

# *THE ST. LUKE LETTER*

*March 2021*



Dear Siblings in Christ,

We are fully encased in Lent and I pray that you have found time to carve out moments of devotional time for yourselves to be present with God. Perhaps you have found time for prayer during the day or a time of meditation or a time to sit and read the Bible. In whatever way you are able to spend time with God, I pray that it helps you to be renewed and refreshed as we journey through Lent toward the joy of the resurrection promise of which we have been blessed – the love, salvation and grace given through Christ our Lord.

I wonder if this month you might find time to ponder a way to use one of your joys for the good of the ministry of God at St. Luke? What are you good at or what do you enjoy? Is there a way that you could share that gift or talent with others at church? Could it be shared in person or over Zoom? Is it something that could help improve mental or physical or spiritual health? Could you teach a mini 'how-to' session? Or lead a discussion group on a topic of interest? What ways can we grow our relationships at St. Luke and the ministry that we are all a part of? If you have ideas, call, text or email a member of council or me and let us know your thoughts!

Yours In Christ,  
Pr. Becky Horn

Are you or a loved one desiring a visit from the pastor? Please contact Pastor Becky if you would like her to call or visit you at home, in the hospital, or another location. (office: 364-9154, cell: 215-208-5535, email: [stluke364pastor@verizon.net](mailto:stluke364pastor@verizon.net)) \*If you desire Communion at home, please contact Pr. Becky so that arrangements can be made.



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## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

### **Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**

We are a church that does God's work in the world and in local communities pursuing justice, peace and human dignity for and with all people.

In partnership with Lutheran congregations and Lutheran social ministry organizations, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has welcomed more than 379,000 refugees to the United States since 1939. This ongoing partnership and work is driven by God's love for all people and a vision for congregations to be welcoming and generous centers for mission and ministry.

The work of the ELCA through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service includes responding to people caught in conflict and facing persecution, advocating for their needs and interests, helping people access resources for basic human needs, working with foster care programs for minors, legal assistance, developing new and innovative service programs and partnerships, and much more.

Join us in this courageous work of serving and loving our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more about Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service today.

For more information go to: <https://www.lirs.org/>

### **Plan For In Person Worship at St. Luke:**

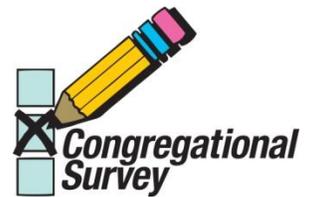
Worship in person is suspended through March 7<sup>th</sup>. We hope to resume in person worship in March, but the schedule is yet to be determined as St. Luke's Council continues to monitor the spread of Covid-19, the hospital dashboard and the rollout of vaccinations in our communities. Pr. Becky is in communication with the Synod Office and other Lutheran Churches of the Nittany Conference regarding in person worship and mitigation efforts. The next St. Luke Council meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> and at that time we will discuss and make a plan for in-person worship. Thank you for your continued understanding and patience as we navigate the changing climate and seek to gather together physically in the same space again, but always trusting that God unites us through the Holy Spirit whenever we are apart. Blessings to you and yours and please stay safe and healthy.

**Worship At Home**—The Worship At Home service continues to be posted on the St. Luke Centre Hall YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCndvYdWpi7qSKld6Y8cnHMg> for the foreseeable future. If you desire Communion at home, please contact Pr. Becky so that arrangements can be made.

**IMPORTANT - Please Note**—If you do not have email or online access and would like to receive the printed Worship At Home Mailing, please speak with Pastor Becky or Patty or leave a message at the Church Office at 814-364-9154.

**Groups in St. Luke** - The St. Luke Council voted to allow groups to use the building for activities and events. Groups that wish to resume using the building must schedule through the Church office and follow the protocols established for worship including wearing masks, remaining physically distant, answering health questions, and taking attendance for contact tracing. Groups must also designate a person to be the 'Cleaning Person.' Prior to the group's use of the building, the Cleaning Person must contact Pastor Becky, Derek Shaffer or Larry Frazier to set up a time to meet and discuss where the cleaning supplies are and learn the cleaning protocols. Once this meeting has occurred, the group may proceed with in person meetings that abide by current St. Luke policy. Currently the limit is up to 10% capacity for indoor events and gatherings. \*Please be sure to see all policies and procedures for groups and in person worship that is posted in the narthex of St. Luke.

**In Person Worship Survey** - The St. Luke Council asks that you take this quick survey on how you feel about coming back to in-person worship. Thank you for your time. The survey should take 3-5 minutes. Thank you.  
<https://forms.gle/drTs2NgyzYqEzmp9>



**Lent Amid Covid-19** – The Spiritual Relations Committee and Pr. Becky have been brainstorming ideas throughout the past ten months to bring the church to you in your homes while we continue to be distant for health and safety reasons. While we continue to listen to the recommendation of scientists to determine best practices for when we do gather together, we know that not everyone will be comfortable until a vaccine will be available for everyone.

**Lenten Kits are still available each week**

Whether we are able to be in-person, or need to continue to suspend in-person worship, the Spiritual Relations Committee has put together Lenten Kits that are available to be picked up in the St. Luke narthex. Each kit has a daily devotional written by Pr. Becky that is similar to the one she wrote for Advent, and a bulletin for the Wednesday Evening Worship Services to be used with your household. Bags with home communion containing a pre-consecrated wafer and grape juice can also be picked up to be used during the Lenten Wednesday Worship Service. We are asking you to come and pick up your Lenten Kit for your household in the narthex. There is a paper for you to sign that you have picked up a kit, please mark all households you have picked kits up for. Notes: 1 Kit per household. **\*If you need a kit delivered, please contact the church office and leave a message for Pr. Becky or call Pr. Becky's cell phone at 215-208-5535, she will be happy to deliver kits as needed.**

**Lenten Wednesday Worship via Zoom** - Join us on Zoom weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm through March 24<sup>th</sup> as we embark on a journey to gather Live for Virtual Worship – a time of prayer, scripture, a homily based on the book: *Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross* by Susan Robb and share in pre-consecrated Holy Communion. Following live worship, we will have a chance to chat over Zoom. Come each week to follow along with each chapter of the book in hopes to grow in our faith and understanding of God's love for us through Jesus and the words Jesus spoke on the cross at his death.

**February 24<sup>th</sup>: Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>: *My God, My God*

March 10<sup>th</sup>: *Woman, Here Is Your Son*

March 17<sup>th</sup>: *I Am Thirsty*

March 24<sup>th</sup>: *Into Your Hands*

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83511221292?pwd=c08rZzR3RGtvRmtabm1IZk14RDl0dz09>

Meeting ID: 835 1122 1292 Passcode: 821357



**Holy Week and Easter are being planned** – We are waiting to announce plans for Holy Week and Easter until we are closer to Holy Week and can see if we will be able to have In-person worship. We will have at home offerings either way including virtual worship and emailing and mailing of bulletins for those who request us to do so. Please contact the office at 814-364-9154 or [StLuke364@verizon.net](mailto:StLuke364@verizon.net) if you would like to be added to the email or USPS mailing list.



Sunday School Classes continue to be suspended at this time.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**Centre Hall/Potter Township Food Pantry** - Food Pantry Distribution will be held on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021** from **1:30-4pm (please note updated start time)** at Grace United Methodist Church. If you, or someone you know, has lost their job due to COVID-19, you are welcome to attend the Food Pantry Distribution. If you have any questions, you may call the **Food Pantry at 814-883-3589**.

**Donations of Toilet Paper and Paper Towels are currently needed.** You may place donations in the bin in the narthex by **Sunday, March 14**.

COVID-19 has required changes to the way the Food Pantry has traditionally worked. The orders will be prepared by a limited number of individuals to fulfill the social distancing requirement. This will remain in effect for future months until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. We look forward to the day when we can gather as a family of community volunteers to serve those in need. God bless and stay healthy. - Erskine Cash



**Committee Help Needed**

We are still actively doing ministry at St. Luke and we need your help! The past year created many challenges for us and we are looking to 2021 to dive into our ministry opportunities renewed with God's love, hope and joy for the opportunity of a new year and many blessings. We are looking for representatives to serve on Council of Churches (2 people), Interfaith Human Services (1 person), and our in house committees: Congregational Relations, Community Relations, Spiritual Relations and our Sewing group. If you are interested, contact Pr. Becky or Patty

and we will get you in touch with people from each group. Thank you for sharing your gifts, talents and faith.



If anyone would like to join the Sewing Group, please call Bonnie Brown at 814-883-3589, Marjorie Korman at 814-364-9189 or Connie Zellers at 814-364-1330. There are several ways to be a part of this Ministry:

- Donate cotton fabric, new and used sheets, and crochet thread.
- Sew quilt tops at home. (Fabric is provided)
- Cut fabric into squares.
- Layer quilts and pin borders. (Done at our monthly meetings)
- Sew borders.
- Knot finished quilts. (Done both at our monthly meetings as well as individually at home)

Join us! We'd be happy to have you. We usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, except during summer months. During the pandemic a few people are meeting remotely; while others are working from home. Give us a call and find out how you can help.



**Thank You** - Thank you for your continued contributions to our ministry at St. Luke. Pr. Becky continues to try to find different ways to serve the ministry needs. Council continues to find ways to meet the needs of the people in our congregation and our communities. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry together. You may continue to mail in your contributions to **St. Luke (PO Box 331, Centre Hall, PA**

**16828)** or use the Vanco website by clicking the donate button on our St. Luke website (stlukecentrehall.org). If you prefer to donate using your cell phone, see <https://www.vancopayments.com/egiving/church-app> to download the mobile app. Thank you so much for your support and sharing of your gifts. **\*If mailing, it is very important to use our PO Box 331 and NOT the street address. Thank you!**

## Prayer Concerns

*Pray for the recovery and the Lord's healing and peace on our brothers and sisters.*

Dawn Holsopple...upcoming surgery  
Dean Crater...hospitalized  
Ron George...health concerns  
Family and Friends of Brenda Gusciora  
Mike Bittinger...stage 4 cancer  
Jeff...cancer & surgery complications  
Darlene Wheeler...strength & support  
Shawn Homan...mass in brain  
Linda Murphy...recovery from surgery  
Melody Green...multiple health concerns

Robert Wendt...pneumonia/declining health  
Cameron...Ependymoma cancer stage III  
Darlene Proctor...upcoming surgery  
Joyce Banker...covid recovery  
Bill Wheeler...cancer & eye surgery  
Linda Dutrow...health concerns  
Eric Young...Covid-19 and Lymes Disease  
Dan Schluter...non hodgkin's lymphoma  
Silas Green...multiple health issues

### **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Paul Dietrich...cancer  
Jen Parsons...recov. from brain tumor  
Bryn Cashell...leukemia  
Greg Bohn...kidney issues  
Charlotte Miller...cancer  
Ginger...stager 4 colon cancer  
Don Brown...health concerns  
Vicki Garvin...kidney disease  
Jim Evans...health concerns  
Pat Krisch...cancer  
Ronnie Ticknor...leukemia  
Mike Moyer...bladder cancer  
Susan Hale...recov. hip replacement  
Brenda Stover...cancer/stroke  
All affected by Covid-19  
Heather Korman...recov. brain surgery  
Staff & Residents of Care Facilities  
Tom Dutrow...recov. brain surgery  
Dorothy Chambers...brain tumor  
Lee Kolos...multiple health concerns  
Belize Children...Susie Westby, Myrtle Tracy, Ashanti Obrien, Orlando Jackson, Stephanie Logan

Marvin Lehman, Jr....MS & kidney disease  
Robert Sauerwein...heart and health concerns  
Audrey Oakes...cancer  
Gordon Yearich...cancer  
Rycen Musser...leukemia  
Beverly Haines...recov. surgery  
Tanya Evens...health concerns  
TJ Coursen...cancer  
Mae Judy...health concerns  
Will Wise...cancer  
Susie Wicker...breast cancer

Patti Bramson...health concerns  
Linda Beiler...stage 4 colon cancer  
Michele Peese...melanoma  
Eddie...homelessness  
Bob Ishler...cancer  
Melvin and Jeanne Dutrow...strength and hope  
Rosemary Wherry...bladder cancer  
Dr. Post...diabetes issues

### **Please Pray for the health of our Homebound:**

Dorothy Chambers (Foxdale Village, 500 E. Marylyn Ave. State College, PA 16801—Rm 317 (814)954-8317  
Donna Fetterolf (Wynwood House, Room 19, 122 Wynwood Dr, Centre Hall, PA 16828)  
Phyllis Kerlin (The Inn at Juniper Village, 1930 Cliffside Dr., Room 136, State College, PA 16801)  
Fred Lohr, Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, PA 16828 (814)364-9368)

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD OR REMOVE A PRAYER CONCERN:** You may notify the church office of your prayer concerns by calling 364-9154 or emailing the church office at [StLuke364@verizon.net](mailto:StLuke364@verizon.net) . Please remember that a prayer request will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise noted as an ongoing concern. Ongoing prayer concerns will remain on the prayer list for three months. You may renew a prayer request as often as you wish. We also ask that you notify the church office when someone is able to be removed from the prayer list. **Updated 2/23/2021**



# MARCH



## ANNIVERSARIES

- Mar. 1 Melvin and Jeanne Dutrow  
3 Donald and Margaret Fetterolf  
4 David and Lois Corl  
21 Jerry and Judy Homan  
21 Russ and Barb Judy  
25 Greg and Christine Sharer  
29 Marty and Gerry Ilgen

## March Birthdays Continued...

- 18 Michele Brown  
Ryan Long  
19 Jeremiah McClenahan  
20 Heather Lohr  
Steven Zellers  
22 Jean Lohr  
Sharon Luse  
23 Bryan Homan  
24 Kelly Strouse  
25 Jamie Seiler  
26 Mason Lieb  
27 Grace Wolfe  
Reagan Grandy  
28 Samantha Luse  
Tracy Noll  
30 Matt Harter  
31 Shelley Carper  
Rev. Russell Sauerwein  
Naomi Knaub

# MARCH



## BIRTHDAYS

- Mar. 1 Diane O'Hara  
Jennifer Groff  
2 David Leedy  
4 Vicki Homan  
6 J.D. Kubalak  
7 Joe Schluter  
8 Abby Holsinger  
Annette Fetterolf  
Peter Horn  
11 Cindy Kessinger  
12 Martha Grove  
Leah Johnson  
Jennifer Eddinger  
13 Beth McAllister  
Holli Kubalak  
14 Nicki Shunk  
Daniel Schluter  
Justin Witherite  
15 James Kerlin  
Joshua Lieb  
George Brown  
16 Jon Ayers  
Melanie Phillips  
17 Gene Bair



## IHS Donations

Reminder... Interfaith Human Services is a good place to call if you have gently used furniture or large electric appliances to donate. Items especially in need right now include beds, dressers, and sofas. Large electric appliances are always needed, including washers, dryers, and refrigerators. Items that we DO NOT accept include: pianos or organs, baby cribs, large desks, large entertainment centers, or large file cabinets. Anyone wishing to donate furniture may call the IHS office at: 814-234-7731. Harry, Furniture Coordinator, will follow up with the caller to arrange a pick up time.



**Our next Council Meeting is Monday, March 8, 2021 at 7:00pm**

- The regular meets are held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, Zoom is available for those who are unable to attend in person. Council Executive Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm over Zoom. If you are interested in attending, please email Pr. Becky, Pres. Susan Stover or V.P. Shari Welch for the login information.

**Council Officers and Council Members for 2021:** Susan Stover (21), President; Shari Welch (21), Vice-President, Jazmyne Shaffer (22), Secretary; Jack Sharer, Treasurer, Don Anderson (21), Larry Frazier (21), Carla Cipro (22), Krystal Josephson (22), Pat Strouse (22), Alice Cromwell (23), and Dawn Holsopple (23).

**Cemetery Association Board Representatives:** Bob Long (21), Joe Hammaker (22) and Michele Brown (23)

\*The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.



**Looking ahead...** Please note that if you have news or articles for the **April 2021** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office no later than **Thursday, March 23, 2021.**

**Offering Counters** - If anyone is interested in helping with counting and preparing the offering deposit after the 10:30am worship service each week, please contact Norma Crater (814-360-4111). Since in person worship has been cancelled through March 7th, training will need to be rescheduled when in-person worship resumes.

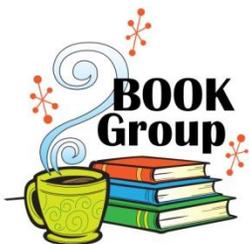


St. Luke's Annual Congregational Meeting will be rescheduled when we are able to resume in person worship. In the meantime, copies of the Annual Congregational Report are available to be picked up in the narthex or you may request a copy be mailed to you by contacting the church office at 814-364-9154.

**Prayer Group** – We are gathering in person in the social hall and on Zoom on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am. We are Always on Zoom. In person depends on the weather and the Governor's current order. Please wear a mask and bring a Bible for in person so we can read through the upcoming lectionary texts before praying for those on our prayer list. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/142841832?pwd=WTdNS1RqY0hqNmpyRnRaMmFuZW1odz09>

Meeting ID: 142 841 832 Passcode: 017725



The next book we will read is *The Authenticity Project: A Novel* by Clare Pooley. We will gather to discuss this book on Wednesday, March 17th at 8:30am in the Social Hall. Zoom will also be available at the same link as Prayer Group listed above.



## Synod Assembly Nominations

Where is the Holy Spirit calling you?

Prayerfully consider how you can serve your Synod

### Synod Council

2 year Terms: 1 Lay Female, 1 Lay Male,  
1 Clergy, 1 Youth (under 30)

3 Year Terms: 1 Synod Vice President, 1 Synod  
Secretary, 2 Lay Female, 1 Lay Male, 3 Clergy

### Consultation Committee

4 Year Term: 1 Lay Female

5 Year Terms: 1 Lay Female, 1 Lay Male,  
1 Clergy Female

6 Year Term: 1 Clergy Male

Delegates for the 2022 ELCA General Assembly (August 8-13, 2022 in Columbus, OH)

1 Lay Female, 1 Lay Male, 1 Person of Color/ESL

1 Youth (under 30), 1 Female Clergy, 1 Male Clergy

### Discipline Committee

4 Year Term: 1 Lay Female

5 Year Terms: 1 Lay Male, 2 Clergy Male

6 Year Term: 1 Clergy Male

### Mission Endowment Committee

3 Yr. Term: 2 Clergy/Lay, Male or Female

2 Yr. Term: 2 Clergy/Lay, Male or Female

1 Yr. Term: 2 Clergy/Lay, Male or Female

For further questions or information about the various positions,  
please contact Pastor Drew McCaffery ([blcpastor@atlanticcbbn.net](mailto:blcpastor@atlanticcbbn.net))

## FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



### What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

### What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.

## Bible Quiz

We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?

- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas



Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)

# March 2021

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
|   | <b>1</b><br> | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>Prayer Group & Lectionary Study Meeting 10am in the Social Hall.<br><br>Lenten Worship Service Live on Zoom 7pm<br><br>Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting 6-7:30pm  | <b>4</b><br><br><br>Zoom Council Executive Committee Meeting 6:30pm                 | <b>5</b> World Day of Prayer<br> | <b>6</b><br><br><br>AA Meeting 7pm in Social Hall  |
| <b>7</b><br>No In Person Worship or Sunday School Classes   | <b>8</b><br><br>Council Meeting 7:00pm Social Hall  | <b>9</b><br>Sewing Group   | <b>10</b><br>Prayer Group & Lectionary Study Meeting 10am in the Social Hall.<br><br>Lenten Worship Service Live on Zoom 7pm  | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br><br>Cub Scout Tiger & Wolf Den Meetings 6-7:30pm   | <b>13</b><br><br><br>AA Meeting 7pm in Social Hall   |
| <b>14</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins - Turn clocks ahead 1 hour.<br> | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>Food Pantry Distribution 1:30-4pm at Grace UMC (please note updated start time)     | <b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day<br><br><br>Book Group 8:30am in the Social Hall.<br><br>Prayer Group & Lectionary Study Meeting 10am in the Social Hall.<br><br>Lenten Worship Service Live on Zoom 7pm<br><br>Cub Scout Bear Den Meeting 6-7:30pm | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b> First Day of Spring<br><br><br><br>AA Meeting 7pm in Social Hall |
| <b>21</b><br><br>Pack 20 Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm Social Hall   | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b><br> | <b>24</b><br>Prayer Group & Lectionary Study Meeting 10am in the Social Hall.<br><br>Lenten Worship Service Live on Zoom 7pm  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b><br><br>Cub Scout Tiger & Wolf Den Meetings 6-7:30pm   | <b>27</b><br><br><br>AA Meeting 7pm in Social Hall   |
| <b>28</b><br>  | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>   | <b>Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28th. Easter Sunday is April 4th.</b> |   |  |

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Return Service Requested

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Mission Statement: Inviting all into relationship with Christ, Church and Community

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