

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

May 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

We are so blessed! Thanks to you and your support we have updated our Audio and Visual System. The sound is much clearer in the sanctuary and our livestreams are greatly improved. If you haven't had a chance to view our YouTube Channel, I encourage you to login and view one of the newer recorded Live Streams. If you have never been on YouTube, don't be discouraged. If you have a smart phone, or a computer or tablet that is connected to the internet you can find us and are able to come to worship even when you are away. To find us on YouTube you can go to https://www.youtube.com/@StLukeLutheran_CentreHall/. Once on the page, if we are Live, the link should be the first video listed. If we have finished our Live Stream, you can find the most recent videos at the top of the page, under our banner. I am so grateful for all who have been willing to learn the new system. The iPad application is easy to use, and I am hoping to finish the Users' Guide soon. The guide will include pictures to better familiarize yourselves with the program. I am confident that the least technological person could figure out how to use our new system.

We are so blessed! We have gathered for food and fellowship. We have served our first funeral meal since the Covid-19 pandemic began. We are learning to adapt to the new challenges and finding ways to bring God's love to others. This summer we have several chances to bring God's love to the community. In July we have a lot planned. We have our Annual Church Picnic on July 9th. We are helping to lead worship at the People's Choice Festival on Sunday, July 16th. And we have our week of Vacation Bible School July 23rd – 27th. While July seems far away, it will be here before we know it.

If you have ideas for how we can encourage and invite others to join us and our ministry, please share. We continue to seek God's guidance as we bring God's love to others. Thank you for your ministry and love!

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: 814-364-9154, cell: 215-208-5535, email: StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com)



Penns Valley Baccalaureate – High school seniors and their families are invited to attend a Baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 21st at 7:30 pm at Penns Valley Area High School in the Auditorium. Local pastors will lead the worship service. If you have questions, contact Pr. Becky.

Saturday, May 6th starting at 9am. Please come and help spring-clean the church building. We plan to have the Scouts join us again this year to help clean the pews, under the pews, and wipe down all the tables and chairs. But there is plenty of other items to do. Our cleaning service has been doing a great job, so the building is in much better shape than last year, but there are always places that are hard to reach on a regular basis. Other items that we will be doing include going through the bookshelf in fellowship hall, organizing items that seem out of place, and various other small tasks. We thank you greatly for your help in joining us on Saturday, May 6th at 9 am. We will have a pizza lunch together in appreciation of your help. Please let Pr. Becky know if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you again!

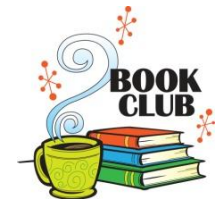


Spring
Cleaning



Our remaining Sunday School classes for this year will be held on Sunday, May 7th and May 21st. Both Adult and Youth Sunday School Classes will meet on these days from 9:15am-10am. Come a little early for coffee, treats and fellowship.

Book Group will meet Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 8:30 am. Our book is *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah.



Lectionary Study & Prayer Group – We are gathering in person in the social hall on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am to discuss the lectionary and pray for those on our Prayer List and others we know of. Please join the conversation as we grow in faith together.

Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7pm.



The Congregational Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 2nd at 11am in the kitchen.



The Sewing Group is currently meeting at members homes or knotting quilts at home. If anyone is interested in participating in the Sewing Group this coming year, please contact Marjorie Korman or Bonnie Brown for more information.



FEED THE HUNGRY

The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on the **3rd Tuesday of May, May 16, 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, May 14, 2023**. The donation box is located in the Narthex (under the coat rack). 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.

CURRENT NEEDS

YMCA Spring Cleaning Donations - As everyone starts to think about spring cleaning, we will be happy to help unclutter your garages and sheds to help us out at "The Farm". (The Farm is a project dedicated to assisting with hunger needs in Centre County, located in Phillipsburg.) Below is a list of items that we are looking for, and we will pick-up at your location. Every item will make a difference in someone's life to learn about gardening and putting food on their table. This a great way to recycle and build stronger communities by putting new life into an item. - Mel Curtis, YMCA of Centre County Anti-Hunger Director, YMCA of Centre County, Direct Phone: 814-801-0111 (P) 814-342-0889 (F) 814-342-1928 (W) www.ymcaocc.org

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| Cinder Blocks | Bricks | Pavers |
| Garden Bed Edging | Garden plastic/netting | Treated wood |
| Garden Tools: | Shovels | Hoes |
| Rakes | Hand Tools | Clippers |
| Spades | Pitchforks | Watering cans |
| Hoses | Rain barrels | Buckets |
| Rototiller | Lawn mower | Weed eaters |
| Wheel barrow | Seed trays | Seeds |
| Cattle Panels | Plastic 55 gallon drums | |

Prayer Concerns

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

Jody Lehman...upcoming surgery
Melody Green...recovery from surgery
Family and Friends of Fred Burris
Pastor Russ Sauerwein...health concerns
George Wool...upcoming surgery
Joe Wiegand...upcoming surgery
Hans Dittmar...cancer & pain
Christie Gamber...cancer
Major Tony Nicosia...deployed to Europe
Kathy Hatton...complic. of hip replacement
Christine Stover...health concerns
Dave Hosterman...health concerns
Jim Wooster...health concerns
Kern Sauerwein...healing
Paul & Sandy Larson...health concerns
Dave & Lois Corl...health issues

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Paul Dietrich...cancer
Audrey Oakes...cancer
Bryn Cashell...leukemia
Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Beverly Haines...health concerns
Shawn Homan...recovery from stroke
Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Patti Bramson...health concerns
Nicholas Bair...Air Force
Lee Kolos...health concerns
Eva Gill...kidney failure
Tim Leitch...cancer
Linda Robinson...health
Ed Dunklebarger...cancer
Marvin Lehman, Jr...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 or Remove a Prayer Concern: Notify the Church Office by calling 814-364-9154 or emailing StLuke364@gmail.com. **-Updated 4/26/23**

Don Young...health concerns
Darlene...recovery from surgery
Family and Friends of John Cole
Dotti Sauerwein...health concerns
Family and Friends of Carol Shaffer
Karen McCaffrey...cancer
Ukrainian People & the Ukrainian War
Ed Derr...pneumonia/collapsed lung/cancer
Susan Lewis...recov. from strokes
Linda Homan Wolfe...recov knee replacement
Gay Homan...health concerns
John Smith...heart issues
Will Wise...possible new treatment
Deb Moyer...COPD
Hallie Celebuski Hamilton...cancer
Patricia Etters...lung cancer

Robert Sauerwein...heart & health concerns
Sumner Kessinger...health concerns
Gordon Yearich...cancer
Charlotte Miller...cancer
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns
Ronnie Ticknor...leukemia

Linda Dutrow...health concerns
Don Rudy...health concerns
Donna Brown...cancer
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Nancy Boyle...health and other concerns
Dave Ferree...health concerns
Agnes Homan...increased strength
Marvin Lehman, III...health concerns



THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

May 7, 2023 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Jack Sharer
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: Sue McCool
Counters: Susan Stover and Deb Frazier
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Weeding & Mowing 5/7/23-5/13/23: Gary & Connie Zellers

May 14, 2023 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: Connie Zellers
Counters: Shari Welch and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Weeding & Mowing 5/14/23-5/20/23: Scott McAllister

May 21, 2023 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Fox and Betty Dietrich
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Lois Albright
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Weeding & Mowing 5/21/23-5/27/23: **Open**

May 28, 2023 - Day of Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Todd and Annette Fetterolf
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Barb McAllister and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Offering Usher (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Weeding & Mowing 5/28/23-6/3/23: **Open**

June 4, 2023 - The Holy Trinity

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Scott and Barb McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Shari Welch
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
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 6/4/23-6/10/23: **Open**



St. Luke continues to be in need of Worship Service helpers at both 8am and 10:30am. We are in need of Altar Care Helpers, Altar

Flowers, Bell Ringers, Communion Bread Donations, Greeters, Lay Readers, Offering Ushers, and Worship Assistants. If you are able to help or have any questions, either sign up on the narthex bulletin board or speak with Patty or Pastor Becky. Thank You!

The Weeding and Lawn Mowing Sign-Up Sheet has been placed in the narthex. If you are able to help in this capacity, please sign up in the narthex. 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 Birthdays continued...

- 9 Morgan Holsopple
- 10 Merlee Graybill
- 13 Brian McAllister
- 15 Gerald Korman
Taylor Noll
- 16 Kermit Long
Ethel Frazier
- 17 Mike Morrison
- 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



- May 1 Barb Fetterolf
- 2 Leroy Reitz
- 4 Bette Bender
Eric McAllister
- 5 Ashley Boob
- 8 Angela Anderson
Jeff O'Hara



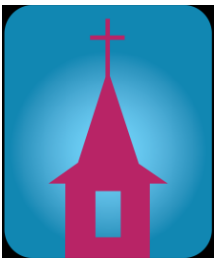
Thank you to those who helped with Easter Breakfast. It was delicious and a great time for fellowship.



Council Meetings –The regular meets are held 2nd 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 1st Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm as needed. If you are interested in attending, please email Pr. Becky, Pres. Scott McAllister, V.P. Shawn Lehman, or Sec. Carol Sharpe for login information.

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.**

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



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. Council of Churches meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 11am at St. Luke.
The next meeting is May 3rd at 11:00 am at St. Luke.

Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **June 2023** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office by Tuesday, May 23rd. ***Please note: If you would like to have your graduate honored in the June newsletter, please submit a digital graduation photo to Patty at StLuke364@gmail.com by May 23rd.**



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.



Breath of the Spirit

The breathing I did yesterday will not keep me alive today. I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or my life will cease. In like manner, yesterday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order that I may continue to enjoy him and to work the works he has assigned me.

—Augustus Toplady

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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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

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Congregational Relations Committee Meeting 11am	3 Book Group 8:30am Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am Council of Churches 11am	4 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	5 	6 St. Luke Spring Cleaning 9am AA Meeting 7pm
7 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School Classes 9:15am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	8 Council Meeting 7pm	9 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm 	10 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am	11 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	13 AA Meeting 7pm
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> Worship 8am & 10:30am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	15	16 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	17 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am	18 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19	20  AA Meeting 7pm
21 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School Classes 9:15am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm Penns Valley Baccalaureate 7:30pm	22	23 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *Newsletter Deadline	24 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am 	25 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	26 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	27 AA Meeting 7pm
28 <i>Pentecost</i> Worship 8am & 10:30am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	29  Memorial Day	30 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	31 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am			

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