

THE ST. LUKE LETTER

September 2024



Pastor Becky is on Sabbatical and will return on Monday, September 16th. For any Emergency Pastoral Care Concerns, you may contact the Emergency Pastor who is listed below by week.

For any normal, non-emergency, church questions or information, you may contact the church office at 814-364-9154, Patty Lehman, Church Secretary at 814-933-6296, Council President, Scott McAllister at 814-364-1285 or 814-280-7891, or any other member of St. Luke's Church Council.

Week Start	Pastoral Care Emergency Contact Information	Email
8/25/24	Pastor Elisa Osman 1-814-308-2844	elisa.athome@yahoo.com
9/1/24	Pastor Paul Tomkiel 814-325-7571 (work) or 717-440-3453 (cell)	paultomkiel@gmail.com
9/8/24	Pastor Laretta Dietrich 814-422-8259 (Home) or 814-574-6093 (cell)	pastordietrich@hotmail.com

YOU TUBE LIVESTREAM IS WORKING AGAIN!

Sunday Morning Worship via YouTube Live – the 10:30am worship service is available via YouTube Live Stream. Please use the link below from your favorite web browser to log in for live worship at 10:30am. The service is also recorded if you are away and would like to watch at a later time. (either click on the link below, or copy and paste into the search bar)

https://www.youtube.com/@StLukeLutheran_CentreHall/live



Bishop Paula Lebo has resigned her call effective September 30th. The Allegheny Synod Council has appointed Bishop Barbara Collins as the interim bishop of the Allegheny Synod. She will begin her appointment on October 1, 2024. Bishop Collins retired from serving as the bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod in 2022. She will be serving part-time in the interim capacity through the election of a new bishop at the June 2025 Allegheny Synod Assembly. You will be able to read more about Bishop Collins' ministry in the September/October issue of The Lutheran Letter.



Camp Sequanota Trail Clean Up—On Saturday, September 14, 2024, you have the opportunity to volunteer your time at Camp Sequanota for a Trail Clean Up project starting at 9:00am. Free lunch is included. RVSP by calling the camp office at 814-629-6627, or register online: <https://sequanota.com/events/event-registration/>



The Adult Sunday School Class will meet this fall on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month beginning on Sunday, October 6th, from 9:15-10am. Our goal is to continue to learn and grow in our faith together. We hope you will consider joining us in discussion.



FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, September 17, 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, September 15, 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 volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions, you may speak with the new Centre Hall/Potter Food Pantry Coordinators, Anne Gaddis and Page Gaddis. If you have any questions about Food Pantry, please reach out to them. Anne's phone number is 814-404-4693 and Page's number is 814-571-8110.**



The St. Luke Sewing Group is in particular need of people to help knot quilts. If you are able to help know quilts, please contact Bonnie Brown at 814-883-3589 or Connie Zellers at 814-364-1330.



St. Luke's Choir will resume practice on Thursday, September 5th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome!

Prayer Concerns

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

Family and Friends of Frances Fetterolf
Karen Myers...recovery from hospitalization
Ernie Kirsch...Parkinson's
Agnes Homan...recovery from fall
Family and Friends of Judy Swartz
Dotti Sauerwein...recov. from back surgery
Paul "Fox" Dietrich...recov. from fall
Sherri Ard...cancer
Jim Sheaffer...health concerns

Family and Friends of Rich Harris
Sally Shermer...health issues
Nancy Wintersteen...recovery from fall
Family and Friends of Katrina Danley
Pr. Russ Sauerwein...recov. from stroke
Adan Patino...hospice
Dave Corl...recovery from hospitalization
Pr. Becky...spiritual renewal
Tara Homan...recovery from stroke

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Greg Bohn...kidney issues
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome
Karen Willar...cancer
Silas Green...multiple health issues
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues
Robert Sauerwein...heart issues
Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns
Mike Burlew—ALS
Dan Berkowitz..recovery from heart surgery

Dave Ferree...health concerns
Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Don Rudy...health concerns
Eva Gill...kidney failure
Paul & Sandy Larson...health concern
Lee Kolos...health concerns
Don Derr...long-term covid effects
Mike Moyer...health concerns
Bud Bowman...declining health
Mindy Fultz Wagner...chemotherapy

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Agnes Homan (448 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, PA 16828...814-364-9189)
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)
Bob Smeltzer (Wynwood House, 122 Wynwood Dr, Centre Hall, PA 16828)
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 8/29/24

St. Luke Contact Numbers:

Church Office	814-364-9154 or email at StLuke364@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**

September 1, 2024 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte (8am): Gary, Rick or Dawn
Acolyte (10:30am): Susan Stover
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Bonnie Brown
Bell Ringer (10:30am): **Open**
Communion Bread: Shari Welch
Counters: Shari Welch and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Lawn Mowing 9/1-9/7: **Open**

September 8, 2024 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte (8am): Gary, Rick or Dawn
Acolyte (10:30am): Susan Stover
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: Shari Welch
Counters: Barb McAllister and Susan Stover
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Lawn Mowing 9/8-9/14: **Open**

September 15, 2024 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Acolyte (8am): Gary, Rick or Dawn
Acolyte (10:30am): Susan Stover
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Communion Bread: Betty Ishler
Counters: Lois Albright and **Open**
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Lawn Mowing 9/15-9/21: **Open**

September 22, 2024 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Sue Royer and Shari Welch
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Lawn Mowing 9/22-9/28: **Open**

September 29, 2024 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Deb Frazier and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Gary 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): Scott McAllister
Lawn Mowing 9/29-10/5: **Open**

October 6, 2024 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Lois Albright and Susan Stover
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Lawn Mowing 10/6-10/12: **Open**

Can You Help Out on Sunday

Mornings? - We are in particular need of greeters, offering ushers, bell ringers, altar care, acolytes, lay readers and worship assistants on Sundays. If you are able to help out in ANY of these capacities, please contact Patty in the church office at 814-364-9154 or email StLuke364@gmail.com



- Sept. 6 Michael and Shelly Carper
- 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



Interfaith Human Services Auction—The 5th annual online Community Care Auction to benefit IHS will take place from September 9 - 15. Please go to

<https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/auction/> to participate in the auction.



Pastor and professor Howard Clinebell Jr. described the ideal local church as one that strives to become "a healing, growth-stimulating, redemptive

organism." Each congregation, he wrote, should work to develop "a dynamic climate of mutual concern which gradually seeps into and saturates the whole fellowship."

How can your church body meet those goals? For starters, compare your mission, ministry, outreach and attitudes to the early church. The New Testament reveals that a fellowship of believers should engage in these activities together: worshiping (Acts 2:46-47), studying (Acts 2:42), witnessing (Acts 2:44-47; 3:9), serving (Acts 6:1-6; 20:35), loving (Hebrews 10:24), praying (Acts 1:14; 12:12), cooperating (Acts 1:11-14; 2:1; 4:23) and suffering for the sake of the gospel (Hebrews 10:32-34; Philippians 1:29).

In addition, Jesus calls New Testament believers to live joyfully (Acts 2:46; 5:40-41; 13:50-52; 16:25), courageously (Acts 4:13; 4:29; 15:26), powerfully (1 Corinthians 4:20), enthusiastically (Acts 2:43-47) and generously (Acts 2:45; 2 Corinthians 9:10-12).

May the Holy Spirit equip us to heal, grow and mutually edify one another!



The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **September 9th** and Zoom is available. Council Executive Committee communicates by the 1st Thursday of the Month regarding agenda items and information as needed. While Pr. Becky is on Sabbatical, Pastor Kevin Shock will be present for council meetings. Please contact the Council Executive Committee if you have questions, Scott McAllister (President), Rick Homan (Vice President), Carol Sharpe (Secretary), and Jack Sharer (Treasurer).

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.**

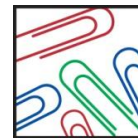
Centre Hall Council of Churches –The next meeting is scheduled for **September 4, 2024** at 11:00 am at Grace UMC, in the Library.

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



Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **OCTOBER 2024** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Tuesday, September 17th.**

OFFICE HOURS - In September, Church Secretary office hours will return to **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.** To reach Patty outside of office hours, you may call or text her at 814-933-6296.



Office Hours



***Please note - Patty will not have Church Office Hours on Thursday, September 19th or Tuesday, September 24th.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8am & 10:30am - Pastor Elisa Osman Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	2 LABOR DAY 	3 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	4 Council of Churches Meeting 11am at Grace UMC Library	5 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	6	7 AA Meeting 7pm
8 GRANDPARENTS' DAY Worship 8am & 10:30am - Pastor Kevin Shock Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	9 Council Meeting 7:00pm	10 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Sewing Group Meets 9-11am at Bonnie's	11 PATRIOT DAY 	12 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	13 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	14 Camp Sequanota Trail Clean-Up Project at 9:00am AA Meeting 7pm
15 Worship 8am & 10:30am - Bishop Paula Lebo Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	16 Pastor Becky returns from Sabbatical	17 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm *October Newsletter Deadline Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	18	19 NO OFFICE HOURS Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	20 	21 AA Meeting 7pm
22 AUTUMN BEGINS Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	23 	24 NO OFFICE HOURS	25	26 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	27 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	28 AA Meeting 7pm
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