

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

August 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

I keep praying and seeking ways we can witness to the love of God and be a blessing to others. One idea that I have been thinking about is a “Blessing Box.” There are many variations on what a Blessing Box can be. One way that these have been used is as a little free pantry, like the Little Free Libraries we see around. I wonder if this might be something that would be beneficial in our community. Would a Blessing Box, stocked with essentials for hygiene, shelf stable food, and other basic needs help to support the community, while we also offer information for additional or ongoing support (for example: Food Pantry dates, Diaper Depot information, etc.) be of benefit – is it something we might be willing to try?

Stemming from this idea of a blessing box that would be on St. Luke’s property, I also found ideas of Blessing Bags. These could be gallon-sized Ziplock bags that we assemble with basic care items and snacks that we would be able to keep in our cars and hand out to those in need who we cross along our path. Instead of driving by the person with a sign on the corner needing help, we could give a bag with items to show God’s love, to show that we see them and that they are valued. Or maybe we keep notecards with inspirational messages handy to give to someone who seems to be having a down day.

I like the idea of us gathering to build kits to then be shared as blessings in our daily excursions with others. Taking a moment to share God’s love, to let someone know that they are loved, and that we are here to help and support, to pray, and to love the people of God. If this is something you think you might be interested in, let me know, and let’s see how we can be a visible blessing to others.

Yours In Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn



**The Pastor
Will Be Away**

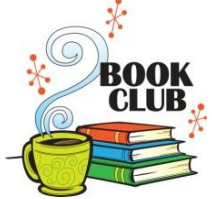
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Are you or a loved one desiring a visit from the pastor? Do you have questions on faith, your spiritual life, or wish for a time of prayer? Please contact Pastor Becky if you would like her to call or visit you at home, in the hospital, or another location. (office: 814-364-9154, cell: 215-208-5535, email: StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com)



The Lectionary Study and Prayer Group will not meet during the month of August.



Our next book selection is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. We will meet to discuss this book and choose books for the following months on Sept. 6th at 9:00 am in the kitchen.

It's School Kit Collection Time!

St. Luke has a goal in 2023 to again fill 80 School Kit Backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. If you are able to help us reach this goal and donate school supplies, please place them in the donation bin in the narthex. These are the supplies that are currently needed for the 2023 School Kit Collection (the amounts needed will be updated weekly):

- 70 page notebooks (**63 needed**)
- black ballpoint pens (**96 needed**)
- hand-held pencil sharpeners (**24 needed**)
- blunt tipped safety scissors (**13 needed**)

*Any extra supplies received will be saved for 2024 backpacks.

*Please note the listed size requirements. These guidelines are very important for packing and shipping purposes. Also, due to the school kits being shipped all over the world, we are unable to include items in the school kits with religious or military symbols, including camouflage. Thank you so much for your donations. If you have any questions, please speak with Marjorie Korman at 814-364-9189 or the church office.



FEED THE HUNGRY

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE: The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023**, 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**.

Suggested Monthly Donation List for the Food Pantry:

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| January - Kleenex | July - Soap |
| February - Canned Milk | August - Toothbrushes |
| March - Toothpaste | September - Shampoo |
| April - Cake Mixes | October - Toilet Paper |
| May - Kitchen Garbage Bags | November - Sandwich Bags |
| June - Paper Towels | December - Dish Detergent |

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, August 6, 2023**. The donation box is located in the Narthex (under the coat rack). 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. If you would like to make a monetary donation, volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions, you may speak with Bonnie Brown at **814-883-3589**.

Prayer Concerns

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

Family & Friends of Wayne Fetterolf
Nancy Hawn...lung transplant
Darla Dunlap..cancer
Family & Friends of Mike Confer
Jim Reese...health concerns
Family & Friends of Glenn Smith
Susan Lewis...heart surgery
Frank Manslow...cancer

Karen Willar..cancer
Patty Thompson...cancer
Katrina Danley...cancer
Family & Friends of Rev. Denise Arpino
Greg Yearick...hospitalized
Silas Green...multiple health issues
Melody Green...recovery from surgery

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Paul Dietrich...cancer
Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Donna Brown...cancer
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Dave Ferree...health concerns
Ukrainian People & the Ukrainian War
Paul & Sandy Larson...health concerns
Lois Corl...health concerns

Robert Sauerwein...heart & health concerns
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns
Marvin Lehman, Jr....health concerns
Eva Gill...kidney failure
Tim Leitch...cancer
Jody Lehman...recovery from surgery
Gay Homan...health concerns
Don Rudy...health concerns

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Agnes Homan (448 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, PA 16828...814-364-9189)
Phyllis Kerlin (Juniper Village Wellspring, 610 W Whitehall Rd - Rm 121, State College, PA 16801)
Fred Lohr Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828...814-364-9368)
Barbara Mark (4178 Penns Valley Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875)
Gladys Sampsel (c/o Randy & Julia Long, 165 Reeder Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875)
Jean Smeltzer (Wynwood House, 122 Wynwood Dr., Centre Hall, PA 16828)

*If You Would Like to Add, Update or Remove a Prayer Concern: Please notify the Church Office by calling 814-364-9154 or emailing StLuke364@gmail.com. **-Updated 8/1/23**



THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

August 6, 2023 - The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Flowers: Betty Dietrich
Bell Ringer (10:30am): **Open**
Counters: Susan Stover and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lector (8am): Kelly Moran
Lector (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Leader: (8am) Shawn Lehman
Worship Leader: (10:30am) Susan Stover
Weeding & Mowing 8/6/23-8/12/23: Scott
McAllister

August 13, 2023 - The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: Barb McAllister
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: Connie Zellers
Counters: Barb McAllister and Lois Albright
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Weeding & Mowing 8/13/23-8/19/23: Todd
Fetterolf

August 20, 2023 - The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Fraizer
Communion Bread: Betty Ishler
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Shari Welch
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Weeding & Mowing 8/20/23-8/26/23: Todd
Fetterolf

August 27, 2023 - The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Deb Frazier
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Weeding & Mowing 8/27/23-9/2/23: **Open**

September 3, 2023 - The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Bonnie Brown
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Susan Stover and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Weeding & Mowing 9/3/23-9/9/23: **Open**

The Weeding and Lawn
Mowing Sign-Up Sheet
is located in the narthex.
If you are able to help in
this capacity, please sign
up. Thank you!





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| Aug. 9 | Tim and Diane O'Hara |
| 13 | Dr. Peter and Kim Theodorou |
| 15 | James and Lois Roth |
| 16 | Pastor Becky and Peter Horn |
| 31 | Dave and Sandra Ferree |



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| Aug. 1 | Ken Cromwell |
| 6 | Barry Dutrow |
| 8 | Ryan Lehman |
| | Sheila Lieb |
| 10 | Krystal Josephson |
| 13 | Geneva Reeder |
| 14 | Dorothy Sauerwein |
| 22 | Linda Dutrow |
| 23 | Earl Leedy |
| 25 | Monty Strouse |
| 26 | Kerry O'Hara |
| 27 | Fay Breon |
| 28 | Roy Homan |
| 28 | Carol Sharpe |



TO ALL WOMEN OF THE ALLEGHENY SYNOD

You are invited to join the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization for a Day of Renewal to "**Refresh, Relax, Recharge,**" and will be held on **August 26, 2023**, from 9:00am to approximately 1:30pm. In the Tropical Courtyard of the Altoona Grand Hotel, 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA. Registration will begin at 8:30am with coffee and pastries. Scheduled sessions include paint pouring, exercise, craft and global service. Our keynote speaker is Pastor Rebecca West. Join us for a day of fellowship, fun **and lunch!** The dress of the day is casual!!

If you would like to attend the Day of Renewal, please pick up a registration form in the narthex. All registrations forms are due by August 16, 2023 (so they should be mailed by Friday, August 11th.) The registration fee is \$10.00.



Thank You Notes

Pastor Becky, Council and All Helpers!

What a wonderful service and meal today (at the outdoor worship and picnic)! Good visit with Penns Valley friends and neighbors!

Andrea and Carl Vonada
Members of Salem Lutheran Church

Church COUNCIL

Council Meetings –There will not be a Council Meeting in August. Our next scheduled Council Meeting will be on September 11, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Council Members for 2023: Scott McAllister (24) President, Shawn Lehman (23) Vice President, Carol Sharpe (23), Secretary, Jack Sharer, Treasurer, Alice Cromwell (23), Dawn Holsopple (23), Rick Homan (24), Shari Welch (24),

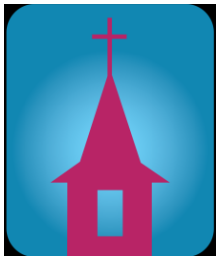
Gary Zellers (24), Lois Albright (25), Todd Fetterolf (25), Larry Frazier (25) and **Open** (25).

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



The Endowment Fund Total as of July 10, 2023 is \$211,809

Cemetery Association Representatives—Michele Brown, Brian Long and Walt Schluter



Council of Churches –The Council of Churches is made up of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Grace United Methodist Church and Trinity United Church of Christ. This year, St. Luke is the host church and will host the monthly meeting, Lenten Wednesday services, and Trunk-or-Treat. **The next meeting is September 6th at 11:00 am at St. Luke in the social hall.**

Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **September 2023** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office by **Tuesday, August 22, 2023.**



Office Hours

Church Secretary office hours are normally Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am to 3pm. If you need to reach Patty outside of office hours, please call or text her at 814-933-6296. **Patty will be out of the office on Thursday, August 24, 2023.**



YOU TUBE LIVE LINKS

Sunday Morning Worship via YouTube Live – the 10:30 worship service is available via YouTube Live Stream. Please use the link below from your favorite web browser. (either click on the link below, or copy and paste into the search bar)

https://www.youtube.com/@StLukeLutheran_CentreHall/live

Please Note—With the upgraded Audio Visual System, there will no longer be a pre-recorded Worship at Home video or bulletin emailed weekly. You may now watch St. Luke's live streamed worship service at 10:30am or you may view at a later time as the live stream will remain on St. Luke's YouTube Channel. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Becky or Patty. If you do not have internet access, and would like to receive the printed Worship At Home materials, please speak with Pastor Becky or Patty or leave a message at the Church Office at 814-364-9154.

Masking—St. Luke follows CDC masking guidelines. You may wear a mask anytime if you wish. Please stay home and get tested if you are having any COVID related symptoms. Thank you!


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!**



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Church Office	814-364-9154 or email at StLuke364@gmail.com
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Church Secretary, Patty Lehman	814-933-6296 or email: StLuke364@gmail.com
Council President, Scott McAllister	814-364-1285 (h); 814-280-7891(c) or email horsedr72@verizon.net
Treasurer, Jack Sharer	814-364-1658 of email: StLuke16828TreasurerJack@gmail.com
Music Director, Susan Stover	814-349-5173 or email: smsgmnastx48@aol.com
St. Luke Mailing Address	PO Box 331, Centre Hall, PA 16828
St. Luke Website	http://StLukeCentreHall.org

August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	2	3 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	4	5 AA Meeting 7pm
6 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	7 	8 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30- 3pm	9	10 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	11	12 AA Meeting 7pm
13 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	14	15 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	16	17 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	18 Grange Fair 8/18/23 to 8/26/23  Grange Fair	19 AA Meeting 7pm
20 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	21	22 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *September Newsletter Deadline	23	24 NO OFFICE HOURS	25	26 AA Meeting 7pm
27 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	28	29 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  BACK TO SCHOOL	30	31 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	Pr. Becky is on vacation July 28 – August 12. For pastoral emergencies during this time please contact Pastor Laretta Dietrich, from New Hope Lutheran Church. You can reach her at home: 814-422-8259, or on her cell phone: 814-574-6093. Leave a message if she is unable to answer and Pr. Dietrich will return your call.	

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

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