

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

October 2023

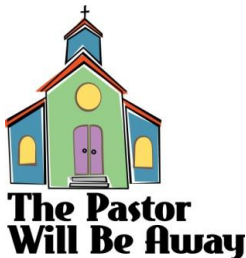


Dear Siblings in Christ,

I have been rereading a book called *Start With Why* by Simon Sinek and it reminds me that it is important for us to regularly re-evaluate our 'whys.' Why do we attend worship? Why do I spend my time doing x, y, and z? Why do I show up or participate? Sometimes my answer is because it feels right, there is a sense of completeness when I worship or gather with those who also believe in the love of God and are striving to be disciples. Sinek points out that much of the time we answer the question of 'what' before we consider the why. When we use this approach, we can get lost in our purpose and get caught up in rationalization or quick fixes. But if we start with asking why, we have a stronger basis, we better understand our motivation, and others are more likely to support us. The what we do matters, but the why we do it is most important.

So, what are your whys? Why do you read this newsletter? Why do you come to worship (or why don't you)? Why do you make the choices you do with regard to your time, talents, possessions, and other understandings? Perhaps if we all start with why, we might find a new way to look at the "whats" and see where we might have gotten off track or what no longer is working.

Yours In Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn



Pr. Becky is on vacation October 19 to October 24, 2023. For pastoral emergencies during this time please contact Pastor Laurretta 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.

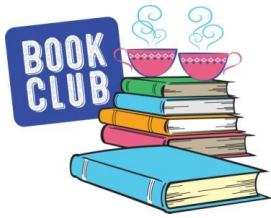


Are you or a loved one desiring a visit from the pastor?

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)



We welcome all individuals of the congregation to come out and help us make a beautiful noise to the Lord! Rehearsals take place every Thursday evening at 7:00pm and anthems are sung on Sunday mornings at the 10:30am worship service.



Our next book selection is *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel and we will meet to discuss on Wednesday, October 25th at 9:00 am in the kitchen.

Lectionary Study &
Prayer Group



The Lectionary Study and Prayer Group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the Social Hall. We discuss the week's lessons and pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts. If you have ideas for a Bible study, please bring them along and share. I look forward to our discussions as we grow in faith.



Our Sunday School Classes will resume meeting on Sunday, **October 1, 2023** and will meet on the **1st and 3rd Sundays** of each month through May **from 9:15-10am**. You are welcome to come a little early at 9:00am for coffee, treats and fellowship. The Pre-K to 6th grade Class will be taught by Pastor Becky and the Adult Class will be taught by Shawn Lehman. Please note: Those eligible for confirmation will be contacted by Pastor Becky to set up a meeting time.



On Sunday, October 1, 2023, St. Luke observes Lutheran World Relief Blanket Sunday. The congregation is invited to give a special offering for the purchase of blankets for Lutheran World Relief. Your contribution helps buy sturdy blankets which provide shelter, warmth, and security to someone in the world facing disaster. Special Blanket Sunday envelopes will be available in your bulletin on October 1st and can be placed in the offering plate. Checks may

be made payable to St. Luke with Blanket Sunday in the memo line.

*Also, please take note of the lovely quilts placed around the sanctuary on October 1st. The Sewing Group made numerous quilts throughout the year. These quilts will also be donated to Lutheran World Relief. We give thanks for the blessing of this ministry!

You are all invited to a fun Sip & Paint event - Sign Up Today!

The Congregational Relations Committee would like to invite you to a Sip & Paint Event on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. Here is an example of the fall picture that we will be painting. The original is located in the narthex if you would like a closer look. All painting supplies, water and light snacks will be provided. You may bring your own beverage if you would like. Kids are welcome and you are encouraged to invite a friend or friends! If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the narthex so that we have a general idea of the painting supplies that will be needed. If you have any questions, please speak with Patty Lehman, Barb McAllister or Pr. Becky Horn.



We Need Your Help For A Spooky Good Time! - This year, St. Luke will be hosting the Community Trunk-or-Treat Event on Tuesday, October 31st from 6-8pm. Anyone interested in decorating their car trunk, playing games with the kids, dressing in costume and/or helping to hand out candy and treats on October 31st, please sign up in the narthex. This is a safe option of Trick-or-Treating in our community. Candy will be collected in the bin in the St. Luke Narthex from October 1st to October 29th. Please sign up today!



Annually, St. Luke Lutheran Church honors those who have been baptized and those who have died in the past year with a special service of remembrance on All Saints Sunday. If you would like to have a candle lit in honor of a friend or a loved one during the All Saints Sunday Services on Sunday, November 5th at St. Luke, please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board by Sunday, October 29th or notify the church office at 814-364-9154 or email StLuke364@gmail.com. A candle will be lit at both services in honor of all those named.



FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, October 17, 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:

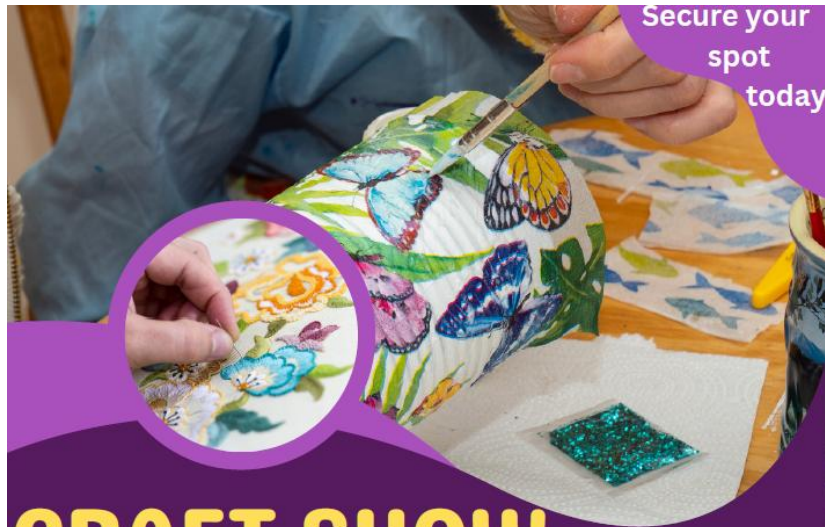
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| January - Kleenex | July - Soap |
| February - Canned Milk | August - Individually packaged Toothbrushes |
| March - Toothpaste | September - Shampoo |
| April - Cake Mixes | October - Toilet Paper |
| May - Kitchen Garbage Bags | November - Sandwich 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, October 15, 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 to the Food Pantry, volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions, you may speak with Bonnie Brown at **814-883-3589**.



Annual Convention

The 34th Annual Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization Convention will be held on Saturday, October 21st, 2023 at Newry Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1030 Shamrock Lane, Newry, PA. The theme for the day is **"The Old is Gone, The New is Here."** The convention is a time to learn about the Women of the ELCA and to worship and fellowship with your sisters in Christ from across the Allegheny Synod. This will be a half day convention, beginning at 8:30am. All persons attending the convention must register by October 2nd. The cost is \$15.00. Sorry for the late notice. If you would like a registration form, please speak with Patty in the church office asap.



CRAFT SHOW VENDORS

The Oaks at Pleasant Gap

VENDOR FEE
\$10

Calling ALL Crafters!! We are seeking vendors for the show.

Sign up today for a nominal fee and donation of a gift basket.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
10 am - 3 pm

Questions? Ready to Register?
Contact Shirley
shirley.irvin@alsm.org or 814.359.2782



Prayer Concerns

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



Martha Grove...fall and hip replacement
The Family & Friends of Linda M. Dutrow
Paul Mark...recovery from ankle surgery
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues
The Family & Friends of Joslyn Flickinger
The Family & Friends of Lois Corl
Carolyn Wimer...recovery from knee surgery
Margaret Murphy...upcoming heart surgery
Karen Willar..cancer
Patty Thompson...cancer
Susan Lewis...heart surgery
Frank Manslow...cancer
Those affected by recent natural disasters

Justin Ryan...health concerns
The Family & Friends of Polly Mace
Dotti Sauerwein...pain relief/blood clot
Family & Friends of Bob & Bobby Musser
Nancy Hawn...lung transplant
Darla Dunlap..cancer
Katrina Danley...cancer
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

Robert Sauerwein...heart & health concerns
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns
Marvin Lehman, Jr....health concerns
Eva Gill...kidney failure
Tim Leitch...cancer
Gay Homan...health concerns
Don Rudy...health concerns
Amy...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 9/26/23**

St. Luke Contact Numbers:

Church Office	814-364-9154 or email at StLuke364@gmail.com
Pastor, Rev. Becky Horn	215-208-5535 or email StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com
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: msgmnastx48@aol.com
St. Luke Mailing Address	PO Box 331, Centre Hall, PA 16828
St. Luke Website	http://StLukeCentreHall.org

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

October 1, 2023 - The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: Barb McAllister
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Weeding & Mowing 10/01/23-10/07/23: Roy
Thompson

October 8, 2023 - The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Walt and Freda Schluter
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Barb McAllister and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Weeding & Mowing 10/08/23-10/14/23: Roy
Thompson

October 15, 2023 - The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Deb Frazier
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: Deb Frazier
Counters: Lois Albright and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): **Open**
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Weeding & Mowing 10/15/23-10/21/23: Roy
Thompson

October 22, 2023 - The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Deb Frazier
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Weeding & Mowing 10/22/23-10/28/23: Roy
Thompson

October 29, 2023 - Reformation Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Susan Stover and **Open**
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Weeding & Mowing 10/29/23-11/4/23: Roy
Thompson

November 5, 2023 - All Saints Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Shari Welch and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe



**October is
Pastor
Appreciation
Month!**



OCTOBER

Anniversaries

- Oct. 2 Brad and Tracy Noll
- 6 Chris and Jamie Seiler
- 17 Robert and Jody Lair
- 19 Dale and Krystal Josephson
- 20 Brian and Kathy Long
- 25 Walt and Freda Schluter
- 27 Charles and Sharon Musser
- 31 Joni and Drew Kresovich



OCTOBER

Birthdays

- Oct. 1 Isabella Luse
- 3 Susan Royer
- 4 Patty Thompson
Kenna Kurtz
- 6 Harold Paul Sampsell
- 7 Mary Homan
Dale Josephson
- 8 James Ard
- 9 Cameron Kubalak
- 10 Stephanie Delaney
- 11 Larry Frazier
Nicolette (Long) Foresman
Wade Wolfe
- 14 Charolette Waltz
Peg Leedy
- 16 Gary Way
Susan Stover
Andrew Horn
- 17 Erika Whitman
- 19 Kaitlyn Gummo
Sophia Luse
Harper Cipro
- 20 Dayna Brown
Sabrina Wert
Dustin Boob
- 22 Minette Homan
- 23 Lois Roth
Morgan Noll
- 24 Kathy Long
- 25 Kyle Lehman
- 26 Audrey Herrold
Lisa Holsinger
- 27 Kira Josephson

October Birthdays Continued....

- 29 Pam Hollobaugh
Tom McCool
- 30 Manetta Horn
- 31 Jamie Kessinger
Kathleen Bagrowski



We're never alone

In many sources, the author of the hymn "Never Alone" is listed as anonymous, but in several, Ludie Carrington Day Pickett (1867-1953) is credited. The words powerfully capture the assurance that amid life's storms — sin, temptation, danger, loneliness, care — and, finally, even at the end of this life, Jesus promises to be with us. Two stanzas proclaim:

I've seen the lightning flashing
And heard the thunder roll,
I've felt sin's breakers dashing,
which tried to conquer my soul;
I've heard the voice of my Savior,
He bid me still fight on:
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone.

The world's fierce winds are blowing —
Temptation's sharp and keen;
I have a peace in knowing
My Savior stands between;
He stands to shield me from danger
When all my friends are gone:
He promised never to leave me,
Never to leave me alone.



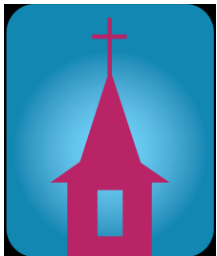
St. Luke's next scheduled Council Meeting is October 9, 2023 at 7:00pm. The regular meets are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, Zoom is available for those who are unable to attend in person. Council Executive Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm as needed. If you are interested 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—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 on the first Wednesday of each month, Lenten Wednesday services, and Trunk-or-Treat. **Please take note of the Trunk OR Treat Announcement and information in this newsletter. The next meeting is October 4th at 11:00 am at St. Luke in the social hall.**

Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **October 2023** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Thursday, September 21, 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.

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

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8am & 10:30am - Blanket Sunday First Day of Sunday School 9:15-10:00am *Coffee & Treats at 9:00am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	2 	3 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	4 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am Centre Hall Council of Churches 11am	5 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	6 	7 Linda M. Dutrow Funeral 1:00pm AA Meeting 7pm
8 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	9 <i>Columbus Day</i> Council Meeting 7:00pm	10 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Sip & Paint Event 6-8:00pm	11 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am Assemble School Kits 10:00am in Social Hall	12 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	13 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	14 AA Meeting 7pm
15 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15-10:00am *Coffee & Treats at 9:00am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	16 	17 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	18 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am	19 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	20 	21 <i>Sweetest Day</i> AA Meeting 7pm
22 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	23	24 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *November Newsletter Deadline	25 Book Group 9am Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am Packing Quilts 1:00pm in Social Hall	26 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	27 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	28 AA Meeting 7pm
29 Worship 8am & 10:30am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	30	31 <i>Halloween</i> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  TRUNK OR TREAT AT ST LUKE 6-8PM	Pr. Becky is on vacation October 19 to October 24, 2023. For pastoral emergencies please contact Pastor Laretta Dietrich at 814-422-8259 or 814-574-6093. Sunday School Classes Meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:15am - 10am. Come a little early at 9am for coffee and treats.			

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

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