

THE ST. LUKE LETTER
August 2026

Dear Siblings in Christ,

One of the questions I find myself asking more often is this: **Who have I really noticed today?** We move through our days quickly. We have errands to run, appointments to keep, work to do, and responsibilities that seem to multiply. It is easy to become so focused on what is next that we fail to notice the people God has placed along our path.

Yet throughout the Gospels, Jesus noticed people. He saw those who were overlooked. He listened before he spoke. He recognized the lonely, the grieving, the hungry, the frightened, and the forgotten. His ministry was filled with interruptions because he understood that people are rarely interruptions—they are often the very reason he had come. As followers of Christ, we are invited into that same way of living.

Sometimes loving our neighbor means preparing a meal, making a visit, or volunteering our time. Just as often, it looks much simpler. It is the phone call to someone who has been on your mind. The conversation with the cashier who seems discouraged. The note sent to someone who is grieving. The willingness to ask, "How are you really doing?"—and then taking the time to listen to the answer.

The needs around us are not always dramatic. Many are quiet and easily missed. Loneliness. Anxiety. Isolation. Uncertainty. A person carrying a burden that no one else can see. We may not be able to solve every problem, but we can always offer the gifts of presence, compassion, encouragement, and prayer.

Imagine what our community would look like if each of us made it a daily practice to notice just one person who needed to be seen. Imagine if every day we intentionally asked, "Lord, show me who needs a neighbor today." Those small moments of faithfulness have a way of growing into something much larger. God's kingdom is often revealed not in grand gestures, but in ordinary acts of love offered with extraordinary grace.

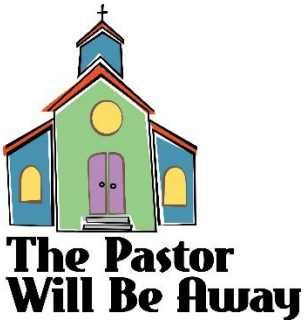
As we gather each Sunday, we are nourished by Word and Sacrament. Then we are sent back into the world—not simply to attend church, but to be the Church. May God open our eyes to see our neighbors, soften our hearts to care for them, and give us the courage to respond with Christ's love wherever we are sent.

Yours in Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn

A Note from Pastor Becky
One of the greatest joys of ministry is walking alongside people through all of life's seasons. Whether you are celebrating, grieving, facing a difficult decision, have questions about faith, or would simply like someone to listen and pray with you, I would be honored to spend time with you.

If you or a loved one would appreciate a visit at home, in the hospital, at a care facility, or another location, please don't hesitate to reach out. I always welcome the opportunity to connect.

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PASTOR BECKY IS ON VACATION- Pastor Becky will be on vacation through and including Sunday, August 2nd. The Emergency Contact from July 27th to August 2nd is Rev. Paul Tomkiel, the pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pine Grove Mills. His phone number is 717-440-3453.

Secretary Office Hours - The Church Secretary's office hours are normally **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to Noon**, but these hours may vary as needed. If you need to reach Patty outside of the office, please feel free to call or text her at 814-933-6296 and please leave your name and a message. She will return your call or text as soon as possible. All emails for the secretary should continue to be sent to StLuke364@gmail.com.



YOU TUBE LIVE LINK - 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. The service is also recorded if you are away and would like to watch at a later time.

(either click on the link below, or copy and paste into the search bar)
https://www.youtube.com/@StLukeLutheran_CentreHall/live



Supporting God's Work Through Your Giving

We are truly blessed as a community and as God's people. Your faithful generosity makes so much of the ministry of St. Luke possible, and for that we are deeply grateful. Every gift, large or small, helps us continue to worship, serve our neighbors, care for one another, and share Christ's love in our community.

As you prayerfully consider your giving, we invite you to think about whether your regular offering might be increased as you are able. If you are looking for additional ways to support the ministry we share, you may also make designated contributions to the Allegheny Synod or to the Lutheran and Reformed Cemetery Association. These ministries extend our care beyond the walls of St. Luke and help sustain the wider work of Christ's Church and the sacred responsibility of caring for our cemetery. Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for all the ways you support God's mission through St. Luke.



Spiritual Relations Committee – We will meet Wednesday, August 26th at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation as we explore ways to strengthen faith formation, enrich our worship life, and encourage the spiritual growth of our congregation. We hope you'll bring your ideas and join us!



A reminder that Prayer Group will be taking a break in July and August and will resume meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd.

The next book for Book Group is *The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig. We won't be gathering to discuss this until September 9th at 12:00 pm at Seven Mountains Winery, so you have plenty of time to get the book and read it. Come join us in conversation, discussion, and fellowship on September 9th!





<u>Community Connections</u>:

A Toast to TJ - The Hope Fund of Penns Valley: Event on August 1st from 2:00 - 7:00 pm at Seven Mountains Winery. Tickets available $25/each. If you are interested in making a donation for the auction, buy tickets, or find additional information, go to: https://pennsvalleyhopefund.com/event/a-toast-for-tj/.

August 15—Nittany Conference Potluck Picnic 4:00 -7:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellefonte. A time to gather with Lutherans from the Nittany Conference for fellowship and a meal. If you would like more information, please see the poster on the narthex bulletin board. **If you plan to attend the picnic, please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday, August 9th. If you would like to sign up for a specific potluck item, please see the SignUp Genius Link listed here: https://tinyurl.com/NittanyConferencePicnic**

Allegheny Synod Night at the Curve – Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve is **Sunday, August 16th**. The game will begin at 6:00pm. There will <u>not</u> be a picnic provided before the game this year. If you would like to order tickets for the 200-terrace level seating for $11 each, please email your order to alleghenysynodcurvetickets@gmail.com or text your order to 814-934-9941 by **Sunday, August 2nd.** Ticket order forms may also be printed off the Synod website and mailed in with payment if desired. Payments may be mailed to the Allegheny Synod Office at 916 Hickory St., Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. All tickets must be paid for in advance and may be picked up at the Synod Office or at our will call table by the ticket office the evening of the game.

Community Hymn Sing – August 17th at 6:30 pm at Pine Hall Lutheran Church, 1760 W. College Ave, State College

August 17th - Sequanota Golf Benefit from 9am-4pm. The cost is $125 per golfer. For more information, and to register, please go to https://sequanota.com

If you have any Community events that you would like to share in the weekly bulletins or newsletter, please call or email Patty in the Church Office at 814-364-9154 or StLuke364@gmail.com and we will include them in announcements as we are able.



We remain in need of **102** (70-page) notebooks and **3** blunt-tipped child safety scissors for the 2026 School Kit Collection. Thank you so much for all your donations. Any extra supplies received will be saved for the 2027 School kits.

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FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Penns Valley Food Pantry is located in the lower level of Grace United Methodist Church. The monthly distribution day is the Third Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3pm except for August when it is held the second Tuesday. In case of an emergency, a coordinator can always be contacted for a food distribution. The next monthly food distribution will be held on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026,** at Grace United Methodist Church, Centre Hall. Volunteers are needed to pack and distribute boxes from **8:00am-4:00 pm**.

Now that the Food Pantry is serving all of Penns Valley, the monthly need more than doubled. We are now serving over 110 families so any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. The most needed items typically remain shelf stable items like canned goods, cereals, pastas, etc.; however, there is an emphasis item each month that is listed below. If you would like to make a donation, please place non-perishable items in the designated Food Pantry Box located in the narthex at St. Luke Lutheran Church on or before **Sunday, August 9, 2026.** You may also make a monetary donation by specifying a designated amount on your offering envelope, by making a check payable to St. Luke with "Food Pantry" in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate, or by placing a cash donation in an envelope in the offering plate that is specially marked for Food Pantry.

NEW LIST - Suggested Monthly Donation List for the Food Pantry:

January – Tissues
February -Toilet Paper
March – Toothpaste & Individual Toothbrushes
April – Household Cleaners
May - Kitchen Garbage Bags
June - Paper Towels
July – Liquid Hand Soap
August – Laundry Detergent
September - Shampoo
October - Toilet Paper
November - Sandwich Bags
December - Dish Detergent

We are Blessed by our volunteers who order and shop for food, unload delivery trucks, sort donated food, pack orders, register clients and deliver to a few clients who have no transportation. If you would like to volunteer in any way or if you would like more information about the Food Pantry, you can contact Anne Gaddis at 814-404-4693, annegad58@gmail.com or Page Gaddis at 814-571-8110, paggad@protonmail.com. You may also speak to Gary Zellers who is the St. Luke Food Pantry representative in 2026. Thank you so much for any assistance you can give to this important outreach in our community.



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



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



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation to Interfaith Human Services. Your donation will impact the lives of individuals and families throughout Centre County through our caring programs.

We greatly appreciate your generosity. We strive to be excellent stewards of your gift(s) and will do our best each day to be a positive presence in our County.

Thank you so much for your trust in the work we do!

Sincerely,
Sue Forster
Development Coordinator
Interfaith Human Services

(Excerpts from a letter received from Interfaith Human Services)



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

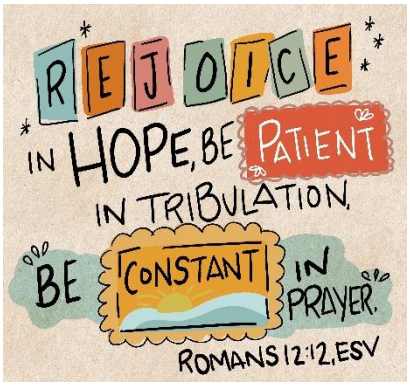
Gary Zellers...upcoming hip surgery
Carol Sharpe...recov. from surgery
Don Dunkle...stroke
Marvin Lehman, Jr...Hospice
Brooke Reitz...brain bleed
Addie, and parents Karen and Anthony
Fran Homan...recov. from surgery
Bob Marshall...health concerns
Linda Arble...health concerns
Dale Moore…brain tumor
Jeff Reeder...multiple myeloma/stem cell treatment
Lois Albright...heart issues
Josh Johnson...cancer
Louise Miller...health concerns
Cindy Foust...cancer
Cathy Brunner...health concerns
Faye Breon...health concerns
Melinda Farhenbach...cancer
Jane Kurzinger...recov. from stroke
Ron Holsopple...health concerns
Greg Garner...health concerns

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Karen Willar..cancer
Paul & Sandy Larson...health concern
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues
Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns
Mike Moyer...health concerns
Lisa Moir...cancer
Joan Glaser...health concerns
Barbara & Ernie Kirsch...health concerns
Pr. Russ Sauerwein...health concerns
Ellen Coffman...cancer
Melody Green...health concerns
Heather Korman...health concerns
Tara Homan...health concerns
Dave Ferree...health concerns
Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Don Rudy...health concerns
Silas Green...multiple health issues
Dotti Sauerwein...healing and strength
Sabrina Wert...remission and healing
Gary Homan...Parkinson's
Paul "Fox" Dietrich...health concerns
Sherri Taylor...cancer
Bev Haines...health concerns
Nancy Wintersteen...health concerns
Jordan Holsopple...health concerns
Marilyn Wendt...dementia/knee injury
Pat Brett...CML
Ellie Marooney...cancer

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Fred Lohr Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828…814-364-9368)
Barbara Mark (Wynwood House, 122 Wynwood Dr, Centre Hall, PA 16828)
Gladys Sampsel (c/o Randy & Julia Long, 165 Reeder Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875)
Bob 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 7/30/26

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

August 2, 2026 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Counters: Deb Frazier and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Lawn Mowing 8/2/26—8/8/26: Todd Fetterolf

August 9, 2026 –11th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: Todd and Annette Fetterolf
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: Todd and Annette Fetterolf
Counters: Barb McAllister and Ellen Hug
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Lawn Mowing 8/9/26—8/15/26: Todd Fetterolf

August 16, 2026 –12th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Lois Albright and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Alice Cromwell
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Lawn Mowing 8/16/26—8/22/26: **Open**

August 23, 2026 –13th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: Alice Cromwell
Counters: Sue Royer and Evelyn Reeder
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Lawn Mowing 8/23/26—8/29/26: **Open**

August 30, 2026 –14th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Deb Frazier and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Offering Usher (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Lawn Mowing 8/30/26—9/5/26: **Open**

Sept. 6, 2026 –15th Sunday after Pentecost
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Bonnie Brown
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Lois Albright and Ellen Hug
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Lawn Mowing 9/6/26—9/12/26: **Open**






The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **August 10th**, a Zoom link is available if needed. Council Executive Committee communicates by the 1st Thursday of the Month regarding agenda items and information as needed. Please contact the Council Executive Committee if you have questions, Scott McAllister (President), Rick Homan (Vice President), Carol Sharpe (Secretary), Jack Sharer (Treasurer) and Pr. Becky Horn.

Elected Council Members & Officers for 2026: Scott McAllister, President (27), Rick Homan, Vice-President (27), Carol Sharpe, Secretary (26), Jack Sharer, Treasurer, Alice Cromwell (26), Evelyn Reeder (26), Susan Stover (26), Jerry Homan (27), Gary Zellers (27), Lois Albright (28), Todd Fetterolf (28), Dawn Holsopple (28), and Marty Hug (28). ***The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.**

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

Centre Hall Council of Churches –Beloved Day Camp will take place from Monday, August 3rd to Friday, August 7th from 8:30-4:00 at the Centre Hall Lions Club Park.

Land Acknowledgment – St. Luke is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Conestoga-Susquehannock people, where we gather. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, and Lenne Lenape, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place, this land, and call it their home. Find out more about the Conestoga-Susquehannock at http://www.conestogasusquehannocktribe.com/



Looking ahead…Please note that if you have news or articles for the **September 2026** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Thursday, August 20, 2026**.

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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 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  AA Meeting 7pm
2 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	**3** **Beloved Community Day Camp 8/3 to 8/7** 	**4** **Beloved Community Day Camp 8/3 to 8/7**	**5** **Beloved Community Day Camp 8/3 to 8/7**	**6** **Beloved Community Day Camp 8/3 to 8/7** 	**7** **Beloved Community Day Camp 8/3 to 8/7**	**8** AA Meeting 7pm
9 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	**10** Council Meeting 7pm	**11** Food Pantry Distribution 1:30-3pm at Grace UMC	**12** 	**13**	**14**	**15** Nittany Conference Potluck Picnic at St. John, Bellefonte 4-7pm AA Meeting 7pm
16 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p Cub Committee Meeting 5:30-8pm	**17**	**18** 	**19**	**20** ***September Newsletter Deadline**	**21**  Centre County Grange Fair 8/21-8/29/26	**22** Diaper Depot at Trinity UCC 11am-1pm AA Meeting 7pm
23 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	**24**	**25** IHS Meeting at St Luke 5:30-9pm Fellowship Hall	**26** Spiritual Relations Committee Meeting 10:30am Fellowship Hall	**27** 	**28**	**29** AA Meeting 7pm
30 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	**31** 					

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