

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

September 2023



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Ahh September. The start of school and beginnings of autumn. Cooler nights and days. A new rhythm to the daily schedule. A chance to pause and reflect as the seasons begin to change. It sounds so nice and tidy, and yet when I look at the state of the world it seems anything but nice and tidy, relaxing and joyful. There is so much going on in the world – wars, fires, famine, disease, pain, and suffering. But as Christians we strive for hope and love – we strive to make God’s kingdom come. It is easy to get stuck, frozen if you will, in the same chores and actions that we tend to each day. But the world is not in stasis. The world is not static. The world is ever changing, and we are too. The old adage that we learn something new every day is true. But sometimes we don’t register the new learning or experience for all that it could be.

I would like to challenge each of us to a task this month. Each day I want us to consider something new we have learned. The learning need not be profound, but hopefully it brings a new light to our understanding, perhaps even our faith. You may wish to share what you’ve learned at dinner with family or friends, or perhaps write it on a pad of paper so at the end of the month you can reflect at all you have learned. In taking note of new things we learn, I hope we can see that God is at work in our lives opening our hearts and minds for God’s glory and love.

Yours In Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn



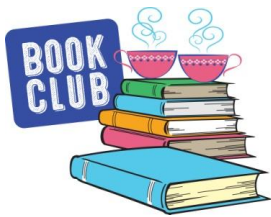
Visitation

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 fall rehearsals for St. Luke’s Choir will begin on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. 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. All are welcome!



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.

Lectionary Study & Prayer Group



In September, the Lectionary Study and Prayer Group will resume weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. Our first meeting will be held on **September 6th at 10:00am** in the Social Hall. We will discuss the week's lessons and to 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.



Save The Date - The Congregational Relations Committee is in the process of planning another Sip & Paint event for this fall on Tuesday, October 10th. More details coming soon!



FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, September 19, 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, September 17, 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**.

Prayer Concerns

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

A Prayer of Celebration...Patricia Eppers is in remission (Betty Ishler's daughter)

Dotti Sauerwein...pain relief/blood clot

Carolyn Wimer...recovery from knee surgery

Linda George...recovery from blood clots

Margaret Murphy...upcoming heart surgery

Karen Willar...cancer

Patty Thompson...cancer

Susan Lewis...heart surgery

Frank Manslow...cancer

Those affected by the Maui wildfires and all those affected by any natural disasters

Family & Friends of Bob & Bobby Musser

Paul Mark...recov. from ankle surgery

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

Jody Lehman...recov. from ankle surgery

Susan Bohner...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

Lois Corl...health concerns

James Reese...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)

Paul Mark (Juniper Village at Brookline, 1930 Cliffside Drive, State College, PA 16801)

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 8/29/23**



THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

September 3, 2023 - The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: Barb McAllister
Altar Flowers: Bonnie Brown
Bell Ringer (10:30am): **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Susan Stover and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
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: Todd Fetterolf

September 10, 2023 - The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Jack Sharer
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Shari Welch and Lois Albright
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Weeding & Mowing 9/10/23-9/16/23: Todd Fetterolf

September 17, 2023 - The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Linda and LeRoy Reitz
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Weeding & Mowing 9/17/23-9/23/23: Scott McAllister

September 24, 2023 - The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Scott and Barb McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Susan Stover
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Weeding & Mowing 9/24/23-9/30/23: **Open**

October 1, 2023 - The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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





September

ANNIVERSARIES

- Sept. 6 Michael and Shelly Carper
- 10 N. Roy and Patty Thompson
- 12 Doug and Shari Welch
- 13 Tom and Kelly Moran
- 17 Daniel and Debbie May
- 19 Paul and Barbara Mark
- 20 Shawn and Kenna Kurtz
- 25 Ronald C. and Melissa Homan
- 30 Lanny and Kimberly Johnson



- Sept. 3 Robert Sauerwein
- 4 Logan Murphy
- 7 Keith B. Luse
Carol Ard
- 8 Leo Shaffer
- 9 Davis Araujo
Logan Johnson
George Wilson
- 11 Inez Luse
- 13 Barbara Mark
- 18 Joni Kresovich
- 19 Gay Homan
- 20 Connie Zellers
- 21 Justin O'Hara
Gladys Sampsel
Katie Horn
- 22 Sherri Corl
Norma Crater
- 23 Twila Mothersbaugh
Ronald Holsopple
- 24 Tim O'Hara
- 26 Simone Bierly
- 28 Jordan Holsopple
Sue McCool
- 29 Forrest Rishel

IHS Annual Auction—The 4th Annual Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction will take place from Sept 5-10. You may bid online for many items by going to <https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/auction/> Thank you for your support of this vital ministry in Centre County.



Thank you for your generous donations to the annual August School Supply Collection for the Lutheran World Relief School Kit Backpacks. You always go above and beyond and your generosity is appreciated!



“Most of life’s great moments — the ones that resonate in our hearts and minds — involve other people,” writes John C. Maxwell in *Today Matters*. “Rarely do we experience these times alone. And even when we do, our first inclination is to share them with others.”

Maxwell then poses this challenge: “Think back to the most important experiences of your life, the highest highs, the greatest victories, the most daunting obstacles overcome. How many happened to you alone? I bet there are very few. When you understand that being connected to others is one of life’s greatest joys, you realize that life’s best comes when you initiate and invest in solid relationships.”

Church COUNCIL

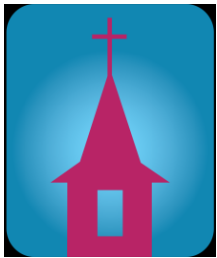
St. Luke's next scheduled Council Meeting is September 11, 2023 at 7:00pm. The regular meets are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm, Zoom is available for those who are unable to attend in person. Council Executive Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the Month at 6:00 pm as needed. If you are interested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



Trunk or Treat – Yes, it is that time of year – fall with the leaves changing and the temperature cooling. This year is St. Luke's year to host Trunk or Treat for the Council of Churches and we need your help. It has been 5 years since we last hosted this event (thanks Covid) and we hope to make this event a success for our community. In years past we have had trunks decorated and handing out candy or other treats, we have had a small game section, we cook hotdogs that are provided by Centre Hall and make hot chocolate. Please let Patty or Pastor Becky know if you are able and willing to help. Thank you for your support and care for the community!

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. **Patty will be out of the office on Tuesday, September 5 and Tuesday, September 19. Patti will work Wednesday, September 6.**

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 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

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						AA Meeting 7pm
3 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	4  Labor Day	5 NO OFFICE HOURS -switched day to Wednesday this week Reminder: IHS Online Community Cares Auction 9/5-9/10	6 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Book Group 9:00am Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am Centre Hall Council of Churches 11am	7 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	8	AA Meeting 7pm
10 Worship 8am & 10:30am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	11  Remembering 9/11 ***** Council Meeting 7:00pm	12 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Congregational Relations Meeting 10:30am	13 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am	14 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	15	AA Meeting 7pm
17 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	18	19 NO OFFICE HOURS Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	20 Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am	21 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *October Newsletter Deadline Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	22	AA Meeting 7pm
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						Baptism 10am
						AA Meeting 7pm





A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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1:3-4, NIV

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Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

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

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