alinio



Kirby Gutshall



Janet Hetrick

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

NEW MEMBERS!



Paul Kraus



Linda Martin



Debra Reeder



Susan Wagner



Jarred Tritt



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

Winter/Early Spring Events

- ✚ February 20, 1-6 p.m. — Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald
- ✚ March 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — A Lenten Day Apart at The Wittel Farm,
registration deadline: March 4
- ✚ March 18-20 — Spring Quilting Retreat at Kirchenwald, registration deadline: March 11
- ✚ March 20 & April 10 — Summer Camp Open House at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa

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.

2021 STATEMENTS

Statements of Financial Contribution for 2021 were mailed the week of January 24. Please review promptly and inform Robin Orner, office manager, if there are any discrepancies between First Lutheran's records and yours!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving!



**Bible Camp
is Coming!**

**SAVE THE
DATES!**

Our 2022 Bible Camp will be held Monday-Wednesday, June 27-29, from 6-7:30 p.m. We are still working on a theme, but it is sure to be a fun time! Mark your calendars!

Dear friends,



Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your prayers and loving support throughout my husband Charles' illness. I rejoice that he is in heaven, free of pain and suffering. Even though I miss him, I know I will see him again.

You were truly "little Christs" ministering to both of us with your compassion, caring, your cards and most of all, your prayer support.

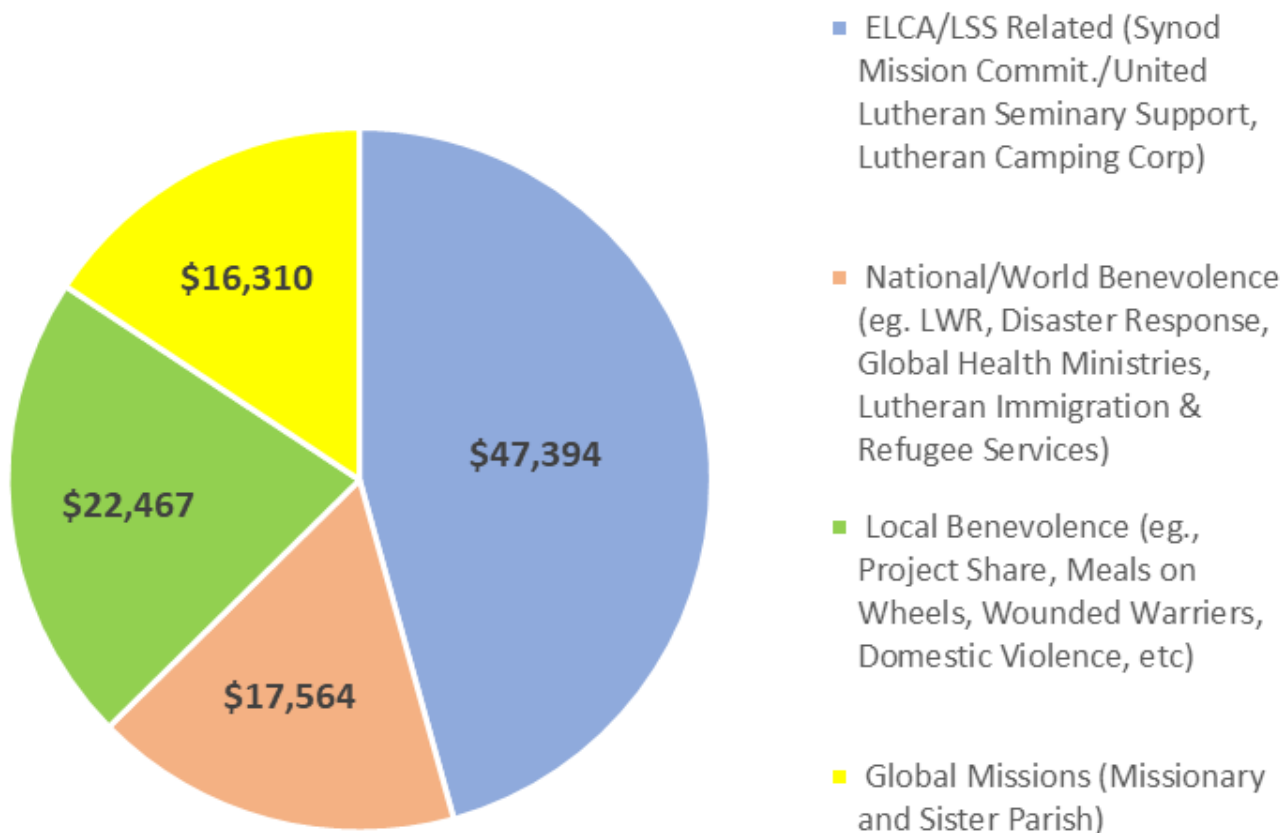
We were so appreciative of Pastor Leber's visits and calls and the flowers were a bright spot during a somber time. I am incredibly grateful for my "family" at First Lutheran.

Joan Inners

END OF YEAR FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee wishes to thank the congregation for another tremendous year of financial support in 2021. In addition to the generous commitments you have made to our capital campaign, your regular offerings to our operating needs, benevolence and capital projects not only helped to support our ministries and keep our building operating, but provided an additional \$15,101 in benevolence support, locally and across the globe (detailed in the pie chart below). This is on top of the \$88,634 that went out from our budget for a total of \$103,735! That is fantastic!

2021 Benevolence Support Total \$103,735



Thank you for all the birthday greetings and cards for my 80th birthday. They were very much appreciated. A blessed 2022 to all.

Joan Gitt





1-JanJohn Kreiser
 2-JanSusanne Burke
 3-JanJoan Gitt
 Susan Kline
 Ella Stone
 4-JanIan Stum
 5-JanDoug Champlin
 Ann Shearer
 Michele Thorp
 6-JanCarol Green
 Larry Shenk
 7-JanCynthia Christenson
 8-JanNorah Brantner
 John Mancke
 9-JanCheryl Henderson
 10-JanChuck Martin
 Lisa Milos
 Cassie Mulholland
 Clare Ferrari
 11-JanBetty Baker

11-Jan.... Steve King
 12-Jan.... Ken Egolf
 Mary Ann Van Orden
 13-Jan.... Alecia Staley
 15-Jan.... Marge Shenk
 18-Jan.... Gary Newton
 20-Jan.... Bill Boehm
 Bill Jacobs
 23-Jan.... Dale Stitzel
 24-Jan.... Dave Haag
 25-Jan.... Lee Leidigh
 26-Jan.... Kevin Brenneman
 Dean Van Orden
 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 Shenk
 9-Jan..... Carol Green
 10-Jan.... Lucas Fickel
 Ken Massa
 Benjamin Slusser
 11-Jan.... Michael Fisher
 Taylor Shenk
 Frankie Yocum
 13-Jan.... Oliver Napoli
 20-Jan.... James Baish
 25-Jan.... Connie McDermond
 27-Jan.... Brenda Helwig
 31-Jan.... Charley Gitt
 Robert Jumper

**UPDATED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
 DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE!**

Updated issues of **First Lutheran’s Church Membership Directory** are available on the kiosk in the Atrium (upper level), the High Street narthex and in the church office.

To request a mailed copy, contact Robin in the church office at 717-249-3310 or at secretary@firstlutherancarlisle.org.



Harry & Susan Kline (54 years) 1/6
 Tom & Carol Green (58 years) 1/9
 Dennis & Sue Shank (56 years) 1/15
 Joe & Connie McDermond (54 years) 1/27



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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1-Feb..... Taylor Shenk | 16-Feb.... Benjamin Slusser | 2-Feb Carolyn Schade |
| 2-Feb..... Phil Drumheiser | 17-Feb.... Megan Slusser | 3-Feb Philip Van Orden |
| 4-Feb..... Megan White | 18-Feb.... Bob Baker | 16-Feb ... Kimberly Brenneman |
| 5-Feb..... Jane Burke | Kurt Deery | Jill Shank |
| 6-Feb..... Frankie Yocum | 20-Feb.... Benjamin Jumper | 18-Feb ... John Shugars |
| 7-Feb..... Amy Baish | 23-Feb.... Chuck Seibert | 19-Feb ... Merritt Reitzel |
| 10-Feb.... Joe Shughart | 24-Feb.... Blanche Drumheiser | |
| 11-Feb.... Nancy Baish | Roxanna Houtz | |
| Donna Chestnut | Nancy Ingram | |
| 12-Feb.... Aaron Weaver | Lisa Leber | |
| Rich Wood | Rich Lorenz | |
| 13-Feb.... Marge Knox | 26-Feb.... Lisa Kratzer | |
| 14-Feb.... John Steffee | Cristal Over | |
| 15-Feb.... Sophia Over | | |



John & Ruth Oakes (53 years)..... 2/15

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

December 12, 2021

BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Paul Kraus

Jarred Tritt

BY TRANSFER

Lauren (Al) & Iris Alinio

Kirby Gutshall

Janet Hetrick

Linda Martin

Debra Reeder

Susan Wagner

BAPTISM

Hugo Snyder Stuby

December 12, 2021

DEATHS

Charles R. Inners

birth — March 15, 1949

death — December 15, 2021

Orr N. Brenneman

birth — June 13, 1934

death — January 23, 2022

Louise A. Baker

birth — October 31, 1935

death — January 27, 2022

PHONE DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Betty Baker — 717-462-4910

Janet Hetrick — 717-258-6094

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

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Church Office Hours:

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

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

Sunday Worship:

8 & 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.



Pastor Leber's sermons are posted on our website — so if you miss a Sunday 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.