



THE ST. LUKE LETTER

October 2024

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Thank you for your support and prayers as I return from my three-month renewal sabbatical. The past three months have been vital to restoring my energy levels and hope for ministry and God's work in this world. It is hard to admit how very close to burnout I was when we were last together. Having the time and space to be in prayer and listening with God was more important than words will convey. I would like to say I am fully restored and renewed, but I don't know if that is a realistic goal. Rather, I can feel God's hope and joy for me, my family, and my call at St. Luke with y'all.

I continue to discern where God is leading and guiding me and us. There are some changes that I will need to make so that I can stay in a healthier mindset and spiritual space with God. Some of the changes will be ensuring not over-scheduling myself with evening activities, respecting my days off, and being more intentional in my spiritual life as your pastor. As many of you have experienced over your lives, I am sure you can appreciate the need to balance family-life, work-life, and spiritual-life in a way to be both restorative and sustainable. Some of the activities and ministry that we had been doing may not be the most fruitful use of our gifts, time, or talents.

I am grateful for the Council and their work in putting together the Interest Study and am hopeful each person will take time to make their thoughts and opinions known to us so that we are better able to grow our faith together and strive for ministry in this place.

I hope to also visit with many of you, either individually or in small groups, to listen to you – to your concerns, your joys, your hopes, and what you would like to share with me. This will certainly take time, but it is important for me to make this a priority in our ministry together. Ministry is nearly impossible if we are not communicating or honest with one another. One of the things I learned at Bishop's Convocation will be especially helpful as we navigate life together. It is the concept of striving to live above the line and not below the line. It is taking ownership, responsibility, and being honest with ourselves in how we act, what we do, and who we are. Living below the line we find ourselves blaming others, looking for excuses, and even lashing out or being mean to others. We might not always see how our actions set us below the line, but it is something God wants us to strive to be above. Of course we are not perfect, me included, and that is where our conversations and commitment to truth, respect, and love reveal their importance.

While this is only a glimpse of my time in renewal, I hope it shows how important it was for me and how I return to St. Luke with a renewed spirit of hope for our ministry and life together. Thank you for your prayers. I pray that we continue to grow from our experiences and commit to be in prayer with and for one another into the future.

Yours In Christ,
Pr. Becky Horn

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)



October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Thank you, Pastor Becky!

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.



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.



Pastors appreciate your prayers - October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It's an ideal time to thank pastors for their dedication to God's people and the ministry. A written note, a card or even a free meal is a nice gesture of appreciation. But if you were to ask pastors what they'd like or what they need, most would probably reply, "Pray for me."

That's what the apostle Paul requested throughout his letters. To the church at Rome, he urged, "Join me in earnest prayer to God on my behalf, that I may be rescued from the unbelievers in Judea and that my ministry to Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NRSV).

As you appreciate and encourage your pastors, remember them in your prayers. Then let them know you're doing so! - *A Message From ChurchArtPro*

Lay Worship Leader Training—The Northwestern PA Synod, Upper Susquehanna Synod and Allegheny Synod have partnered to offer lay worship leader training. Classes will be held via Zoom with an in person option. Following completion of the core classes (Scripture, Preaching, Lutheran Theology and Worship Leadership) students will be recommended for authorization by the steering committee and will be authorized in their home Synod to serve local congregations. If you are interested in more information, there is a flyer located on the bulletin board or speak with Pr. Becky.



Women's Retreat—The Lutheran Women's Retreat is planned for Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9am to 1pm. Registration fee is \$10 per person and includes a light breakfast and lunch, along with a variety of activities for self-care and time for fellowship with other women from our synod. Registration forms will be sent by the end of September. If you have any questions or would like to pre-register, please email luthwomen@yahoo.com



Blanket Sunday—Sunday, October 6th, St. Luke observes Lutheran World Relief Blanket Sunday. The congregation is invited to give a special offering for the purchase of blankets for Lutheran World Relief. These contributions buy sturdy blankets which provide shelter, warmth, and security for those living in disastrous situations. Special Blanket Sunday envelopes are available in your bulletin today and can be placed in the offering plate. Checks may be made payable to St. Luke with Blanket Sunday in the memo line.

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.



Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



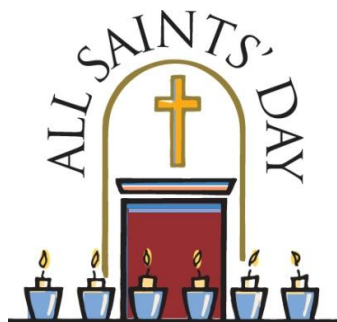
The Congregational Relations Committee will host a Soup & Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, October 27th. The luncheon will begin immediately following the second service beginning at approximately 11:45am. All congregants from 8am and 10:30am are welcome to come and enjoy food and fellowship together as we celebrate Reformation Sunday. Please sign up in the narthex if you are willing to bring a large crock pot of soup or cookies.

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





Trunk-or-Treat—The Centre Hall Council of Churches will host Trunk-or-Treat at Grace UMC this year on Thursday, October 31st from 6-8pm. St. Luke has a candy collection bin located in the narthex for candy and other small individually wrapped items such as juice boxes, granola bars, gum, applesauce pouches, stickers, glow sticks, chips, pretzels, etc. Please have your donations dropped off to St. Luke for delivery to Grace UMC by Sunday, October 27th. Donations will be taken to Grace on Oct. 28th.



All Saints Sunday—Annually, St. Luke Lutheran Church honors those who have been baptized and those who have died in the past year with a special service of remembrance on All Saints Sunday. If you would like to have a candle lit in honor of a friend or a loved one during the All Saints Sunday Services on Sunday, November 3rd at St. Luke, please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board by Sunday, October 27th or notify the church office at 814-364-9154 or email StLuke364@gmail.com. A candle will be lit at both services in honor of all those named.



FEED THE HUNGRY

FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Penns Valley & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on **Tuesday, October 15, 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, October 13, 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.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Brad Way...health concerns
Freda Schluter...recov. from hospitalization
Robert Sauerwein...heart concerns
Mike Burlew—Recovery from fall and ALS
Karen Myers...recovery from hospitalization
Sally Shermer...health issues
Nancy Wintersteen...recovery from fall
Dotti Sauerwein...recov. from back surgery
Dave Corl...recovery from hospitalization
Sherri Ard...cancer
Jim Sheaffer...health concerns

Family and Friends of Adan Patino
Mitch...recovery from dirt bike accident
Terry Brown...cancer
Gary Homan...Parkinson's
Ernie Kirsch...Parkinson's
Agnes Homan...recovery from fall
Pr. Russ Sauerwein...recov. from stroke
Paul "Fox" Dietrich...recov. from fall
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
Don Derr...long-term covid effects
Mike Moyer...health concerns
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
Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns
Bud Bowman...declining health
Mindy Fultz Wagner...chemotherapy

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 9/25/24



ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response Donation forms are located in the narthex for your use. You may use these forms to donate to the Hurricane Helene relief effort or wherever donations are most needed.

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

**October 6, 2024 - 20th Sunday after
Pentecost**

Altar Care: Barb McAllister
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: Susan Stover
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: Roy Thompson

**October 13, 2024 - 21st Sunday after
Pentecost**

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Scott and Barb McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Sue Royer and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Lawn Mowing 10/13-10/19: Roy Thompson

**October 20, 2024 - 22nd Sunday after
Pentecost**

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Shari Welch and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Lawn Mowing 10/20-10/26: Roy Thompson

October 27, 2024 - Reformation Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Susan Stover and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
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
Lawn Mowing 10/27-11/2: Roy Thompson

November 3, 2024 - All Saints Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Audrey Herrold
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
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): Susan Stover



Can You Help Out on Sunday Mornings? -

We are in need of additional greeters and lay readers at 8:00am and additional greeters, lay readers, offering ushers, bell ringers, and worship assistants at 10:30am. We also need people to donate bread and altar flowers and help set up/clean up altar care. We truly appreciate those people who currently fill these positions on Sundays, but we NEED ADDITIONAL worship helpers so the same people are not scheduled repeatedly. We do schedule volunteers, but you are always able to make a change if needed. Please consider if you are able to help in ANY of these capacities and if you are able to help, please sign up in the narthex or contact Patty in the church office at 814-364-9154 or email StLuke364@gmail.com THANK YOU!



OCTOBER

Anniversaries

- Oct. 2 Brad and Tracy Noll
 6 Chris and Jamie Seiler
 17 Robert and Jody Lair
 19 Dale and Krystal Josephson
 20 Brian and Kathy Long
 25 Walt and Freda Schluter
 27 Charles and Sharon Musser
 31 Joni and Drew Kresovich



OCTOBER

Birthdays

- Oct. 1 Isabella Luse
 3 Susan Royer
 4 Kenna Kurtz
 6 Harold Paul Sampsell
 7 Mary Homan
 Dale Josephson
 8 James Ard
 9 Cameron Kubalak
 10 Stephanie Delaney
 11 Larry Frazier
 Nicolette (Long) Foresman
 Wade Wolfe
 14 Charolette Waltz
 Peg Leedy
 16 Gary Way
 Susan Stover
 Andrew Horn
 17 Erika Whitman
 19 Kaitlyn Gummo
 Sophia Luse
 Harper Cipro
 20 Dayna Brown
 Sabrina Wert
 Dustin Boob
 22 Minette Homan
 23 Lois Roth
 Morgan Noll
 24 Kathy Long

October Birthdays Continued...

- 25 Kyle Lehman
 26 Audrey Herrold
 Lisa Holsinger
 27 Kira Josephson
 29 Pam Hollobaugh
 Tom McCool
 30 Manetta Horn
 31 Jamie Kessinger
 Kathleen Bagrowski



St. Luke Congregation,

Thank you for all the birthday wishes. I am officially in the 80th club now.

God Bless You All,
 Monty Strouse



St. Luke Congregation,

We would like to thank everyone for the get well cards Agnes received. She has 7 fractured ribs from her fall. She's still in a lot of pain but doing much better. We appreciate your concern and your prayers.

The Agnes Homan Family



Dear Centre Hall Council of Churches,

We are overwhelmed with the generous outpouring of love and support that you directed to the PV Youth Center from your community service and VBS offerings.

Your blessing will go toward our ministry of providing the youth in PV with a safe place - a place where they are fed, where they know joy, where they find hope, worth, and friendship.

Thank you for sharing our vision and choosing to partner with us - we are so very grateful for all of you!

Penns Valley Youth Center



The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **October 14** 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 **October 2, 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 **NOVEMBER 2024** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office by **Tuesday, October 24th.**

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 Tuesday, October 15 or Thursday, October 17.**








Save the Dates - Centre Hall Community Christmas - Tree Lighting planned for Friday, November 29th at 7:00 pm at St. Luke. Community Events planned for the weekend of December 21-22. Stay tuned for more details on activities and events being planned.

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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

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	2 Council of Churches Meeting 11am at Grace UMC Library	3 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	4 	5 AA Meeting 7pm
6 World Communion Sunday & Blanket Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:15 -10am in Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	7	8 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Sewing Group Meets 9-11am at Bonnie's	9 	10 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	11 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	12 AA Meeting 7pm
13 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	14 Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day	15 NO OFFICE HOURS Food Pantry Distribution at Grace UMC 1:30-3pm	16	17 NO OFFICE HOURS Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	18 	19 Sweetest Day AA Meeting 7pm
20 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	21 	22 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	23	24 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm *Newsletter Deadline Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm	25 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	26 AA Meeting 7pm
27 Reformation Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am Fall Soup & Sandwich Luncheon begins at approximately 11:45am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	28	29 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	30	31 Reformation Day & Halloween OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm  Trunk-or-Treat at Grace UMC 6-8pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm		

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