



THE ST. LUKE LETTER

November 2024

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I am writing this as we are approaching the presidential election. Over the past several years we as a nation have found ourselves in more and more contentious disagreement. At times we are unable to communicate with kindness and instead express disdain for anyone who doesn't agree with "us." I don't think I need to elaborate too much on this, as you all surely have stories of relationships that are in disrepair or have even died away. My heart hurts for the despair we feel as a community and a nation. And this despair and even fear come into church just as it comes into any other place or relationship. This needs to change and we have work to do.

You may be wondering why I would begin with a topic that is separate from the church – the idea of separation of church and state. But the way we live should reflect our beliefs and the way of Christ. Living our daily life guided by God's love is part of what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and dare I say disciple. I will not tell you how to vote, but I do encourage you to vote. It is our civic duty to participate, and we are called to live in the world guided by God. We may not agree on how exactly that should be done, but we are to do it together.

We have work to do – in the church and in the communities where we live and reside. We are to strive for God's peace and justice, as we promised in baptism and affirmation of baptism. We are to work towards the common good and care for our neighbor. We certainly have great ways we do this through the Food Pantry and our very active quilting ministry. Yet we could do more. But for us to do more we need to be a presence and listen to the needs and cares of those around us. We need to talk and listen with our neighbors – I cannot say this enough. We typically have little to no problem talking with friends, family, and even acquaintances, but we shy away from people we don't know. It is hard to talk to new people because there are so many unknowns; however, God calls us into relationship as well as into ministry.

We have work to do – how will we do it? This is not just my concern or your concern. It is God's concern for us to care for one another. And God is with us as we try ways to connect with our neighbors, especially the ones we don't know yet. What are things we could do or support to be more known in the community as the loving people at St. Luke? How can we bring church to the people and go beyond waiting for people to come to us? I encourage us to all pray for guidance and to be willing to follow the Holy Spirit as we live as church together in this place. Thank you for your ministry and your love of God and neighbor.

Yours In Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn

Daylight Savings Time Ends on November 3rd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour.





A Note 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)



Coffee with the Pastor – I would like to visit with each person who is actively participating at St. Luke and others who would like to sit and chat. For those who prefer to just drop in, I will plan to be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at least from 9:00 - 11:00 am. We can also schedule a time to visit at a coffee shop or restaurant if you prefer. Send me a message on my cell (215-208-5535) or email (stluke364pastorbecky@gmail.com). I look forward to our conversations.



Dear St. Luke Congregation,

Thank you so much for the love and support you have given. I really love the flowers and appreciate the gift card for Pastor Appreciation Month. Your thoughtfulness is such a blessing.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Becky Horn

November 3rd is All Saints Sunday. A candle will be lit at both services in honor of those who have been baptized and those who have died in the past year.



The Adult Sunday School Class meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month **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.

On November 3, 2024, St. Luke will send 496 quilts and 78 school kits to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you so much to all those who made donations and to all who did a lot of sewing, packing and transporting.

The St. Luke Sewing Groups meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the home of Bonnie Brown from 9-11am to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. The St. Luke Sewing Group is in particular need of people to help knot quilts. If you would like to help, please contact Bonnie Brown at 814-883-3589 or Connie Zellers at 814-364-1330.





St. Luke's Choir rehearses every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

Harvest Home—St. Luke will celebrate Harvest Home Sunday, November 3rd and Sunday, November 10th. You may bring in non-perishable items to benefit the Centre Hall/Penns Valley Food Pantry. All donations may be placed in the collection bin in the narthex.



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 next to the bulletins. Checks may be made payable to St. Luke with "Harvest Home" in the memo line.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Penns Valley & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, November 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 - Individual 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, November 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 volunteer in any way, or if you have any questions, you may speak with 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.**



To the members, attendees & staff of St. Luke Lutheran Church,
The Board of Directors of the newly renamed Centre Hall/Penns Valley Food Pantry extend our great appreciation for your many years of support and energy in helping to sustain our efforts to meet the needs of our neighbors.

Your gifts of time, donations of food and sundries as well as monetary ones have been vital in enabling us to support 55-60 families a month over this past year. We now have an expanded area of responsibility - the entire Penns Valley area. We will continue to serve all in need together. Thank you for your continued faithful support!

-The Board of Directors of the Centre Hall/Penns Valley Food Pantry



Community Christmas Tree Lighting - The Community Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, November 29th at 7:00 pm at St. Luke. This event has been growing each year. All Community Members are invited to attend and there will be carols sung prior to the tree lighting and cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by St. Luke. This is a great time to interact with our neighbors in the community.

There will be additional Community Christmas Events planned for the weekend of December 21-22, including a Pour and Paint event to be held at St. Luke. Stay tuned for more details on activities and events being planned.



Interfaith Human Services Bell Ringing—Mark your calendars to ring bells at Meyer Dairy for Saturday, Dec 20. Watch for more details and contact Alice Cromwell (814-531-4174) if you have interest or questions.



National Study Participation—Our congregation has the unique opportunity to participate in a national study of worship attenders. The study is being conducted by Faith Communities Today (FACT), a research partner of the ELCA. Since 2000, FACT has conducted research that provides religious leaders of all traditions with critical information about the changing nature of congregational life and how to respond effectively.

For participating in this survey, our congregation will receive a \$200 Amazon gift card and, if at least 10 people respond, a report of our responses.

Anyone 18 or older who is a regular participant can complete the survey. It should take between 12 to 15 minutes. To take the survey, please click the link below.

https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYI89a3NMOwuFw?congregation=20028

Please complete the survey by Friday, Nov. 22. If you are interested in learning more about this study, please visit: <https://www.covidreligionresearch.org/attender-survey/>

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Ethel Frazier...recovery from fall	Kenzie Jones...kidney function/health
Greg Garner...health concerns	Family and Friends of Sandy Troutman
Shaina Berkowitz...respiratory issues	Marilyn Wendt...recovery from fall
Ron Holsopple...health concerns	Freda Schluter...health concerns
Brad Way...health concerns	Robert Sauerwein...heart concerns
Mitch...recovery from dirt bike accident	Mike Burlew—Recovery from fall/ALS
Terry Brown...cancer	Sally Shermer...health issues
Gary Homan...Parkinson's	Nancy Wintersteen...recovery from fall
Ernie Kirsch...Parkinson's	Pr. Russ Sauerwein...recov. from stroke
Dotti Sauerwein...recov. from back surgery	Jim Sheaffer...health concerns
Sherri Ard...cancer	
Tara Homan...recovery from stroke	

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Greg Bohn...kidney issues	Dave Ferree...health concerns
Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns	Paulette Smigo...life concerns
Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome	Don Rudy...health concerns
Karen Willar...cancer	Eva Gill...kidney failure
Silas Green...multiple health issues	Paul & Sandy Larson...health concern
Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues	Lee Kolos...health concerns
Don Derr...long-term covid effects	Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns
Mike Moyer...health concerns	Bud Bowman...declining health
Dan Berkowitz...recovery from heart surgery	Mindy Fultz Wagner...chemotherapy
Paul "Fox" Dietrich...health concerns	

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Agnes Homan (464 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 10/31/24



We continue to pray for those affected by the recent disasters. ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response Donation forms are located in the narthex for your use. You may use these forms to donate to the hurricane disaster relief effort or wherever donations are most needed.

**THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR
WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

November 3, 2024 - All Saints Sunday

Altar Care: Barb McAllister
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold
Bell Ringer (10:30am): **Open**
Communion Bread: Alice Cromwell
Counters: Barb McAllister and Lois Albright
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Michele Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

November 10, 2024 - 25th Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Ken Cromwell and Deb Frazier
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Alice Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister

November 17, 2024 - 26th Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: Deb Frazier
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Shari Welch
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover

November 24, 2024 - Christ the King Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Susan Stover and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers

November 24, 2024 - Christ the King Sunday

Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

December 1, 2024 - First Sunday of Advent

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): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe



Interfaith Human Services Job Position—

Interfaith Human Services is seeking a community-minded individual to fill a Case Manager position with a passion for protecting the vulnerable and helping low income residents of Centre County. This full-time position requires the individual to coordinate and stabilize the client's basic needs and finances. A bachelor's degree in sociology, human services or applicable field is required.

Resume and cover letter may be sent to info@interfaithhumanservices.org.

If you have any questions, please contact IHS at 814-234-7731 or speak with Alice Cromwell.



November Birthdays Continued...

- 17 Linda Sheaffer
- 18 Melissa Wolfe
- 19 Emma Bagrowski
- 23 Virginia Gummo
- 24 Sharon Musser
- 25 Dorothy Rudy
- 30 Peyton Homan

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



Start The Day With Beauty

By Rev. Russell L. Sauerwein

Start the day in beauty!
 Send up your prayer with the first sparrow's song;
 And let your praise rise with the meadow's mist;
 Start the day in beauty!

Walk the day in beauty!
 Oaks turn their leaves and gather life from light;
 So turn your hearts, let Light become your life.
 Walk the day in beauty!

End the day in beauty!
 The light and shadows hint of promised rest;
 And all your hope is what is yet to be.
 End the day in beauty!

Rest the night in beauty!
 And let your heart turn, longing, to the east.
 Await the promised rising yet again.
 Rest the night in beauty!

Start the day in beauty!
 Send up your prayer, let Light become your life.
 Await the promised Rising yet again.
 All in God is beauty!

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- 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



The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **November 11** and Zoom is available. Council Executive Committee communicates by the 1st Thursday of the Month regarding agenda items and information as needed. Please contact the Council Executive Committee if you have questions or concerns, Pastor Becky Horn, 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 **November 6, 2024** at 11:00 am at Grace UMC, in the Library.

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

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. 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



Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **DECEMBER 2024** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office by **Tuesday, November 19th.**

OFFICE HOURS - Church Secretary office hours are **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm.** To reach Patty outside of office hours, you may call or text her at 814-933-6296. ***Please note - Patty will not have Church Office Hours on Thursday, November 28th or Tuesday, December 3rd.**



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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

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Daylight Savings Time Ends-Fall Back Harvest Home All Saints Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:15 -10am in Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	4	5 Election Day OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	6 Council of Churches Meeting 11am at Grace UMC Library	7 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm		8 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm AA Meeting 7pm
10 Harvest Home Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	11 Veterans' Day  Council Meeting 7:00pm	12 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Sewing Group Meets 9-11am at Bonnie's	13	14 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	15	16 AA Meeting 7pm
17 Worship 8am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:15 -10am in Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	18	19 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm *Newsletter Deadline Congregational Relations Meeting 11am Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	20	21 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	22	23 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm AA Meeting 7pm
24 Christ The King Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	25	26 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving!  NO OFFICE HOURS	29 St. Luke Christmas Tree Lighting 7:00 pm 	30 AA Meeting 7pm

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