

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

March 2024



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Dear Siblings in Christ,

The ELCA is encouraging us, as members of the ELCA, to study and provide feedback on the draft version of the Civic Life and Faith Social Statement. There are a few ways to do this. One is to go to this website: <https://www.elca.org/civicsandfaith> where you will find a downloadable draft version of the social statement, along with links for the online and printable versions of the survey. You are also invited to join in a hearing on the social statement. Hearings are being held at most of the Spring Conference Meetings, including Nittany Conference on April 22nd. At hearings on the social statement the convener will ask for comments on each part of the social statement. To comment at one of the hearings, please review and study the social statement and come with prepared comments. You are welcome to come to hearings to listen to what others have to say.

Why should you care? The ELCA is the work of the people and strives to represent the views of members while fulfilling the call to follow Jesus in ministry in this place. While we will never have a perfect representation of all people, since no two people think exactly the same way, it is important for us to come to a common understanding of how we can best follow Jesus in this world and our context. I encourage you to share your comments through the survey at the link above, pick up a paper survey that can be mailed, or join a hearing on the Civic Life and Faith Social Statement. For more information or questions, please contact me and I will do my best to help. Thank you for your support of the work we do in the name of Jesus.

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)



Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten worship continues this month on Wednesday March 6, 13, 20. Please plan to join with the Council of Churches for Lenten Wednesday evening worship at 7:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church. The book chosen to use for the sermon theme this Lent is: *Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life* by Mike Graves. Come to worship and be inspired to continue God's ministry in this world.

March 24 - Palm Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am
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

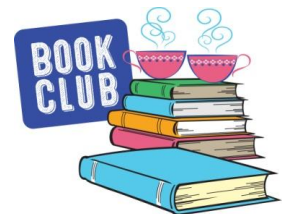


The men of the Church Council and volunteers will be cooking a simple Easter Breakfast for the congregation immediately following the 7am Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. An attendance sign-up sheet for the Easter Breakfast is available in the narthex so that we have an approximate idea of how many people to prepare for. **If you plan to attend the breakfast, please sign up by March 24th with the number attending.** You may also call the church office at 814-364-9154 or email StLuke364@gmail.com with the number attending. Thank you!



Easter Lily orders will be taken from March 3rd to March 17th. The cost is \$13.00 per lily. Order forms and envelopes will be available in the bulletin on March 3rd and in the narthex.

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.



Community Vacation Bible School will be July 28 - Aug. 1 this year at Grace UMC. Volunteers are welcome, more information to follow.



Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10th. Don't forget to Spring Forward 1 hour!

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.



Easter Basket Auction to Purchase New Church Altar Paraments—The Community Relations Committee has made 10 Easter Arrangements to be auctioned via a silent auction. The highest bidder for each arrangement will be announced at the Annual Easter Breakfast. Arrangements will be on display in the narthex each Sunday beginning March 3rd. They will be numbered 1-10 and paper and pens provided to mark the bids. Our goal is \$1000.00 to purchase one set of altar paraments. Donation envelopes are also available if preferred.



FEED THE HUNGRY

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

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| 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, March 17, 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**.



The Chi Rho Singers will present an evening of music on Thursday, March 21st at Grace United Methodist Church, Centre Hall, at 7:00pm. Various styles of sacred music, both contemporary and traditional, will be presented. Several instruments are used for accompanying the choir. You are invited to hear this choir and celebrate the gifts of God expressed in music. A freewill offering will be received.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS PROGRAM

-Support What Matters Most To You



By participating in the Thrivent Choice charitable outreach program, eligible Thrivent members have helped make good things happen for many congregations and nonprofit organizations nationwide by directing Choice Dollars since the program's launch in 2010. Eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars throughout the year, based on their insurance and annuity premiums, contract values and standing as a Thrivent volunteer leader. They can direct Choice Dollars to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide. **Thrivent members have until March 31, 2024 to designate their Thrivent Choice dollars accrued in 2023.**

Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization

At the annual convention of the Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization in October, the voting members made the hard decision to dissolve our synodical unit, effective January 31, 2024. This follows many years of declining active congregational units, dwindling donations and finally being unable to fill the leadership positions despite the very dedicated efforts of several of the most recent board members.

Seed money from the treasury will be managed by the Synod to continue future Day of Renewal events. Also the Lutheran World Relief collection where St. Luke's sewing group sends their quilts and school kits will continue through the Synod Office.

Many congregations continue to have very active women's groups, like our sewing group, carrying out wonderful projects. It is hoped that these groups will continue to let us know about their activities through the Synod Office and the Lutheran Letter.

Donations to continue supporting the churchwide Women of the ELCA through 'Thank offerings', Katie's Fund donations and regular offerings can be made using Form B found on their website, www.womenoftheelca.org.

In the future, with different scenarios and circumstances, there would be no reason why a local Allegheny Synodical Women's Group could not be reinstated. If you have questions, please talk to Barb McAllister, 814- 470-5587.

Prayer Concerns

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



Gladys Sampsell...recovery from fall
Mr. Walters (Mifflinburg)...health concerns
Betty Ishler...long covid
Brad Noll...recovery from car accident
Bette Bender...recovery from shoulder replacement
James Ard...health concerns
Adre Fetterolf...health concerns
Jim Reese—recovery from accident
Craig Weidensaul...brain cancer
Justin Ryan...health concerns
Carolyn Wimer...recovery from knee surgery

Don Derr...covid
Adam Hanscom...recovery from surgery
Don Miller...health concerns
Mike Moyer...recovery from surgery
Don Young...health concerns
Mike Burlew—ALS
Linda Murphy...health concerns
Monica Zimmerman...cancer
Dotti Sauerwein...pain relief
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
Dave Ferree...health concerns/recovery from fall
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

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
Darla Dunlap...cancer
Silas Green...multiple health issues
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues
Lee Kolos...health concerns
Ukrainian People & the Ukrainian War
Judy Swartz...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 2/29/24**

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

March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday in Lent

Altar Care: Barb McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: Susan Stover
Counters: Susan Stover and Sue Royer
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): Scott McAllister

March 10, 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Altar Care: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: Susan Stover
Counters: Barb McAllister and Lois Albright
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Altar Care: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Shari Welch
Greeter (8am): **Open**
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister

March 24, 2024 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Deb Frazier
Greeter (8am): **Open**
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Easter Lilies
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Susan Stover and Barb McAllister
Greeter (7am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (7am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (7:00am): **Open**
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (7:00am): Carol Sharpe
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover

April 7, 2024 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Shari Welch and Lois Albright
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

***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.**



MARCH
Anniversaries

Mar. 3 Donald and Margaret Fetterolf
21 Jerry and Judy Homan

MARCH
Birthdays

Mar. 1 Diane O'Hara
2 David Leedy
6 J.D. Kubalak
7 Joe Schluter
8 Abby Holsinger
Annette Fetterolf
Peter Horn
11 Cindy Kessinger
12 Martha Grove
Leah Johnson
13 Beth McAllister
Holli Kubalak
14 Nicki Shunk
Daniel Schluter
15 James Kerlin
Joshua Lieb
16 Melanie Phillips
17 Gene Bair
18 Michele Brown
Ryan Long
20 Steven Zellers
22 Jean Lohr
Sharon Luse
25 Jamie Seiler
26 Mason Lieb
27 Grace Wolfe
28 Tracy Noll

March Birthdays Continued...

30 Matt Harter
31 Shelley Carper
Rev. Russell Sauerwein



St. Luke's Lutheran Church,
Thank you for allowing us to meet in
your church basement.

Sincerely,
Penns Valley Youth Soccer Board

St. Luke's Lutheran Church,
I wanted to take a moment to express my
heartfelt gratitude for your continued
support and generosity. Your kindness this
past year supported 249 different guests!
Your ongoing contributions have made a
significant impact on our organization and
the lives of those we serve.

With deepest appreciation,
Jordan Taylor, Executive Director
Out of the Cold
(The remainder of this letter, and a
second letter and card, is posted on
the narthex bulletin board)



St. Luke's next scheduled Council Meeting is March 11, 2024. **Please Note:** The March Council meeting will start at **6:30 pm**. 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.

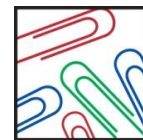
Centre Hall Council of Churches –The next meeting is scheduled for **March 6, 2024** at 11:00 am at Grace UMC, in the Library.

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



Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **April 2024** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Thursday, March 21st**.

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, March 14th.**










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

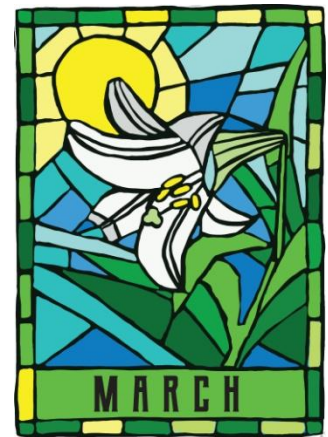
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2 AA Meeting 7pm
3 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School Classes 9:15-10am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	4 	5 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	6 Prayer Group 10am Council of Churches at Grace UMC 11am Community Lenten Worship at Grace UMC 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	7 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	8 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	9 AA Meeting 7pm
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	11 Council Meeting 6:30pm	12 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	13 Prayer Group 10am Community Lenten Worship at Grace UMC 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	14 NO OFFICE HOURS	15	16 AA Meeting 7pm
17 St. Patrick's Day Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School Classes 9:15-10am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8:00pm	18	19 Spring Begins OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	20 Prayer Group 10am  Community Lenten Worship at Grace UMC 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	21 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm *April Newsletter Deadline	22 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	23 AA Meeting 7pm
24 Palm/Passion Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	25	26 OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm	27 Prayer Group 10am	28 Maundy Thursday OFFICE HOURS 10am-3pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	29 Good Friday  Good Friday Worship 7pm	30 AA Meeting 7pm
31 Easter Sunday Worship 7am & 10:30am *Easter Breakfast following the 7am Sunrise Worship 						

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

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