THE ST. LUKE LETTER July 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

God speaks to us in so many ways. God speaks through creation, seen as the natural world cries out against our misuse and abuse of the earth and all that dwells upon and within. God speaks through creatures, seen when animals demonstrate their anxiety, acting out of character in response to the threat we have created. God speaks through diversity, seen through humanity, animals, plants, and all of creation – no two things ever exactly the same. God speaks through art, experienced through all the senses as we see, touch, hear, taste, and smell the beauty that surrounds us. God speaks to us through prayer, in the silence of our hearts, in the loudness of our minds, and in ways we struggle to name. God speaks to us, but we must listen, see, hear, feel, and experience what it is God is speaking.

Prayer is central to our faith lives. It is the communication we keep with God, hopefully open and honest, that grounds us and our reality as we live the life God calls each of us to. The calling we discern is often a challenge and can be a calling we wish to run from instead of embracing. The sin of the world can make it enticing to run from our calling, sin may present what seems like an easier path, but it is not the path God has called us to.

Following Christ is hard, and he tells us so. Jesus tells us to pick up our cross and follow him. As the Savior Jesus has already redeemed us and the world. We cannot earn salvation. Yet we are called to follow Christ. God has called you to love – to love God, yourself, your neighbor, and indeed all of creation. God has called you and continues to call you to love. It is time for us to listen to God's voice, to pray, and to follow Christ and the Way of Love. May you seek God's call for you and feel the strength given to each of us in the name of Christ.

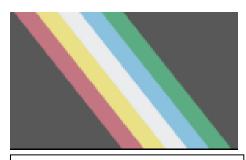
Yours In Christ, Pr. Becky Horn



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



Pr. Becky is on vacation July 28 – August 12. For pastoral emergencies during this time please contact Pastor Lauretta 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.



Green: sensory disabilities

Blue: emotional & psychiatric

disabilities

White: non-visible and undiagnosed

disabilities

Gold: neurodiversity Red: physical disabilities

Black Field: mourning for those killed, neglected, and abused because of

disability.

Five-Stripe Bend Dexter: Disability community in solidarity; moving from the Canton (place of honor) to the Fly (wider world, broader society); Diagonal is also in contrast to the walls and ceilings that keep those with

disabilities isolated.

All 6 Standard Flag Colors: represent trans-national, pan-national community, united by common experiences and goals (like the

Olympic Flag).

July is Disability Pride Month — Disability Pride is the idea that people with disabilities should be proud of their disabled identity. People with disabilities are the largest and most diverse minority within the population, representing all abilities, ages, races, ethnicities, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds. Disability pride focuses on the social model of disability. The

disability community views the social model as more positive than the medical model, which is often used to subdue and/or place the individual in a less-empowered role. Disability Pride is important and needed because many disabled people are exposed on a regular basis to ableism. (Ableism can take the form of condescending, rude, or abusive attitudes towards people with disabilities, leading to lack of accessible and inclusive services and communities.)

For more information about Disability Pride Month check out websites and other resources listed below:

National Council on Independent Living:

https://ncil.org/resources/disability-pride-toolkit-and-resource-guide/

National Consortium on Leadership and Disability for Youth:

http://www.ncld-youth.info/index.php?id=01

Ann Migill's "Disability Pride Flag" redesign:

https://www.reddit.com/r/vexillology/comments/uu6fhg/ann_magills_disability_pride_flag_redesigned_by/



St. Luke's Annual Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 9th beginning at 10am. Worship and Picnic will be held at the large pavilion at the Centre Hall Lion's Club Park. We will hold worship at 10am, followed by a potluck picnic. The Congregational Relations Committee will provide sandwich trays, chips and drinks. Plenty of picnic tables are available or you may bring a lawn chair if you

wish. Water Balloons and Corn Hole will be available for those wishing to participate.



On Sunday, July 16th, St. Luke, along with Trinity United Church of Christ and Grace United Methodist Church, will hold a Joint Worship Service at the Peoples Choice Festival which is being held at the Grange Fairgrounds. Worship will take place from 10:30am-11:30am at the South Side Stage. Pastor Dave Downer will be preaching. Any offering or donations collected will benefit the Centre Hall/Potter Township Food Pantry. There is no cost to enter the park - just indicate that you are attending worship. If you have difficulty walking, a golf cart will be available to assist with transport.

Please note: Pastor Becky will still hold 8:00am Worship at St. Luke on Sunday, July 16th, for anyone who does not wish to attend worship at the fairgrounds.



Centre Hall Council of Churches is announcing Operation Restoration VBS! Grace United Methodist Church, at 127 S Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, is hosting a Vacation Bible School called Operation Restoration: Mending God's World. During this exciting weeklong program, kids will learn to be menders of the universe as they explore the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest. Operation Restoration is will be held from Sunday, July 23rd, 2023 through

Thursday, July 27th, 2023. Each daily session starts at 6:00pm with free dinner at 5:30pm for all students and staff and ends at 8:15pm. This VBS is open to all kids age 3 through grade 5. To learn more, call 814-364-17017, send an email to centrehallvbs@gmail.com or visit the website at https://vbsmate.com/CentreHallVBS to register or on Facebook at Centre Hall Council of Churches: VBS. The Centre Hall Council of Churches Vacation Bible School Program will be held from Sunday, July 23rd through Thursday, July 27th at Grace United Methodist Church. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm and the program will take place from 6pm-8:15pm. The theme for this year is: Operation Restoration - Mending God's World. This VBS invites kids to be menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life.



Be a VBS Volunteer!

VBS Vounteers - The Council of Churches is currently seeking volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School from Sunday, July 23rd to Thursday, July 27th to help with registration, crafts, games, bible lessons, science activities, crew leaders or kitchen help. You may sign up for one day or as many days as you can do. St. Luke is specifically asked to help staff the kitchen on Tuesday, July 25 & Wednesday, July 26. The sign-up sheets are now available in the narthex. Please sign up as soon as possible and check the specific days that you can help. If you have any questions, please speak to Pr. Becky or Patty.

> 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.

Our book is *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden. We will meet to discuss the book on Wednesday, July 12th at 9am in the kitchen.



Saturday, July 29, 2023 will be Penns Valley Community Night at the Spikes Game at Medlar Field. If anyone would like to attend, you may purchase tickets at the game or pre-order tickets online by going to https://www.mlbdraftleague.com/state-college/tickets/ You can also call the Spikes Box Office at (814) 272-1711 or visit in person from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Spikes Team Office! The

Penns Valley Community Night game was very well attended last year. Ticket prices range from \$8 to \$18 per person depending where you would like to sit within the Spikes stadium. Gates open at 5:30pm and the game starts at 6:35pm against the Mahoning Valley Scrappers. There are several other promotions and highlights for the evening. The Spikes will team up with Mount Nittany Health in the fight against breast cancer to Paint the Park Pink. It is also Scout Night for all Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts. In addition, there will be Baseball Bingo, Kids Running the Bases, and Firewooks after the game. Looks to be a fun night!



The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on the **3rd Tuesday of July, July 18, 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:

January - Kleenex
February - Canned Milk
March - Toothpaste
April - Cake Mixes
May - Kitchen Garbage Bags
June - Paper Towels

July - Soap
August - Toothbrushes
September - Shampoo
October - Toilet Paper
November - Sandwich Bags
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**, **July 16**, **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**.





The following items serve as "little guideposts on the footpath to peace," according to author and pastor Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933):

- to be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars;
- to be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them;
- to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
- to covet nothing of your neighbor's except [their] kindness of heart and gentleness of manners;
- to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ;
- to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors.

Prayer Concerns

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

Greg Yearick...hospitalized in critical condition
George Wool...recovery from heart surgery
Frank Manslow...cancer

Susan Lewis...heart surgery
Silas Green...multiple health issues
Melody Green...recovery from surgery

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Paul Dietrich...cancer Robert Sauerwein...heart & health concerns Greg Bohn...kidney issues Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns Paulette Smigo...life concerns Marvin Lehman, Jr....health concerns Eva Gill...kidney failure Donna Brown...cancer Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome Tim Leitch...cancer Dave Ferree...health concerns Jody Lehman...recovery from surgery Gay Homan...health concerns Ukrainian People & the Ukrainian War Paul & Sandy Larson...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 6/29/23



THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

July 2, 2023 - The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: Betty Ishler

Altar Flowers: Hammaker Family Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier

Communion Bread: **Open**

Counters: Sue Royer and Shari Welch

Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers Greeter (10:30am): **Open**

Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover Weeding & Mowing 7/2/23-7/8/23: Scott

McAllister

<u>July 9, 2023 - The 6th Sunday after Pentecost - Outdoor Worship and Picnic at 10:00am @ Lion's Club Pavilion</u>

Counters: Deb Frazier and Barb McAllister Weeding & Mowing 7/9/23-7/15/23: **Open**

<u>July 16, 2023 - The 7th Sunday after Pentecost - 8:00am worship at St. Luke and 10:30am Community Worship at People Choice Festival.</u>

Altar Care: Betty Ishler Altar Flowers: **Open**

Communion Bread (8am only): **Open** Counters: Lois Albright and Susan Stover Weeding & Mowing 7/16/23-7/22/23: **Open**

July 23, 2023 - The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open** Altar Flowers: **Open**

Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter

Communion Bread: Open

Counters: Sue Royer and Carol Sharpe

Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan

Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister Weeding & Mowing 7/23/23-7/29/23: **Open**

July 30, 2023 - The 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open** Altar Flowers: **Open**

Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

Communion Bread: Open

Counters: Shari Welch and Ken Cromwell

Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers Greeter (10:30am): **Open** Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer Offering Usher (10:30am): Patty Lehman Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe Weeding & Mowing 7/30/23-8/5/23: **Open**

August 6, 2023 - The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open** Altar Flowers: **Open**

Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier

Communion Bread: Open

Counters: Susan Stover and Sue Royer Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman Weeding & Mowing 8/6/23-8/12/23: **Open**

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!





JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- Sumner and Cindy Kessinger Keith and Sharon Luse Dennis and Cindy Foust
- 5 Joe and Vicky Hammaker
- 7 Jim and Nancy Shunk Lee and Sue Chappell
- 10 Monty and Pat Strouse
- 16 Davis and Beth Araujo
- 18 Keith Jr. and Heather Luse Christopher and Carla Cipro
- 21 Barry and Linda Dutrow
- 26 Larry and Judith Bowles
- 28 Gerald and Marjorie Korman
- 29 Terry and Michele Brown
- 30 Kyle and Amy Lehman



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 1 Barb Garman Alexa Holsinger
 - 3 Steven Crater
 - 7 Freda Schluter
 - 9 Chris Cipro Alice Cromwell
 - 10 Adrea Fetterolf
 - 11 Paul Mark
 - 12 Jordan Anderson Donald Miller
 - 15 Barb McAllister

July Birthdays Continued...

- 16 Walt Schluter Jim Shunk Clay Phillips
- 17 Amanda Garman
- 17 Robert Decker
- 18 Betty Dietrich
- 20 Alexander Luse
- 22 Gary Zellers, Jr.
- 23 Eileen Barnes James Roth, Jr. Caitlyn Seiler
- 27 Andrew Foor
- 28 Dawn Holsopple
- 31 Meghan Frazier



St. Luke officially welcomes Karen Myers as a new member. Welcome, Karen!





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 by Zoom, please email Pr. Becky, Pres. Scott McAllister, V.P. Shawn Lehman, or Sec. Carol Sharpe for login information.

<u>Council Members for 2023</u>: 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.

<u>Cemetery Association Representatives</u>—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 July 5th at 11:00 am at St. Luke in the social hall. On July 5th at 7:00 pm there is also a VBS planning meeting at Grace UMC in their Library. Please consider volunteering to support this vital outreach ministry of the Council of Churches.

Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **August 2023** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Thursday**, **July 20th**.





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 Tuesday, July 4, Tuesday, July 25 & Thursday, July 27th.



<u>Investment Committee Meeting</u>—The Investment Committee will meet on Monday, July 10th, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for a semi-annual review. Anyone who is interested, may attend. Questions, please speak with Barb McAllister.

<u>Congregational Relations Committee Meeting</u> - There will be a Congregational Relations Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 11am in the kitchen to discuss ideas for fall events. If you would like to help plan, please join us.

<u>IHS Representative Needed</u>—We are looking for an Interfaith Human Services (IHS) representative. Please consider how God may be calling you to serve on this board that helps oversee this active ministry in Centre County. If you have any questions, please contact Pr. Becky or Alice Cromwell.

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

<u>Please Note</u>—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 <u>printed</u> Worship At Home materials, please speak with Pastor Becky or Patty or leave a message at the Church Office at 814-364-9154.

<u>Masking</u>—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!

<u>Thank You</u> - 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 <u>St. Luke (PO Box 331, Centre Hall, PA 16828)</u> 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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Treasurer, Jack Sharer 814-364-1658 of email: <u>StLuke16828TreasurerJack@gmail.com</u>

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St. Luke Website http://StLukeCentreHall.org

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Annual Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic at the Centre Hall Lions Club	10 Investment Committee Meeting 6:30pm Council Meeting	11 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm AA District Meeting	12 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10am	13 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	14	15
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Puzzie!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us not to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

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DO NOT

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

When it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,

Sprinkle and split

A sprinkle of pepper and a dab of soap illustrate a big concept from God's Word.





What you need:

- · Shallow dish
- Water
- Black ground pepper
- Toothpick
- Dish soap
- Bible



What you do:

- 1. With the dish on a table, fill it halfway with water. Don't jiggle the dish.
- 2. Sprinkle pepper on the water.
- 3. Dab the toothpick into a drop of soap. Then touch its tip to the center of the water and observe.
- 4. Read Psalm 103:8-12. How does this experiment illustrate God's forgiveness?
- 5. Explain the science behind this experiment: The soap disturbs the water's surface tension. The soap molecules don't want to interact with the water. This repels the water molecules from the soap, causing the floating pepper to also move to the sides.

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