



THE ST. LUKE LETTER

May 2025

Dear Siblings in Christ,

I often get asked, “What do you do?” or “Why do you do that?” Sometimes it’s in reference to how I spend my days as a pastor in general. Other times, it’s more about why I spend so much time out in the community, away from our individual congregation.

At the heart of those questions, I hear a deeper curiosity—what does it mean to live a life of faith, not just in the sanctuary on Sunday morning, but in the everyday places where we live, learn, serve, and lead?

Our faith was never meant to stay within the walls of a building. Jesus certainly didn’t keep his ministry confined to one place. He walked roads, entered homes, met people in marketplaces, and sat with those on the margins. If we are to follow him, then we are called to do the same: to carry our faith into the world, where it becomes visible not just in what we say, but in how we serve, listen, and show up.

That’s why you might find me at a community ministry meeting, in a conversation with a local official or standing with others in peaceful witness for justice. Far from being distractions from the ‘real’ work of ministry, these moments of advocacy and service *are* ministry. They are expressions of love for neighbor and hope for the common good.

Advocacy, especially, is about raising our voices when others are not heard. It’s about using the influence we have, not for personal gain, but to help shape a world that more closely reflects God’s kingdom—one of mercy, justice, and peace. This call is deeply rooted in scripture. The prophets lifted their voices. Jesus walked this road. And we, too, are called to follow.

This isn’t always easy. It takes time, patience, and the willingness to be uncomfortable. But it’s also holy work. It is the daily rhythm of putting our faith into action—wherever we are, with whomever we meet. This is why it is important to show up and participate in things like Lutheran Day in the Capitol, sponsored by Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa). LAMPa’s Mission Statement is, *In response to God’s love in Jesus Christ, we advocate for wise and just public policies in Pennsylvania that promote the common good.* When we join our voices to advocate for those suffering injustice, we participate in God’s work and our baptismal calling to “strive for justice and peace in all the earth” (*Affirmation of Baptism, Evangelical Lutheran Worship*).

So yes, part of my calling is to be with you on Sunday mornings. But it’s also to be out there, in the community, walking alongside others, lifting up what matters, and witnessing to God’s presence in all places. Because faith that is lived only on Sunday isn’t the full picture. Real faith moves. It listens. It serves. And it shows up. So thank you for asking why I am involved beyond the congregation’s walls – because we are church that not only gathers, but that reaches out in love to the world God so dearly loves.

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 May, the Adult Sunday School Class will meet on **May 4th and May 18th** **from 9:15-10am** in the basement Fellowship Hall. May 18th will be the last class until the fall.



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.



Dear Friends of ALSM:

Your dedication to our mission “to serve people through a ministry of love, compassion and mercy in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ” is clearly demonstrated by your financial support of Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM). Thank you for your congregation’s Harvest Home gift of \$53.0.00.

Sincerely,

Christopher Reighard, President?CEO

(This is an excerpt of the letter. The full letter is posted on narthex bulletin board.)



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

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

July – Liquid Hand Soap

August – Laundry Detergent

September - Shampoo

October - Toilet Paper

November - Sandwich Bags

December - Dish Detergent



Looking Ahead: The Wednesday morning prayer service will not be held during the month of July, but you are encouraged to pray on your own during that time.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Charles Eugene Derr...recov. heart surgery
Pr. LeRoy Reitz...Hospice
Ron Holsopple...lung procedure
Cathy Brunner...health concerns
Donald Dunkle...open heart surgery
Brad Way...recov. from kidney transplant
Melinda Fahrenbach...ovarian cancer
Sally Toner...recovery from spine fracture
Sam Rudy...dialysis
Jim Rearick...health concerns
Melody Green...health concerns
Greg Garner...health concerns

Ed Dunkleberger...Hospice
Jordan Holsopple...hospitalized
Phil Poorman...health concerns

Earl Hunsinger...in hospice for cancer
Corby Fetterolf...broken collarbone
Dona Bean...cancer
Ellen Coffman...cancer
Darlene Fultz...health concerns
Carol Smith...cancer
Kenzie Jones...kidney function/health
Sally Shermer...health issues

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
Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns
Mike Moyer...health concerns
Pr. Russ Sauerwein...health concerns
Sherri Ard...health concerns
Sabrina Murphy Wert...lung cancer
Joan Glaser...health concerns
Ernie Kirsch...Parkinson's
Amy & Kyle...healthy pregnancy/healthy baby
Sherri Taylor...cancer
Linda Confer Marquette...Hospice at Wynwood

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
Gary Homan...Parkinson's
Paul "Fox" Dietrich...health concerns
Freda Schluter...health concerns
Dotti Sauerwein...healing and strength
Lisa Moir...cancer
Bev Haines...health concerns
Nancy Wintersteen...health concerns
Terry Brown...cancer
Robert Sauerwein...strength & healing

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 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 4/29/25**



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

May 4, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Nancy Shunk
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
Mowing & Weeding (5/4-5/10): Todd Fetterolf

May 11, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: Todd Fetterolf
Altar Flowers: Jack Sharer
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: Todd Fetterolf
Counters: Sue Royer and Shari Welch
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Mowing & Weeding (5/11-5/17): Tonia Bower

May 18, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Deb Frazier and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Michelle Shawver
Lay Reader (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Mowing & Weeding (5/18-5/24): **Open**

May 25, 2025 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Lois Albright and Susan Stover
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Mowing & Weeding (5/25-5/31): **Open**

June 1, 2025 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Scott and Barb McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Sue Royer and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Mowing & Weeding (6/1-6/7): **Open**

June 8, 2025 – Day of Pentecost

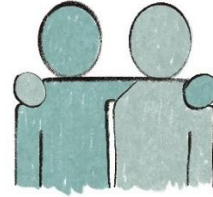
Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Jack Sharer
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Shari Welch and Ken Cromwell
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker-Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Mowing & Weeding (6/8-6/14): **Open**



- 1 Corby and Nicole Shunk
- 2 Leroy and Linda Decker Reitz
- 6 Dwight and Eileen Barnes
James and Carol Ard
- 14 Greg and Kira Reeder
- 19 Jan and Norma Crater
- 22 Earl and Peg Leedy



- May 1 Barb Fetterolf
- 2 Leroy Reitz
- 4 Bette Bender
- 15 Gerald Korman
Taylor Noll
- 16 Ethel Frazier
- 17 Mike Morrison
- 18 Corby Shunk
Madison Roth
- 23 Eleanor Korkus



The Congregational Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday, **June 3rd** at 11:00am in the social hall. We are planning the July Outdoor Worship and Picnic and we will also continue our conversation on ways we can support our current congregation. We invite anyone who would like to help us implement new ways to support 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).



The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **May 12th, in-person only**. 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 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 **May 7th** 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 **JUNE 2025** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025.**

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

Lutheran Day in the Capitol – Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA (LAMPa) is having its annual day in the capitol on Tuesday May 13th. This is an important day where Lutherans from across the state gather in Camp Hill in the morning and go to the Capitol for legislative visits in the afternoon. This year's theme is: "Behold, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19). For more information contact Pr. Becky or go to the website: <http://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/about/ld25/>.

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May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	2 	3 AA Meeting 7pm
4 Worship 8am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:15 -10am in Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	5 	6 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	7 Wednesday Morning Prayer with healing 10:30-11am Centre Hall Council of Churches meeting at 11:15am at Trinity UCC	8 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	9 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	10 AA Meeting 7pm
11 Mother's Day Worship 8am & 10:30am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	12 Pastor Becky in Harrisburg 5/12-5/14 Council Meeting 7pm	13 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	14 NO Prayer Group	15 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	16	17 Armed Forces Day  AA Meeting 7pm
18 Worship 8am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School 9:15 -10am in Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Troop Meeting begins at 1:00pm Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	19	20 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Food Pantry at Grace UMC Packing boxes begins at 8:00am and Distribution takes place from 1:30-3pm	21 Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:30-11am 	22 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm *June Newsletter Deadline Choir Rehearsal 7pm	23 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	24 AA Meeting 7pm
25 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6pm	26 Memorial Day 	27 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm	28 Wednesday Morning Prayer 10:30-11am	29 OFFICE HOURS 10am-2pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm	30	31 AA Meeting 7pm



A prayer for Mother's Day

Dear Lord, thank you for the blessings of children and families. Help us rely on you for guidance, patience and even-temperedness throughout our days.

We pray that our children will love you, worship you and serve you with their

God-given gifts. Grant us the wisdom to know how to influence them to live godly lives. Prevent us from provoking our children to anger and from manipulating or nagging them.

Fill our households with abiding love and respect. And help us all be united in purpose to do your will. In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seizing holy opportunities

In *Holy Moments*, Matthew Kelly discusses the world's need for more small (but sometimes large) instances of people caring for others, cultivating joy, encouragement and love instead of anger, envy, fear. Kelly defines a Holy Moment as "a single moment in which you open yourself to God. ... You set aside personal preference and self-interest, and for one moment you do what you prayerfully believe God is telling you to do."

This may mean mowing the lawn for a neighbor with a broken leg, praising a child on his artwork, buying a surprise snack for someone having a bad day, working extra shifts for a coworker with cancer so she can receive her full salary while out sick, paying for the next car's drive-thru order. Anyone can create a Holy Moment, because you don't need special skills, position or wealth. "If you want to see miracles, make yourself available to God," Kelly suggests. He adds that God has a track record of collaborating with "the most unlikely people to make amazing things happen, and now He wants to collaborate with you." When we're open to God's leading, holy opportunities abound. And we will experience as much joy as the ones to whom we show care.

Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)	6 11
NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)	14
RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)	18 3
KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)	16 5
EHLA (Genesis 30:14)	1
CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)	7 12
MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)	10 17 13
RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)	8
AMYR (Matthew 2:11)	2
ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)	9 15 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	8	14	G	F	4	F	16	10	17	G	!

Answers: Eve; Hannah; Deborah; Rebekah; Leah; Rachel; Naomi; Sarah; Mary; Elizabeth.
A mother's love is a gift from God!



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