



THE ST. LUKE LETTER

April 2025

Dear Siblings in Christ,

As the season of Lent ends this month, we find ourselves standing at the threshold of Easter. The weeks of repentance, reflection, forgiveness, and renewal have led us through the wilderness, where we have examined our hearts, acknowledged our need for God's grace, and prepared for the joyous proclamation of resurrection.

Lent calls us into a time of self-examination and discipline, a period where we are reminded of our human frailty and our deep need for God's mercy. Whether through fasting, prayer, offering forgiveness, or acts of service, we have been invited to walk with Christ on the road to the cross. In doing so, we have confronted sorrow and sacrifice, longing for the hope that lies beyond.

And now, as Holy Week approaches, we prepare to witness again the greatest act of love the world has ever known. The cross looms large before us, a stark reminder of the cost of sin, but also of the immeasurable depth of God's love. Jesus' journey to the cross is not the end of the story, but the beginning of something new.

Near the end of this month, we find ourselves on Easter morning, when the light of the resurrection breaks through the darkness. The tomb is empty, and death has been defeated! The hope we have longed for throughout Lent bursts forth in the risen Christ, who calls us to new life in him. What began in reflection now turns to rejoicing, as we proclaim with confidence: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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)



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



In April, the Midweek Lenten Wednesday Worship Services will continue to be held at 7:00pm at Trinity UCC on the Wednesday evenings of April 2nd and April 9th.



April 13, 2025—Palm Sunday—Worship at 8:00am (no online service)

April 13, 2025—Palm Sunday—Worship at 10:30am (On YouTube Live)

April 17, 2025—Maundy Thursday—Worship at 7:00pm (no online service) - see below

April 18, 2025—Good Friday—Worship at 7:00pm (no online service) - see below

April 20, 2025—Easter Sunday—Sunrise Worship at 7:00am (no online service)

April 20, 2025—Easter Sunday—Worship at 10:30am (on YouTube Live)

Holy Week - Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Worship at 7:00 pm

St. Luke's Spiritual Relations Committee has been planning in person services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday for 7:00 pm each evening. In the past we have done services with foot washing, Tenebrae, and other traditionally Lutheran settings. This year we are using a slightly different format and finding inspiration from a Tenebrae service written by Joseph Martin called *The Solemn Shadows: A Service for Tenebrae*. Martin's music will be split between the two services providing a backdrop for reflection and gratitude. For each musical piece we have an accompanying slideshow. Between the songs we will have interactive tables for folks to visit. Thursday evening will include Holy Communion and end with the stripping of the altar. Friday's service will include a Bidding Prayer and end with a modified Procession of the Cross Liturgy.



**Join Us For
Easter
Breakfast**

Easter Breakfast— St. Luke will hold an Easter Breakfast on Easter Sunday immediately following the 7:00am Sunrise Worship service. The menu will be ham, eggs, homefries, and toast. If you plan to attend the Easter Breakfast, please sign up in the narthex or call or email Patty in the Church Office at 814-364-9154 or StLuke364@gmail.com by **Sunday, April 13th**.

In April, the Adult Sunday School Class will meet on **April 6th only** from **9:15-10am** in the basement Fellowship Hall. No class on Easter Sunday.



Easter Lily Orders—Easter Lily Order Forms are now located in the Narthex. The cost for Easter Lilies is \$11.00 each. **The order deadline is Sunday, April 6th.** Easter Lilies are displayed on Easter Sunday, and we ask that you please make arrangements to take them home following Easter Worship Services. Please complete the order form and place in the specially marked Easter Lily envelope, along with your payment, and place in the offering plate. Checks should be made payable to St. Luke with Easter Lily in the memo line. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



Lent & Easter Project—The Community Relations Committee Lent and Easter Project in 2025 is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits through Easter Sunday, April 20th. We are asking the Congregation to collect items for these kits as a way to help out with

the recent disasters in our country. You are asked to purchase all the items for an individual Personal Care Kit (or kits) and place them in a plastic bag and then place each bag in the collection bin that is located in the narthex. The Community Relations Committee will assemble the kits after Easter. There are pictures on the collection bin to give you an idea of what the kits look like. **The items needed for each Personal Care Kit are:**

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (20"x40" to 52"x27") in a dark color
- 2 bath size soap bars (4oz to 5 oz)—keep in original package
- 1 adult-size toothbrush—keep in original package
- 1 sturdy comb—packing removed
- 1 metal nail clipper—packaging removed



Book Group—Our next book is *How to Age Disgracefully* by Clare Pooley. We will meet to discuss on Wednesday, April 30th at Noon at Seven Mountains Winery.



Save the Date – St. Luke's Outdoor Worship and Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 10:30am.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

FOOD PANTRY: The Centre Hall/Penns Valley Food Pantry is located in the lower level of Grace United Methodist Church. The monthly distribution day is the Third Tuesday of each month from 1:30-3pm except for August when it is held the second Tuesday. In case of an emergency, a coordinator can always be contacted for a food distribution. The next monthly food distribution will be held on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**, at Grace United Methodist Church, Centre Hall. Volunteers are needed to pack and distribute boxes from **8:00am-4:00 pm**.

Now that the Food Pantry is serving all of Penns Valley, the monthly need more than doubled. We are now serving over 110 families so any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated. The most needed items typically remain shelf stable items like canned goods, cereals, pastas, etc.; however, there is an emphasis item each month that is listed below. If you would like to make a donation, please place non-perishable items in the designated Food Pantry Box located in the narthex at St. Luke Lutheran

Church on or before **Sunday, April 13, 2025**. You may also make a monetary donation by specifying a designated amount on your offering envelope, by making a check payable to St. Luke with "Food Pantry" in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate, or by placing a cash donation in an envelope in the offering plate that is specially marked for Food Pantry.

NEW LIST - Suggested Monthly Donation List for the Food Pantry:

January – Tissues

February -Toilet Paper

March – Toothpaste & Individual Toothbrushes

April – Household Cleaners

May - Kitchen Garbage Bags

June - Paper Towels

July – Liquid Hand Soap

August – Laundry Detergent

September - Shampoo

October - Toilet Paper

November - Sandwich Bags

December - Dish Detergent

We are Blessed by our volunteers who order and shop for food, unload delivery trucks, sort donated food, pack orders, register clients and deliver to a few clients who have no transportation. If you would like to volunteer in any way or if you would like more information about the Food Pantry, you can contact Anne Gaddis at 814-404-4693, annegad58@gmail.com or Page Gaddis at 814-571-8110, paggad@protonmail.com. You may also speak to Gary Zellers who is the St. Luke Food Pantry representative in 2025. Thank you so much for any assistance you can give to this important outreach in our community.

Wednesday Morning Prayer – Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am we will gather in the sanctuary for a morning prayer service for about thirty minutes. This is an opportunity to center ourselves in the middle of the week and to pray for those on our prayer list and others we know of. We hope you will join us as we gather mid-week to refocus our lives on the gift of Christ and the love of God for all the world. On the first Wednesday of each month, we will gather for a Healing Prayer Service. In April, a Healing Prayer Service will be held on **Wednesday, April 2nd**.



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Charles Eugene Derr...heart bypass surgery	Family and Friends of Monica Graff
Robert Long...recov. fractures & pneumonia	Donald Dunkle...open heart surgery
Earl Hunsinger...in hospice for cancer	Those suffering from mental health issues
Brad Way...recov. from kidney transplant	Amy Homan...broken ankle
Bob Booz...broken leg	Corby Fetterolf...broken collarbone
Melinda Fahrenbach...ovarian cancer	Dona Bean...cancer
Sally Toner...recovery from spine fracture	Ellen Coffman...cancer
Sam Rudy...dialysis	Darlene Fultz...health concerns
Jim Rearick...health concerns	Carol Smith...cancer
Melody Green...health concerns	Kenzie Jones...kidney function/health
Greg Garner...health concerns	Terry Brown...cancer
Sally Shermer...health issues	

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
Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns	Gary Homan...Parkinson's
Mike Moyer...health concerns	Paul "Fox" Dietrich...health concerns
Pr. Russ Sauerwein...health concerns	Freda Schluter...health concerns
Sherri Ard...health concerns	Dotti Sauerwein...healing and strength
Sabrina Murphy Wert...lung cancer	Jordan Holsopple...health concerns
Joan Glaser...health concerns	Bev Haines...health concerns
Ernie Kirsch...Parkinson's	Nancy Wintersteen...health concerns
Amy and Kyle...healthy pregnancy & healthy baby	
Sherri Taylor...cancer	Lisa Moir...cancer
Linda Confer Marquette...hospice at Wynwood	

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

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)
Robert Sauerwein (Home: 103 Jacks Lane, Centre Hall, PA 16828)
Robert Long (Wynwood at Salem Hill, 424 Heckman Cemetery Rd, Spring Mills, PA 16875)

***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 3/27/25**



Prayer Concerns—There are new prayer cards located in each pew and prayer card collection boxes located at both entrances by the bulletins. You may complete a prayer card, or cards, as needed and place in one of the collection boxes or in the offering plate.

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

April 6, 2025 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Altar Care: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Communion Bread: Judy Homan
Counters: Barb McAllister and Sue Royer
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): **Open**
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: Alice Cromwell
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Shari Welch
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe

April 17, 2025 – Maundy Thursday

Altar Care: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Greeter: Nancy Shunk
Offering Usher (7pm): Scott McAllister

April 18, 2025 – Good Friday

Altar Care: **Open**
Greeter: Patty Lehman

April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Easter Lilies
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Deb Frazier and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (7:00am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (7:00am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (7:00am): Ken Cromwell
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (7:00am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe

April 27, 2025 – 1st Sunday after Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Easter Lilies
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Barb McAllister and Susan Stover
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman

May 4, 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Lois Albright and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister



Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm during Lent in the Sanctuary. After Easter, Choir rehearsals will return to Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.



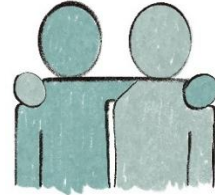
- 7 Kenneth and Ruth Long
- 11 Kermit and Lori Long
- 17 Michael and Linda Sheaffer
- 23 Jeff and Lisa O'Hara
- 26 George and Barb Garman
- 27 Marshal and Linda Brooks
- 28 Kurt and Kimberly Brooks



- 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 Crew Riggle
- 13 Betty Ishler
- 16 Ted Dutrow
- 19 Owen Carper
Dave Corl
Andy Long
- 20 Jazmyne Shaffer
- 21 Don Derr
Brian Long
Linzy Fetterolf
- 22 Kimberly Brooks
Bonnie Brown
- 23 Joe Hammaker
- 26 Ty Corl
- 30 Lois Albright
Joshua Carper
Sydney Shawver



Agnes E. Homan joined the Church Triumphant on Monday, February 10, 2025. Please continue to keep her family and friends in your prayers.



The Congregational Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday, **April 1st** at 11:00am in the social hall. At our February meeting, we had a lively conversation on ways we can focus on and support the congregation at St. Luke that we currently serve. We invite anyone who would like to help us think of and implement new ways to support each other and our congregation, to please join us.



PRAYER MINISTRY

At St. Luke, we continue to expand our Prayer Ministry to better support those in need of prayer. This ministry is open to everyone, and we invite you to participate in whatever way you feel called. You are welcome to join us for prayer at St. Luke on Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Should you prefer and are willing to receive some prayer requests at your home, we then encourage you to consider the opportunity to place your name on our call list for prayers as specific occasions arise. If you feel called to be part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Becky Horn (215-208-5535), Linda Decker Reitz (814-574-1172), or Alice Cromwell (215-260-9453).

Church COUNCIL

The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **April 14th** 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, Scott McAllister (President), Rick Homan (Vice President), Carol Sharpe (Secretary), Jack Sharer (Treasurer) and Pr. Becky Horn. Council Officers remain the same in 2025.

Council Members for 2025: Scott McAllister (27), Rick Homan (27), Carol Sharpe (26), Jack Sharer, Gary Zellers (27), Lois Albright (25), Todd Fetterolf (25), Larry Frazier (25), **Open (25)**, Alice Cromwell (26), Evelyn Reeder (26), Susan Stover (26) and Jerry Homan (27)
***The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.**

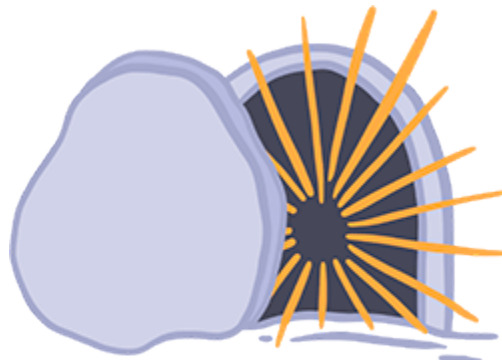
Centre Hall Council of Churches –The next meeting is scheduled for **April 2nd at 11:15 am at Trinity UCC.**

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



Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **MAY 2025** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Tuesday, April 22, 2025.**

Church Office Hours—Patty is in the Church Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm.







Hope is Alive

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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
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April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Congregational Relation Committee Meeting 11am in kitchen	2 Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:30-11am Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Worship Service at Trinity UCC 7:00pm	3 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	4 	5 AA Meeting 7pm
6 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 at Bonnie Brown's	9 Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:30-11am Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm Lenten Wednesday Worship Service at Trinity UCC 7:00pm	10 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	11 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	12 AA Meeting 7pm
13 Palm Sunday Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	14 Council Meeting 7pm	15 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Food Pantry at Grace UMC Packing boxes begins at 8:00am and Distribution takes place from 1:30-3pm	16 Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:30-11am	17 Maundy Thursday OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	18 Good Friday  Good Friday Worship 7pm	19 AA Meeting 7pm
20 Easter Sunday Easter Sunrise Worship Service at 7:00am immediately followed by Easter Breakfast & 2 nd Easter Worship Service at 10:30am	21 	22 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	23 Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:30-11am	24 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	25 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	26 AA Meeting 7pm
27 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	28	29 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	30 Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:30-11am Book Group at Noon at Seven Mountains Winery			

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