

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

April 2024



Dear Siblings in Christ,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! The risen Christ calls us into ministry with and for all people. This call is our own rising – it is a rising above our sin with the help of God. What changes can we consider this month? Is there a question that has been gnawing at you? Have you felt the movement of the Spirit? Is it time to reflect upon what faith in God means for you?

Christ has risen and Christ will come again – and this time of in-between we call life. Jesus lived his own life with God's love as the core to his decisions and teachings, as the core of his words and his being. We are called into this life with Christ, not alone, but with God and with one another. In our lives we face opportunities to rise to God's calling of love and it is these opportunities we have the ability to show our love. I challenge you to take notice of the decisions you make and why you make them. I encourage you to question if your choices exemplify your values and love of God. I hope you will consider, discern, and pray over God's calling of you into the risen life of Christ.

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)



March 28 - Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm

March 29 - Good Friday Worship 7pm

March 31 - Easter Sunrise Service 7am followed by

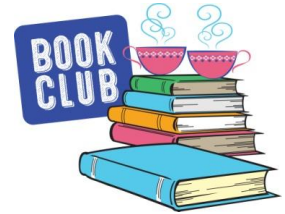
Easter Breakfast

Easter Worship 10:30am

Welcomes New Members

We officially welcome Harold and Jane Rudy as new members of the St. Luke Lutheran Church Family. Welcome!

The next book for St. Luke's Book Group is *Slow Horses* by Mick Herron. We will gather on Wednesday, April 10th at 9:00 am in Pastor Becky's office.



On Sunday, July 14th, St. Luke will join the Community Worship Service at the People's Choice Festival at 10:30 am. There will still be an 8:00am worship service at St. Luke for those who do not wish to worship at the People's Choice Festival.



St. Luke's Annual Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic will be taking place the 3rd Sunday in July on Sunday, July 21, 2024. More details coming soon.



The Centre Hall Community Vacation Bible School dates will be Sunday, July 28, 2024 to Thursday, August 1, 2024. Please share the dates with your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. More details to come.

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.



Choir rehearsals will return to Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Sanctuary beginning on Thursday, April 4, 2024.



FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**, 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:

January - Kleenex	July - Soap
February - Canned Milk	August - <u>Individually packaged</u> 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, April 14, 2024**. 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**.



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

Lutheran Day in the Capitol will take place Thursday, May 9, 2024

Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) on Thursday, May 9, for a day of learning, inspiration, advocacy, and celebration!

We're also marking ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary in a celebration of all the ways Lutherans show up to feed and care for our neighbors in Pennsylvania and around the world!

Registration is now taking place. Find out more and register by going to www.lutheranadvocacypa.org

Prayer Concerns

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

Marilyn Wendt...covid
Family and Friends of Darla Dunlap
Family and Friends of Charles Miller
Dave Ferree...health concerns/recovery from falls
Friends and Family of Guy Rudy
Mr. Walters (Mifflinburg)...health concerns
Adam Hanscom...recovery from surgery
Don Miller...health concerns
Bette Bender...recovery from shoulder replacement
Mike Burlew—ALS
Monica Zimmerman...cancer
Carolyn Wimer...recovery from knee surgery

Bob Smeltzer...health concerns
Bruce Adams...recovery from back surgery
Jean Smeltzer...recovery from broken hip
Gladys Sampsell...recovery from fall
Betty Ishler...long covid
Brad Noll...recovery from car accident
Mike Moyer...recovery from surgery
Adre Fetterolf...health concerns
Jim Reese—recovery from accident
Justin Ryan...health concerns
Nancy Hawn...lung transplant

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Paul Dietrich...cancer
Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Donna Brown...cancer
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Amy...health concerns
Karen Willar..cancer
Katrina Danley...cancer
Paul & Sandy Larson...health concern
Ed Dunkelberger...health concerns
Those affected by natural disasters
Peace for Israel and the Middle East
Craig Weidensaul...brain cancer

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
Don Young...health concerns
Silas Green...multiple health issues
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues
Lee Kolos...health concerns
Ukrainian People & the Ukrainian War
Judy Swartz...health concerns
Dotti Sauerwein...pain relief

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 3/26/24**



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: smsgmnastx48@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

April 7, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): **Open**
Communion Bread: Deb Frazier
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Deb Frazier
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
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): Carol Sharpe

April 14, 2024 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am):
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

April 21, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am):
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Susan Stover
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister

April 28, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am):
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Lois Albright and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover

May 5, 2024 - 6th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am):
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Barb McAllister and Ken Cromwell
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



***We continue to be in need of worship volunteers. If you are able to volunteer for any of the open positions, or any future openings, please contact Patty Lehman, Church Secretary, at 814-364-9154 or email StLuke364@gmail.com. You may also sign up for Altar Care, Altar Flower Donations and Bread Donations on the Narthex bulletin board.**



April 7 Kenneth and Ruth Long
11 Kermit and Lori Long
17 Michael and Linda Sheaffer
23 Jeff and Lisa O'Hara
26 George and Barb Garman
27 Marshal and Linda Brooks
28 Kurt and Kimberly Brooks



April 1 Curtis Decker
2 Lewis Delaney
3 Jerry Homan
Johnathan Seiler
5 Kimberly Johnson
Kaleb Wolfe
6 Patty Lehman
8 Dulcie Hollobaugh
Rachel Lieb
9 Daniel McAllister
10 Mike Schmidt
Crew Riggle
13 Betty Ishler
16 Ted Dutrow
19 Owen Carper
Dave Corl
Andy Long
20 Jazmyne Shaffer
21 Don Derr
Phyllis Kerlin
Brian Long
Linzy Fetterolf
22 Kimberly Brooks
Bonnie Brown
23 Joe Hammaker
26 Ty Corl
30 Lois Albright
Joshua Carper
Sydney Shawver



Thank You Notes

To the friends and families of St. Luke's Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for your donation of soup to the Centre Hall-Potter Township Food Pantry!

What a blessing your donation will be to our community members at this time.

Thank you and God bless,
Beth Powell, Assistant Secretary

Dear people of St. Luke,

Your continued generosity and love for our neighbors around the world is changing lives. We are so grateful for you!

In Christ,
Emma Wagner
Lutheran World Relief

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent generous gift to Lutheran World Relief's Quilt and Shipping Fund!

The kindness and love you show your neighbors in Christ is truly transformational.

Thank you,
Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard
President and CEO
Lutheran World Relief*

Dear St. Luke Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gift(s) given to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response in January 2024. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters.

In Christ,
Amanda White, Director
Congregational Generosity*

(*These are very small excerpts from very nice letters posted on narthex bulletin board)



St. Luke's next scheduled Council Meeting is April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the social hall. The regular meetings are held the 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. Rick Homan, or Sec. Carol Sharpe for login information.

Council Members for 2024: Scott McAllister (24) President, Rick Homan (24), Carol Sharpe (26), Secretary, Jack Sharer, Treasurer, Shari Welch (24), Gary Zellers (24), Lois Albright (25), Todd Fetterolf (25), Larry Frazier (25), Open Position (25), Alice Cromwell (26), Evelyn Reeder (26) and Susan Stover (26) ***The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.**

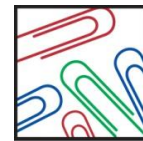
Centre Hall Council of Churches –The next meeting is scheduled for **April 3, 2024** at 11:00 am at Grace UMC, in the Library.

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



Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **May 2024** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Thursday, April 18th.**

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 not have office hours on Thursday, April 25th or Tuesday, April 30th.**








Office Hours

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

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	3 Prayer Group 10am Council of Churches at Grace UMC 11am	4 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5 	6 AA Meeting 7pm
7 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School Classes 9:15-10am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	8  Council Meeting 7:00pm	9 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	10 Book Group 9am in Pr. Becky's Office Prayer Group 10am	11 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	12 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	13 AA Meeting 7pm
14 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 Prayer Group 10am 	18 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *May Newsletter Deadline Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	19	20 AA Meeting 7pm
21 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School Classes 9:15-10am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	22	23 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	24 Prayer Group 10am	25 NO OFFICE HOURS Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	26  Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	27 AA Meeting 7pm
28 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	29 	30 NO OFFICE HOURS				

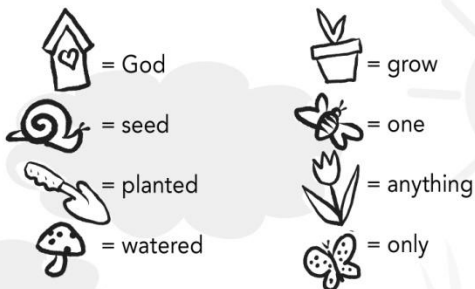


PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

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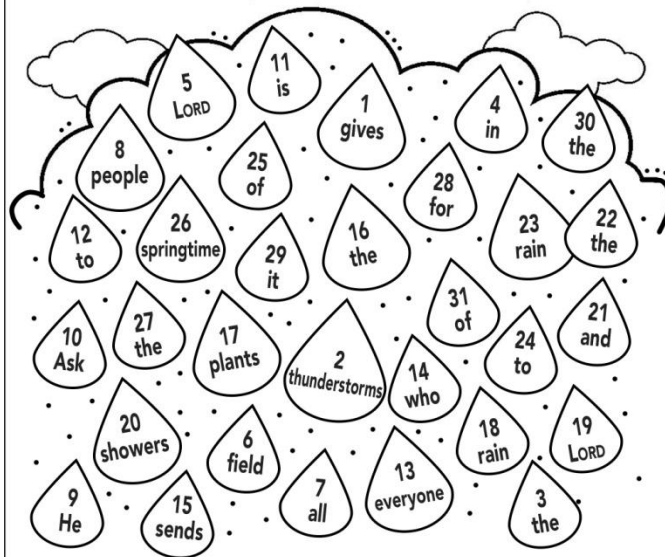
I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,
 but _____ has been making it _____.
 So neither the _____ who plants nor the
 _____ who waters is _____,
 but _____, who makes things _____.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

Answer: planted, seed, watered, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow

Puzzle!

Complete a Bible verse about spring by writing the word from each raindrop on the correct numbered line below.



_____ 10 _____ 16 _____ 5 _____ 28 _____ 18
 _____ 4 _____ 22 _____ 26 _____
 _____ 29 _____ 11 _____ 3 _____ 19 _____ 14 _____ 15
 _____ 27 _____ 2 _____
 _____ 9 _____ 1 _____ 20 _____ 31 _____ 23
 _____ 12 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____ 21 _____ 17 _____ 25
 _____ 30 _____ 6 _____ 24 _____ 13 _____

Zechariah 10:1, NIV

Answer: Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone. Zechariah 10:1, NIV

"The cross is both the symbol of our salvation and the pattern of our lives."—Brennan Manning
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"Blossom by blossom the spring begins."—Algernon C. Swinburne
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"If you are ignorant of God's Word, you will always be ignorant of God's will."—Billy Graham
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"Do something you really love in the most adventurous place you can and make sure it helps other people."—Diane Sawyer

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

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