

# *THE ST. LUKE LETTER*

*November 2023*



Dear Siblings in Christ,

St. Luke has a Mission Statement, but I wonder how each of us would interpret its meaning. Here is the Mission statement: Inviting all into relationship with Christ, Church, and Community!

What does it mean to you that we claim our mission to be inviting others into this relationship, not only with Christ, but also church (our assembly and congregation), and the community (where we live, interact, and reside)?

To be in relationship, at least in my understanding, involves interaction with one another. If we are inviting everyone into relationship with Christ, Church, and Community we then need to be in relationship – we need to show up, to participate, to interact with others so that we are able to build up the community of God around us, the community of God that includes us.

What do you think of or hear when you read this mission statement? How are you inspired? What might you do to live out the mission of God that we are all called into?

Yours In Christ,  
Pr. Becky Horn



From Pr. Becky: 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](mailto:stluke364pastorbecky@gmail.com) )

Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 5th.  
Don't forget to fall back one hour.





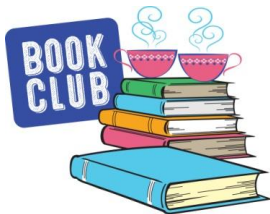
There will be a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 6:00pm at Faith Alive Fellowship Church in Spring Mills.



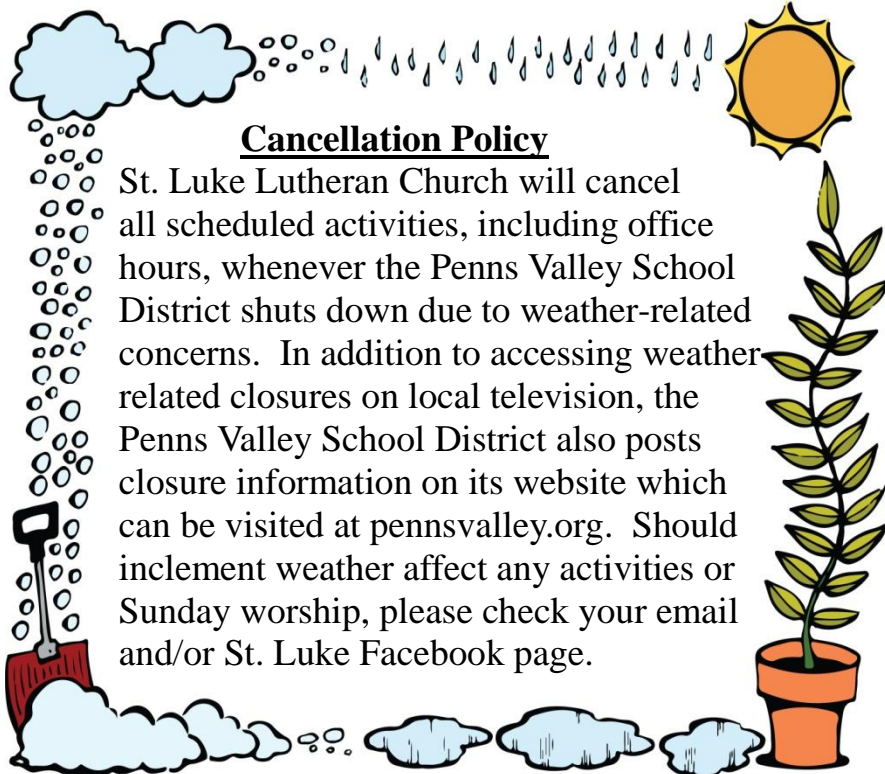
Our Sunday School Classes meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month **from 9:15-10am**. You are welcome to come a little early at 9:00am for coffee, treats and fellowship. **In November, we will meet on Sunday, November 5th and Sunday, November 19th.**



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.



Book Group will meet in the **Pastor's Office** on **November 29th at 9:00 am**. We will be discussing ***Home Front* by Kristin Hannah**. You are invited to read and come to chat and discuss this book and pick out the next discussion date for January.



### Cancellation Policy

St. Luke Lutheran Church will cancel all scheduled activities, including office hours, whenever the Penns Valley School District shuts down due to weather-related concerns. In addition to accessing weather-related closures on local television, the Penns Valley School District also posts closure information on its website which can be visited at [pennsvalley.org](http://pennsvalley.org). Should inclement weather affect any activities or Sunday worship, please check your email and/or St. Luke Facebook page.

### 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.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

**FOOD PANTRY:** The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, November 21, 2023**, at Grace United Methodist Church, Centre Hall. 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 - <b>Individually packaged Toothbrushes</b> |
| March - Toothpaste         | September - Shampoo                                |
| April - Cake Mixes         | October - Toilet Paper                             |
| May - Kitchen Garbage Bags | <b>November - Sandwich Bags</b>                    |
| 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, November 19, 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**.



St. Luke will celebrate Harvest Home the first two Sundays in November: Sunday, November 5th and Sunday, November 12th. You may bring in non-perishable items to benefit the Centre Hall/Potter Food Pantry. All donations may be placed in the collection bin in the narthex. The Food Pantry is in particular need of Toilet Paper and Paper Towels at this time. You may also choose to make a monetary donation to the Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) Harvest Home collection which benefits local senior living communities, including The Oaks in Pleasant Gap. Donation Envelopes are available in the narthex. Checks may be made payable to St. Luke with "Harvest Home" in the memo line.

**CRAFT SHOW**  
**The Oaks at Pleasant Gap**  
 200 Rachel Drive, Pleasant Gap  
 814.359.2782

**Saturday, November 4**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Vendors Include:**

Soaps & Stitches	Simply Modest Gifts
Zack of all Trades	Chellz Dreamz Crystals
Kenzie's Cozies	T's Pen Paradise
A&J's Creations	Gheez Beez
Paparazzi Jewelry	Mary Kay
Playful Scraps Clothes and Gifts	Tastefully Simple
Scentsy	And Much More!!

**Food Vendors Include:**

- Twisted Whisk
- Fabulous French Fries
- Tabbycakes
- Miles Concessions



## **LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER - SAVE THE DATES:**

**December 3 - St. Luke Advent Celebration and Craft Day** - There will be crafts, decorating and treats in the Fellowship Hall during the extended Sunday School Hour from 8:45am-10am in celebration of the beginning of Advent. All St. Luke's Congregation is invited. Bring a friend or friends! All ages are welcome!

**December 6, 13 & 20 - Advent Wednesday Worship** - During the season of Advent, we will have Wednesday evening worship at St. Luke at 7:00pm. The Advent Wednesday Evening sermon theme will be based off of *An Unlikely Advent* by Rachel Billups.

**December 8th - 10th - Centre Hall Community Christmas** - St. Luke will begin the Centre Hall Community Christmas Weekend by hosting the Community Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm outside on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave and Church Street. We will sing carols, light the tree and share hot chocolate and cookies with our neighbors. Please consider helping by making cookies or serving hot chocolate and coming to celebrate God's presence and love at this time of year. Also keep an eye out for more events and information on the Centre Hall Community Christmas Weekend.

**December 24th - Christmas Eve Worship Services** - This year Christmas Eve is on Sunday, December 24th. We will gather for worship at 3:00pm and 5:30pm for Christmas Eve services. We will not be holding Sunday morning worship. Thank you for sharing this information and inviting others to join you as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Savior, Emmanuel, Christ.

**December 31st - Lessons & Carols** - On Sunday, December 31st, we will have an 8am and 10:30am worship service where will enjoy seasonal scripture and sing carols.



# 100 YEARS



Agnes Homan turns 100 years young on  
December 15. Please help us celebrate!

Sunday, December 10, 2023

2:30 to 4:30

Lions Club Park

Centre Hall, PA

If you cannot attend, cards will be  
appreciated. Please mail to:

448 S. Pennsylvania Ave

Centre Hall, PA 16828

We're looking forward to seeing you!

## Prayer Concerns

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



Ken Cromwell...recov. knee replacement  
Betty Ishler...health concerns  
Donna Bennet...cancer  
Family & Friends of Tim Leitch  
Family & Friends of Nancy Smeltzer  
Monica Zimmerman...cancer  
Paul Mark...recovery from ankle surgery  
Justin Ryan...health concerns  
Carolyn Wimer...recovery from knee surgery  
Karen Willar...cancer  
Patty Thompson...cancer  
Susan Lewis...heart surgery  
Frank Manslow...cancer  
Peace for Israel and the Middle East

Steve Welch...health concerns  
Ryan Russell...brain cancer  
Family & Friends of Bill Krape  
Mike Moyer...health concerns  
Martha Grove...fall and hip replacement  
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues  
Dotti Sauerwein...pain relief/blood clot  
Nancy Hawn...lung transplant  
Darla Dunlap...cancer  
Katrina Danley...cancer  
Silas Green...multiple health issues  
Those affected by recent natural disasters

### **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

Robert Sauerwein...heart & health concerns  
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns  
Marvin Lehman, Jr...health concerns  
Eva Gill...kidney failure  
Gay Homan...health concerns  
Don Rudy...health concerns  
Paul & Sandy Larson...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](mailto:StLuke364@gmail.com). **-Updated 10/26/23**

### **St. Luke Contact Numbers:**

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Pastor, Rev. Becky Horn	215-208-5535 or email <a href="mailto:StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com">StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com</a>
Church Secretary, Patty Lehman	814-933-6296 or email: <a href="mailto:StLuke364@gmail.com">StLuke364@gmail.com</a>
Council President, Scott McAllister	814-364-1285 (h); 814-280-7891(c) or email <a href="mailto:horsedr72@verizon.net">horsedr72@verizon.net</a>
Treasurer, Jack Sharer	814-364-1658 of email: <a href="mailto:StLuke16828TreasurerJack@gmail.com">StLuke16828TreasurerJack@gmail.com</a>
Music Director, Susan Stover	814-349-5173 or email: <a href="mailto:smsgmnastx48@aol.com">smsgmnastx48@aol.com</a>
St. Luke Mailing Address	PO Box 331, Centre Hall, PA 16828
St. Luke Website	<a href="http://StLukeCentreHall.org">http://StLukeCentreHall.org</a>

## THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### November 5, 2023 - All Saints Sunday

Altar Care: Betty Ishler  
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold  
Bell Ringer (10:30am): **Open**  
Communion Bread: Betty Ishler  
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): Patty Lehman  
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe

### November 12, 2023 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**  
Altar Flowers: Betty Dietrich  
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter  
Communion Bread: Lois Albright  
Counters: Barb McAllister and Sue Royer  
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers  
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk  
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan  
Lay Reader (10:30am): Evelyn Reeder  
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier  
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

### November 19, 2023 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**  
Altar Flowers: Scott and Barb McAllister  
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman  
Communion Bread: **Open**  
Counters: Deb Frazier and Lois Albright  
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers  
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman  
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker Reitz  
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer  
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman  
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister

### November 26, 2023 - Christ the King Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**  
Altar Flowers: **Open**  
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier  
Communion Bread: **Open**  
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Barb McAllister  
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers  
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**  
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran  
Lay Reader (10:30am): Scott McAllister  
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter  
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover

### December 3, 2023 - First Sunday of Advent

Altar Care: **Open**  
Altar Flowers: Shawn and Patty Lehman  
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter  
Communion Bread: **Open**  
Counters: Lois Albright and Susan Stover  
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz  
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk  
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long  
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier  
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister  
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe



Please consider learning how to use the iPad for sound and video in the sanctuary. There is a Power Point available to walk you through the basic steps. Don't let the technology scare you, if you have used a smartphone, you can easily work the system; and if you haven't used a smartphone it is simple to learn the app. Thank you so much for your help, ministry, and service in this vital aspect of sharing God's Word. Please contact Pastor Becky if you are interested.



# November

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 1 Donald and Dorothy Rudy
- 13 Doug and Jessica Roth
- 20 Ronald and Patricia Homan
- 28 Roy and Gay Homan



# Baptisms

IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

Piper Irelyn Crater was born into the world on December 19, 2022 and baptized and born into the Lord on September 30, 2023. Piper is the daughter of Steven and Ashley Crater and granddaughter of Jan and Norma Crater.



# November

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 1 Michael Sheaffer
- Kelly Moran
- 2 Sophia Parsons
- 4 Robert Long
- 6 Keith Luse, Jr.
- 7 Dwight Barnes
- Deb Frazier
- 8 Lanny Johnson
- Jameson Shawver
- 9 Travis Waltz
- Heather Luse
- 10 Susan Wolfe
- Shawna Begley-Peck
- 11 Cliff Waltz
- 12 Mindy Dutrow
- David Bagrowski
- 13 Abbey Wolfe
- 16 Gregory Reeder
- 17 Linda Sheaffer
- 18 Melissa Wolfe
- 19 Evan Homan
- Emma Bagrowski
- 23 Virginia Gummo
- 24 Sharon Musser
- 25 Dorothy Rudy
- 30 Peyton Homan



## ALL SAINTS' DAY

On Sunday, November 5, 2023, we will honor those who have been baptized and those who have died in the past year with the lighting of candles at both services.



## Loving Memory

St. Luke mourns the loss of members, Lois M. Corl on September 2, 2023 and Linda M. Dutrow on September 18, 2023. Please keep their family members and friends in your prayers.

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**Understanding Your Grief: Touchstones for Hope and Healing** - Stevens Family Funeral Home and Family Hospice of Altoona will hold a **free, live, webinar on Wednesday, November 29th from 5-8pm** with world-renowned author and grief educator, Dr. Alan Wolfelt. If you would like to participate in the webinar, please register by calling 814-947-7060 by November 27th. You may also attend in person at UPMC Altoona. Further information is posted on the narthex bulletin board.





**St. Luke's next scheduled Council Meeting is November 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.** The regular meets are held 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. **The next meeting is November 1 at 11:00 am at St. Luke in the social hall.**

**Looking ahead...**Please note that if you have news or articles for the **December 2023** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Thursday, November 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. **No Office Hours on November 23 & 28th.**

**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](https://www.youtube.com/@StLukeLutheran_CentreHall/live)



# November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am  Centre Hall Council of Churches 11am	<b>2</b> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>   AA Meeting 7pm
<b>5 All Saints Sunday</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends Worship 8am & 10:30am - Harvest Home  Sunday School Classes 9:15-10am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	<b>6</b>  	<b>7 Election Day</b> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	<b>8</b> Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am	<b>9</b> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	<b>10 Veterans' Day</b>    Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	<b>11</b>   AA Meeting 7pm
<b>12</b> Worship 8am & 10:30am - Harvest Home   Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	<b>13</b>  Council Meeting 7:00pm	<b>14</b> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  Congregational Relations Meeting 10:30am in Kitchen	<b>15</b> Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am  	<b>16</b> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>   AA Meeting 7pm
<b>19</b> Worship 8am & 10:30am  Sunday School Classes 9:15-10am  <b>Community Thanksgiving Worship Service 6pm at Faith Alive Fellowship, Spring Mills</b>  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *December Newsletter Deadline  Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	<b>22</b> Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am	<b>23 THANKSGIVING</b>  	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>   AA Meeting 7pm
<b>26 Christ the King</b> Worship 8am & 10:30am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	<b>27</b>  	<b>28</b> NO OFFICE HOURS	<b>29</b> Book Group 9am in Pastor's Office  Lectionary Study & Prayer Group 10:00am	<b>30</b> OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm  Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	<b>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.</b>	

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Return Service Requested

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