

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

May 2022



Dear Siblings in Christ,

As I write this letter I am at Bishop's Convocation – the first time the synod ministerium has attempted to get together in person since March 2020. I must admit it is wonderful to be together with colleagues in person – to be able to have a conversation without a screen between us as we experienced for the past two years on Zoom. It is not only good to be together, but we have had the opportunity to talk about various issues, events, stressors, losses, and a few celebrations from over the years – even beyond pandemic time. You might even say it in some ways has been like a reunion even though some who are present have never been to a Bishop's Convocation. It makes me wonder – what might we experience if more people came back, or new people showed up?

We have a gift – it is a gift of God's love that is given to all, that unites us as one. As pastors and deacons catch up we see that we have some similar struggles, we see that we don't agree on all things, we see the different perspectives we hold and are willing to share in the same space, and we celebrate that God brings such loving diversity together. I know we will not all agree, but I trust God to unite us through love and grace to hold brave space together. What conversations is God calling you to have? What questions is God nudging you to ask? In what ways do we all need to seek God's guidance to grow in God's way of love?

The presenter mentioned that empathy isn't always a good thing. Sometimes trying to understand where someone else is coming from isn't helpful for seeking ways to change the problem or issue. The example she used was that we don't have try to understand racism (she was talking to a room of all white people) to know that it is wrong and that we need to effect change that brings about the end of the anxiety that causes racism. One of her points was that we can't possibly understand what racism feels like, but that we don't need to understand what it feels like to know it needs to change. Knowing something needs to change doesn't have to do with emotions – it could, but it doesn't have to.

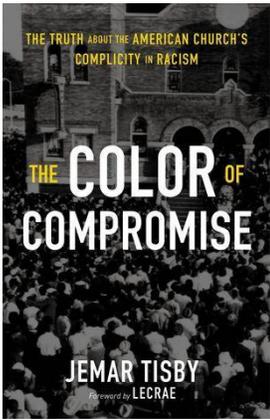
I bring these ideas up to help us to think, to contemplate. We have all experienced losses, stresses, challenges, major events, and even celebrations over the past two years and beyond. All of these are contributing factors into how we interact. Are there things that God is calling us to talk about, pray about, or consider growing towards a new perspective or perspectives? Who is God calling us to reach out to and invite to church or Bible study or even just out for a coffee? May we gather, in many and various ways, as God calls us to love and serve this month and always.

Yours In Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn



Are you or a loved one desiring a visit from the pastor? Do you have questions on faith, your spiritual life, or wish for a time of prayer? 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@gmail.com)

Pastor's Book Recommendation:



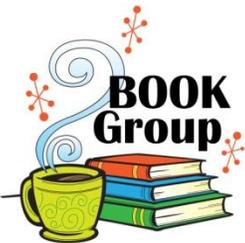
The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby offers a short, but deep perspective into a historical perspective of how racism was allowed to persist in America in part to the American Church's complicity and where the Church had opportunities to have spoken up, but chose silence. This book is not intended to make one feel guilty, but rather to demonstrate that the Church has a part in the systemic racism that continues to be present today and that should the Church remain silent, it will again be complicit in allowing racism to persist.

YOU ARE INVITED!!

St. Luke will hold our annual Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic on Sunday, July 10th, at the Centre Hall Lion's Club Pavilion. More information will be coming in June newsletter. Save the date!



This group is gathering in person in the social hall on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am to pray for those on our prayer list and others. We will also study the lectionary readings for the week. We hope you will join us.



St. Luke's next book choice is *The Getaway Girls* by Dee MacDonald. We will meet to discuss on Wednesday, May 25th at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We you will read the book and join in the discussion.



Pre-K to 6th Grade Class - Teacher, Pastor Becky
-The Pre-K to 6th grade class will hold **our final class for this school year on Sunday, May 1st, from 9:15-10am.**

Adult Class - Teacher, Shawn Lehman
-The Adult Sunday School Class will next meet on Sunday, **May 1st, and we will have our final class for this school year on May 15.** This class will meet in the Social Hall from **9:15am-10am.**



Spring Cleaning Date Set! - Saturday, May 14th starting at 8:00 am everyone is invited to spruce up and clean up the church. There will be tasks for all levels of ability. We hope to fully clean from top to bottom inside and perhaps even tackle tasks outside (weather and volunteers permitting). You may sign up in the narthex, or just show up on the day of. If you sign up, it will help us to determine lunch options ahead of time. Thank you for your help in this long overdue task! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Pr. Becky, or a member of council or the property committee.

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. St. Luke also has a QR code that will quickly take people to our website for ease if they are interested in electronic donations. 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!**



The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, May 17**, at Grace United Methodist Church. Volunteers are packing boxes from **8:00am-10:00 am** and Food Distribution will be from **1:30-3:00 pm**. ***Please note the time change for distribution.**

Paper products (paper towels and toilet paper) as well as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and cake mixes are always needed and cannot be purchased with State or Federal funds. The Food Pantry is also currently in need of donations of Kleenex, Dish Detergent, Canned Milk and Canned Soup.

If you would like to make a donation, please place non-perishable items in the designated Food Pantry Box at St. Luke Lutheran Church on or before **Sunday, May 15**. The donation box is located in the Narthex. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may speak with Bonnie Brown at 364-1541.

Volunteers are always needed...to pack boxes at 8am on distribution days or to sign up to unload food when it arrives at Grace Church. If you can help unload food, you will be called the day before the truck arrives. Please call the **Food Pantry at 814-883-3589** or speak with Bonnie Brown if you can help or if you have any questions.

Prayer Concerns

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

Melody Green...health concerns
Pr. Dave Downer...heart issues
John Wells. cancer
Family & Friends of Vicki Garvin
Lt. James Murphy...deployed to Europe
1st Lt. Gino Nicosia...deployed to Europe
Linzy Fetterolf...recov. ankle surgery
Tom Stoner...health concerns
Mike Moyer...bladder cancer, health concerns
Barbara Meloy...dementia
Nancy Boyle...health and other concerns
Sandy Larson...health concerns
Dave Corl...health issues
Patricia Etters...lung cancer
Fred Hawn...recov. from surgery
Eva Gill...kidney failure from Covid-19
Jeff...cancer & surgery complications
Eric Young...Covid-19 and Lymes Disease

Jessica...infections
Family & Friends of Jonathan Beiler
Dave Kern...Parkinson's complications
Ron Horner...health concerns
Ukrainian People & the Ukrainian Conflict
Sheila Neideigh...cancer
All Military Personnel serving Ukranian Conflict
Tim Leitch...cancer
Kern Sauerwein...healing
Mark...health concerns
Paul Larson...health concerns
Dixie McClenahan...hospice
Becky Brown...health concerns
Deb Moyer...COPD

Hallie Celebuski Hamilton...cancer
Cameron...Ependymoma cancer
Lois Corl...health concerns



Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Paul Dietrich...cancer
Audrey Oakes...cancer
Bryn Cashell...leukemia
Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Charlotte Miller...cancer
Ginger...stage 4 colon cancer
Shawn Homan...recovery from stroke
Mae Judy...health concerns
Jim Evans...health concerns
Ronnie Ticknor...leukemia
Patti Bramson...health concerns
Heather Korman...recov. brain surgery
Nicholas Bair...Air Force basic training
Gary Zellers...health concerns
Nicole, Sylus, Althea...family concerns
Marilyn Wendt...health concerns
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Sylus William Smith...the Lord's guidance in tough times
Miss Nicole Kathryn...the Lord's guidance in tough times

Robert Sauerwein...heart & health concerns
Sumner Kessinger...health concerns
Gordon Yearich...cancer
Rycen Musser...leukemia
Beverly Haines...health concerns
Tanya Evans...health concerns
Marvin Lehman, Jr...MS & Kidney disease
Belize Children
Paulette Smigo...memory issues
Susie Wicker...health concerns
Susan Hale...recov. hip replacement
Tom Dutrow...recov. brain surgery
Don Rudy...health concerns
Linda Dutrow...health concerns
Lee Kolos...health concerns
Nancy Hartman...health concerns

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Phyllis Kerlin (The Pines at Brookline, 1940 Cliffside Dr.- Rm. 221, State College, PA 16801)
Fred Lohr Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828...814-364-9368)
Gladys Sampsel (c/o Randy & Julia Long, 165 Reeder Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875)

If You Would Like to Add or Remove a Prayer Concern: Notify the Church Office by calling 814-364-9154 or emailing StLuke364@gmail.com. **Updated 4/26/22**

THANKS
FROM THE
HEART

The family of Sam Grove would like to thank you for your prayers, love and support during this time of loss. The cards, phone calls and visits show what a caring family we have at St. Luke.

The Grove Family

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

May 1, 2022 – Third Sunday of Easter

Head Usher: Scott McAllister
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Counters: Barb McAllister and Susan Stover
Altar Care: Carol Sharpe
Altar Flowers: Linda Decker-Reitz
Communion Bread 8am: Wafers
Communion Bread 10:30am: Alice Cromwell

May 8, 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Head Usher: Gary Zellers
Lay Reader (8am): Open
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Jim Shunk
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Shari Welch
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Shirley Sharer
Communion Bread 8am: **Open**
Communion Bread 10:30am: Alice Cromwell

May 15, 2022 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Head Usher: Jazmyne Shaffer
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Counters: Sue Royer and Deb Frazier
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**

May 22, 2022 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Head Usher: Shawn Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): **Open**
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Counters: Susan Stover and Barb McAllister
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**

May 29, 2022 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Head Usher: Carla Cipro
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Counters: Shari Welch and Lois Albright
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Dotti Sauerwein
Communion Bread: **Open**

June 5, 2022 – Pentecost

Head Usher: Krystal Josephson
Lay Reader (8am): **Open**
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Sue Royer
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Scott and Barb McAllister
Communion Bread: **Open**



We are so thankful to see people from our congregation who feel comfortable returning to in person worship again. Our numbers are growing and we are so glad to see you! It was also nice to be able to join in fellowship once again with coffee and pastries on Easter morning as we shared together in conversation with our siblings in Christ.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

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We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who assist in service to St. Luke each week. You are a blessing to our ministry and we thank God for you!

As we see more people return to in person worship, we are hoping that all congregants will begin to feel comfortable volunteering in worship again in any of openings you see to the left. If you feel called to help in any way, please sign up on the narthex bulletin board or speak with Patty or Pr. Becky.

THANK YOU!



- May 1 Corby and Nicole Shunk
 2 Leroy and Linda Decker Reitz
 6 Dwight and Eileen Barnes
 James and Carol Ard
 7 Van and Lisa Holsinger
 14 Greg and Kira Reeder
 19 Jan and Norma Crater
 20 Don and Angela Anderson
 22 Earl and Peg Leedy
 Jeff and Sheila Lieb
 24 Cliff and Charolette Waltz
 Ted and Stephanie Delaney



- May 1 Barb Fetterolf
 2 Leroy Reitz
 4 Bette Bender
 Eric McAllister
 5 Ashley Packer
 8 Angela Anderson
 Jeff O'Hara
 9 Morgan Holsopple
 10 Merlee Graybill
 13 Brian McAllister
 15 Gerald Korman
 Taylor Noll
 16 Kermit Long
 Ethel Frazier
 17 Mike Morrison

May Birthdays Continued...

- 18 Corby Shunk
 Derrick Parsons
 Madison Roth
 20 Lori Long
 Sue Bryant
 23 Eleanor Korkus
 25 Nicole Poorman
 26 Kim Praskovich
 27 A. Robert Luse
 28 Hope Wolfe
 31 Janelle Welch
 Michael Carper



God's hands

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."



The next St. Luke Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 9 at 7:00pm. - The regular Council meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Zoom is available for those who are unable to attend in person. If you are interested in attending via Zoom, please email Pr. Becky, Pres. Gary Zellers, VP Scott McAllister or Sec. Jazmyne Shaffer for the login information.

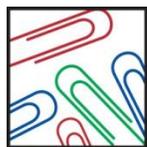
Council Executive Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm over Zoom (This month's Council Executive Committee meeting will be Thursday, May 5).

Council Members for 2022: Gary Zellers (24), President; Scott McAllister (24), Vice President; Jazmyne Shaffer (22), Secretary; Jack Sharer, Treasurer; Carla Cipro (22), Krystal Josephson (22), Open (22), Alice Cromwell (23), Dawn Holsopple (23) Carol Sharpe (23) Shawn Lehman (23), Open (24), Open (24).

Cemetery Association Board Representatives: Joe Hammaker (22), Michele Brown (23) and Bob Long (24) *The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.



Special Meeting—There will be a Congregational Meeting on May 15th to and decide upon an Audio Visual proposal for improving the quality of worship as well as improving the quality of video and sound for online activities that we may choose to stream from the sanctuary. We will have a short presentation to explain the reasons and rationale for the proposed project and a brief explanation on the scope of the project at the start of the congregational meeting that will follow both the 8:00 and 10:30 worship services.



Office Hours

Church Secretary office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm.

Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **June 2022** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office no later than **Tuesday, May 24, 2022.**



Natural Gas  Furnace Update

Our Natural Gas project account continues to grow thanks to your donations to the fund. The new total from the March Treasurer's report adding bequests, building fund, and Natural Gas Fund: \$41,503.22. The total amount needed to complete the project is \$55,000. Total donations will be updated monthly following Council Meeting. A giant thank you to those who keep donating to this project. The new boilers are in, and we are on the schedule for installation in late May.

May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8am and 10:30am *Zoom available at 10:30am only Adult Sunday School and Pre-K to 6th Grade Sunday School 9:15am-10am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	2 	3 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm	4 Prayer Group 10am Council of Churches Meeting 11am at Trinity UCC	5 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm Council Executive Zoom Committee Meeting 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	6 National Day of Prayer 	7 AA Meeting 7:00pm
8 Mother's Day Worship 8am and 10:30am *Zoom available at 10:30am only Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	9 St. Luke Council Meeting 7pm	10 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm	11 Prayer Group 10am	12 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	13 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-7:30pm	14 St. Luke Spring Clean Up at 8am  AA Meeting 7:00pm
15 Worship 8am and 10:30am *Special Congregational Meeting following both services. *Zoom available at 10:30am only Adult Sunday School Class 9:15am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30pm	16	17 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	18 Prayer Group 10am 	19 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	20	21 Armed Forces Day AA Meeting 7:00pm
22 Worship 8am and 10:30am *Zoom available at 10:30am only Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	23	24 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm	25 Book Group 8:30am Prayer Group 10am	26 Ascension Day Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	27 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-7:30pm	28 AA Meeting 7:00pm
29 Worship 8am and 10:30am *Zoom available at 10:30am only Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	30 Memorial Day 	31 Church Office Hours 10am to 3pm				

Masking Update—The St. Luke Council voted to update the masking policy to follow the CDC recommendations for the county transmission category. These changes were effective Monday, March 21st. What this means is that for those who wish, you may choose to not wear a mask while Centre County is in the "Low Transmission" category. If Centre County's transmission status changes to "Medium," people with health concerns are encouraged to talk to their healthcare provider for guidance. If Centre County's transmission status changes to "High," St. Luke will again ask you to put on a mask while worshipping inside. By masking in higher transmission states we are displaying that we care for our neighbors. Please know that you are always welcome to mask as you feel comfortable. To check the status of Centre County's transmission, please go to the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>. If you have any questions, please contact a member of council or Pr. Becky.

Worship at Home - St. Luke's Worship At Home Service will continue to be posted weekly to St. Luke's YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCndvYdWpi7qSKld6Y8cnHMg>

Sunday Morning Worship via Zoom - In addition to St. Luke returning to In Person Worship on Sundays, and St. Luke's pre-recorded online YouTube Service, St. Luke also offers Live streaming of our Sunday Worship Service over Zoom at **10:30am**. Please see the link below to participate: Topic: Sunday Morning Worship Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82737550247?pwd=LzNSTmdVWFU3enlaOEJl2Q0wwaTF4QT09>
Meeting ID: 827 3755 0247 Passcode: 201808
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*Please note: A weekly bulletin will be sent via email for those who choose to join via Zoom. It is slightly different than the YouTube Worship at Home bulletin.

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

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