



THE ST. LUKE LETTER

May 2026

Dear Siblings in Christ,

There's something about May that invites us outward. After months of cold and gray, the world begins to open—trees budding, flowers stretching toward the sun, neighbors lingering a little longer in conversation. It's a season that reminds us we were never meant to do life alone.

In the church, we talk often about community, but in May we have a chance to *practice* it more intentionally. Community isn't just something we belong to—it's something we build, together, over time. It takes attention, care, and a willingness to show up for one another.

Connection is where it begins. Sometimes that looks like a simple conversation after worship, checking in on someone you haven't seen in a while, or introducing yourself to a new face. These small moments matter more than we realize. They create the threads that, over time, become something strong and sustaining.

Collaboration is what deepens those connections. When we come together—whether for a ministry project, a shared meal, or a community event—we discover that each person brings something valuable. No one person carries the whole weight; instead, we rely on one another's gifts. In that shared work, relationships grow naturally. We learn not just *about* each other, but *with* each other.

And from that, community takes shape. Not just as a concept, but as something lived and experienced—a place where people feel seen, supported, and connected. A place where we can celebrate joys and carry burdens together. A place that reflects, even in small ways, the kind of love we believe God has for the world.

As we move into this month, I wonder where you might be invited into deeper connection. Is there someone you could reach out to? A group you've been meaning to join? A way you could share your time or gifts alongside others?

Community doesn't happen all at once. It grows in small, faithful steps. And each one of us plays a part. May this be a season where we continue building—not just programs or events—but relationships that sustain and strengthen us all.

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 LINK - 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

Land Acknowledgment – St. Luke is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Conestoga-Susquehannock people, where we gather. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, and Lenape, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place, this land, and call it their home.

Find out more about the Conestoga-Susquehannock at

<http://www.conestogasusquehannocktribe.com/>

The Nittany Conference Pre-Assembly Meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Pine Grove Mills.

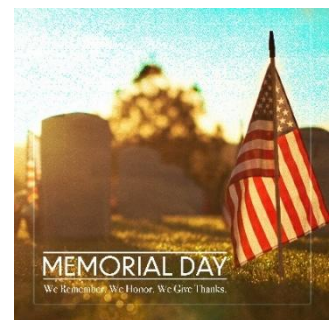
Synod Assembly June 20th at the Blair County Convention Center 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Join us for a short service of Word and Prayer in the Sanctuary on Wednesday Mornings from 10:30-11am as we pray for all on our prayer list and others whom we know. Let Pastor Becky know if you have any questions or know of a prayer concern (private or public).



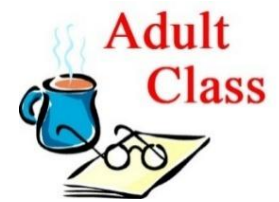
Out of the Cold Collection—During the Community Relations Committee’s Lent and Easter Collection for Out of the Cold, we collected 233 pairs of socks, 57 pair of underwear, 3 t-shirts, 41 toothbrushes, 31 toothpaste, 48 bars of soap, and miscellaneous items of razors, shaving cream, dental floss, deodorant, etc. Thank you so much for your generous donations!

American Salute! - You’re invited to an afternoon of choral music celebrating the American spirit! On Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 PM at the State College High School Performance Hall. Under the direction of Erik Clayton, with special guests: Bellefonte Victorian Christmas Choir and Nittany Knights Barbershop Chorus (Tricia Andriaccio, director). Come enjoy a rich variety of voices and styles in a meaningful musical experience.



Our next book group meeting is on Wednesday, May 6th. We will meet to discuss *We All Live Here* by JoJo Moyes at 12:00 pm at Seven Mountains Winery. Join us for discussion, conversation, and fellowship!

In May, the Adult Sunday School Class will meet on **May 17th only** from 9:15am-10:00am in the basement Fellowship Hall. This is a video and discussion-based class led by Shawn Lehman. Please join us in enriching discussions about our faith. May 17th will be the last class prior to summer break.



St. Luke's Annual Outdoor Worship and Picnic at the Centre Hall Lion's Club Pavilion is scheduled for Sunday, June 28th. Save the Date so you can join in the picnic fun!



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, May 19, 2026**, 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, May 17, 2026**. 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:

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| January – Tissues | July – Liquid Hand Soap |
| February -Toilet Paper | August – Laundry Detergent |
| March – Toothpaste & Individual Toothbrushes | September - Shampoo |
| April – Household Cleaners | October - Toilet Paper |
| May - Kitchen Garbage Bags | November - Sandwich Bags |
| June - Paper Towels | 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 2026. Thank you so much for any assistance you can give to this important outreach in our community.



- May 1 Corby and Nicole Shunk
- 6 Dwight and Eileen Barnes
James and Carol Ard
- 7 Van and Lisa Holsinger
- 14 Greg and Kira Reeder
- 19 Jan and Norma Crater
- 20 Don and Angela Anderson
- 22 Earl and Peg Leedy
Jeff and Sheila Lieb
- 24 Cliff and Charolette Waltz
Ted and Stephanie Delaney



- May 1 Barb Fetterolf
- 4 Bette Bender
Eric McAllister
- 5 Ashley Boob
- 8 Angela Anderson
Jeff O'Hara
- 9 Morgan Holsopple
- 10 Merlee Graybill
- 13 Brian McAllister
- 15 Gerald Korman
Taylor Noll

May Birthdays Continued...

- 16 Kermit Long
Ethel Frazier
- 17 Mike Morrison
- 18 Corby Shunk
Derrick Parsons
Madison Roth
- 20 Lori Long
Sue Bryant
- 23 Eleanor Korkus
- 25 Nicole Poorman
- 26 Kim Praskovich
- 27 A. Robert Luse
- 28 Hope Wolfe
- 31 Janelle Welch
Michael Carper

THANK YOU!—
 Pastor Becky and People of St. Luke,
 Thank you for your most recent gift of Love and Generosity for our vulnerable neighbors around the world. You are bringing signs of hope in the form of food, shelter, medical care and guilts and care kits. Thank you for choosing to live your faith this way.
 Grace and Peace,
 Tim Krick
 Lutheran World Relief



PRAYER CONCERNS

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

The Family and Friends of the Stolfus Family

Paul Hatton...hospice

Faye Breon...health concerns

Mackenzie McCafferty...recov broken femur

Dick Delaney...health concerns

Melinda Farhenbach...cancer

Tshana Myers...health concerns

Amy Homan...health concerns

Louise Miller...health concerns

Jane Kurzinger...recov. from stroke

Ellie Marooney...cancer

Cathy Brunner...health concerns

Michael Richard...recov kidney surgery

Josh Johnson...cancer

Pat Brett...CML

Jeff Reeder...multiple myeloma

Gay Homan...recov. from fall

Tara Homan...health concerns

Heather Korman...health concerns

Cindy Foust...cancer

Ron Holsopple...health concerns

Greg Garner...health concerns

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Greg Bohn...kidney issues

Jim & Tanya Evans...health concerns

Jean Bender...myelodysplastic syndrome

Karen Willar...cancer

Paul & Sandy Larson...health concern

Nancy Boyle...respiratory issues

Bob & Betty Ishler...health concerns

Mike Moyer...health concerns

Lisa Moir...cancer

Joan Glaser...health concerns

Barbara & Ernie Kirsch...health concerns

Freda Schluter...health concerns

Pr. Russ Sauerwein...health concerns

Ellen Coffman...cancer

Melody Green...health concerns

Sarah G...health concerns during pregnancy

Dave Ferree...health concerns

Paulette Smigo...life concerns

Don Rudy...health concerns

Silas Green...multiple health issues

Dotti Sauerwein...healing and strength

Sabrina Wert...remission and healing

Gary Homan...Parkinson's

Paul "Fox" Dietrich...health concerns

Sherri Taylor...cancer

Bev Haines...health concerns

Nancy Wintersteen...health concerns

Marilyn Wendt...dementia

Jordan Holsopple...health concerns

Sam Rudy...recov. kidney transplant

Kyle Lehman...Army National Guard Boot Camp

Please pray for the Health of our Homebound:

Fred Lohr Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828...814-364-9368)

Barbara Mark (Wynwood House, 122 Wynwood Dr, Centre Hall, PA 16828)

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)

***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 4/23/26

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

May 3, 2026 –5th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: Todd Fetterolf
Altar Flowers: Linda Decker Reitz
Communion Bread: Todd Fetterolf
Counters: Evelyn Reeder and Carol Sharpe
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Barb McAllister
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Lawn Mowing 5/3/26—5/9/26: Tonia Bower

May 10, 2026 –6th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Barb McAllister and Deb Frazier
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Susan Stover
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Offering Usher (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Lawn Mowing 5/10/26—5/16/26: **Open**

May 17, 2026 –7th Sunday of Easter

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Sue Royer and Lois Albright
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Lay Reader (10:30am): Jack Sharer
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Offering Usher (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Susan Stover
Lawn Mowing 5/17/26—5/23/26: **Open**

May 24, 2026 –Pentecost Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Barb McAllister
Greeter (8am): Gary Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Patty Lehman
Lay Reader (8am): Kathy Long
Lay Reader (10:30am): Deb Frazier
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Larry Frazier
Offering Usher (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Shawn Lehman
Lawn Mowing 5/24/26—5/30/26: **Open**

May 31, 2026 –Holy Trinity Sunday

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: Barb and Scott McAllister
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Lois Albright and Ellen Hug
Greeter (8am): Connie Zellers
Greeter (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Lay Reader (8am): Kelly Moran
Lay Reader (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Jerry Homan
Offering Usher (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Scott McAllister
Lawn Mowing 5/31/26—6/6/26: **Open**

June 7, 2026 –2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Care: **Open**
Altar Flowers: **Open**
Communion Bread: **Open**
Counters: Carol Sharpe and Evelyn Reeder
Greeter (8am): Linda Decker Reitz
Greeter (10:30am): Nancy Shunk
Lay Reader (8am): Rick Homan
Lay Reader (10:30am): Alice Cromwell
Bell Ringer (10:30am): Walt Schluter
Offering Usher (10:30am): Ken Cromwell
Worship Assistant (10:30am): Carol Sharpe
Lawn Mowing 6/7/26—6/13/26: **Open**



The regular meetings are held 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is **May 11th**, a Zoom link is available if needed. 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.

Elected Council Members & Officers for 2026: Scott McAllister, President (27), Rick Homan, Vice-President (27), Carol Sharpe, Secretary (26), Jack Sharer, Treasurer, Alice Cromwell (26), Evelyn Reeder (26), Susan Stover (26), Jerry Homan (27), Gary Zellers (27), Lois Albright (28), Todd Fetterolf (28), Dawn Holsopple (28), and Marty Hug (28). ***The numbers in parenthesis indicates the year their term is complete.**

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

Centre Hall Council of Churches – The next meeting is scheduled for **May 6th** at 11:15 am at St. Luke Lutheran Church.



Looking ahead...Please note that if you have news or articles for the **June 2026** issue of the St. Luke Newsletter, please submit them to the church office **by Thursday, May 21, 2026.**








Pastor's Office Hours – Pastor Becky is normally in the church office on **Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9-11am**, but these hours may vary as needed. If you need to reach Pr. Becky outside of the office, please feel free to call or text her at 215-208-5535 and please leave your name and a message. She will return your call or text as soon as possible. You may also email her at StLuke364PastorBecky@gmail.com.

Secretary Office Hours - The Church Secretary's office hours are normally **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to Noon**, but these hours may vary as needed. If you need to reach Patty outside of the office, please feel free to call or text her at 814-933-6296 and please leave your name and a message. She will return your call or text as soon as possible. All emails for the secretary should continue to be sent to StLuke364@gmail.com.

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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
St. Luke Mailing Address	PO Box 331, Centre Hall, PA 16828
St. Luke Website	http://StLukeCentreHall.org

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 AA Meeting 7pm
3 Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	4	5	6 Prayer Service 10:30-11am in Sanctuary Centre Hall Council of Churches Meeting 11:15am-Noon at St. Luke	7  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	8 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	9 AA Meeting 7pm
10 Worship 8am & 10:30am  Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	11 Council Meeting 7pm	12	13 Prayer Service 10:30-11am in Sanctuary Book Group at Seven Mountains Winery at Noon	14  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	15	16  AA Meeting 7pm
17 Worship 8am & 10:30am Adult Sunday School Class 9:15-10am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p Cub Scout Committee Meeting 6:30-8pm	18	19 Food Pantry Distribution 1:30-3pm at Grace UMC	20 Prayer Service 10:30-11am in Sanctuary	21 *June Newsletter Deadline Choir Rehearsal 7pm	22 Cub Scout Den Meetings 6-8pm	23 AA Meeting 7pm
24 Day of Pentecost Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p	25 	26	27 Prayer Service 10:30-11am in Sanctuary	28	29	30 AA Meeting 7pm
31 Holy Trinity Worship 8am & 10:30am Boy Scout Troop Meeting 4:30-6p						

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