

Service Hours

8:00am:

With Holy Communion in Chapel

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10:30am:

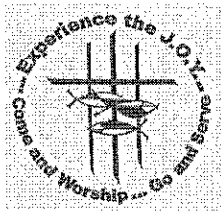
With Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday school/Confirmation / Youth Ministry

OFFICE HOURS:

M & T – 9-12, 1-3;

W, Th, F – 9-12



Please notify us of changes of e-mail address

The Spectrum

April 2016

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SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 3rd, Second Sunday of Easter , Youth Sunday

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday school/Confirmation /Youth Ministry

10:30am - Holy Communion, followed by coffee hour

Sunday, April 10th, Third Sunday of Easter & Baptism

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday school/Confirmation /Youth Ministry

10:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, April 17th, Fourth Sunday of Easter,

Laying on of Hands for Healing & Of the Land and Seasons

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday school /Confirmation /Youth Ministry

10:30am - Holy Communion /Hunger appeal offering, followed by coffee hour

Sunday, April 24th, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Earth Day Sunday & First Communion

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday school /Confirmation /Youth Ministry

10:30am - Holy Communion

April 2016 - St. Luke Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 April Fool's Day JR. HIGH YOUTH AT MESSIAH'S MEAL PREPARING EVENT	2
3 YOUTH SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING	4 ALL STAFF MEETING 10A QUILTERS 9A-3P BH EDUCATION 12:15P OUTREACH 6P PERSONNEL 7P EXECUTIVE COMM. 8P	5 PVC 2P SERVICE MEETING 4:15P WORSHIP & MUSIC 7P	6	7 CHOIR 7P	8	9
10 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER BAPTISM FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION PROPERTY MEETING	11 WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB 12NOON, JULIE'S COFFEE ST. LUKE FUND 6:30 COUNCIL 7:30P	12	13 PIE NIGHT STUDY 7P AT ST. LUKE	14 FELLOWSHIP 6P CHOIR 7P	15 Tax Returns due	16 AA SPRING FLING 8P-1A BH LUTHERAN YOUTH DAY AT SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY (JR. HIGH YOUTH)
17 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, LAYING ON OF HANDS FOR HEALING & OF THE LAND AND SEASONS SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS LEFT THE BUILDING 9:15A COFFEE HOUR	18 PRE-SCHOOL MEETING 7P PASTOR HEADS LUTHERAN DAY AT THE CAPITOL	19	20 LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR AT VINCENZO'S 12NOON PIE NIGHT STUDY 7P AT ST. LUKE	21 CHOIR 7P	22 Earth Day	23 BABY SHOWER BH RENTAL 9A-6P
24 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, EARTH DAY SUNDAY & FIRST COMMUNION SUPPORT COM. MEETING FOLLOWING 10:30A SERVICE	25 SHAWL MINISTRY 9A-12NOON PASTOR AT BISHOP'S RETREAT	26 ELECTION DAY 6A-9P BH	27 PIE NIGHT STUDY 7P AT ST. LUKE	28 COIN CLUB 7P BH CHOIR 7P	29	30

FROM THE PASTOR

The Character of St. Luke: Generosity

Generosity is defined, according to the Random House Dictionary, as 1. liberal in giving or sharing; unselfish 2. freedom from meanness or smallness of mind or character; magnanimous. Generosity has been core to the character of St. Luke probably for as long as anyone can remember. A major example of this has been the high percentage of the church budget which has gone to fund the wider church over the decades. While the percentage of “giving beyond” stood at a high point of about 23% of the church yearly budget, it is still a respectable 15.15% today. This is an example of the sense in the congregation that we care to our satisfaction for what we need, using it without waste, and at the same time keep an eye on the support of the community and other important projects beyond ourselves.

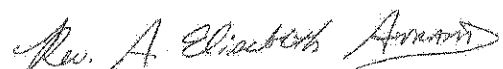
Another example of this generous identity at St. Luke is the St. Luke Fund, which carries out the work of the parish’s generosity. The fund, which is its own legal entity, though under the authority of the Church Council, has a mission of distributing funds for *charitable, health, welfare and similar purposes consistent with the intent of the gospel of Jesus Christ*. Last year, the fund supported ten different causes, only two of which were related to the congregation. You might like to know how your church was engaged this way, beyond the camperships and support for a church computer upgrade. The Fund, in fact, in 2015, supported Yokefellow ministry, a prison visitation and counseling ministry as well giving a grant to a medications assistance program at Susquehanna Health – a program that provides needed drugs for those being released from the hospital, yet unable to afford the medications. It sent money to Gettysburg Seminary so that new seminarians, so often burdened by college debt, will not have to pay tuition (something St. Luke also funded this calendar year.) We sent support for a summer field trip to Firetree Place and helped rent the Hiawatha for a “dry” party given by the West Branch Drug and Alcohol agency. We bought computer equipment for the United Churches’ food pantry and sent early contribution to this month’s meal packaging event at Messiah Lutheran Church.

St. Luke is able to act because it understands that we do not exist for ourselves and hopes to express this value concretely. Since God calls us to generosity and to bear the burdens of “the widow, the orphan, the alien,” we want, as much as possible, to hold tenaciously to our church identity – yet our larger identity as the people of God. Therefore, when a bequest is given to the church, our policy is that unless it is specifically designated for congregational operating expenses, it shall be directed to the St. Luke fund. (We saw this recently when the portion of Marion Brungard’s estate given to St. Luke was directed in total to the St. Luke fund.) None of us are griping that therefore we may have to take more from our own pockets to keep on the lights and to fund the staff because thinking of the welfare of others, is simply how Christians live.

This Easter season, may we experience the joy of our faith in God’s power, known in the resurrection. May we also joy in being so blessed as a called people that we can “empty ourselves”, following the example of our Lord, in service and generosity, in consideration of others.

St. Luke Fund bylaws, section 3, p. 7.

In Christ,



THE SEW-FINE QUILTERS

Will meet Monday, April 4th in Bell Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pack a lunch and spend the day or come and go as your schedule permits. Join the fun there's something for everyone to participate will be provided. Needed: Cord for drawstrings on school kits backpacks. Each backpack takes 4 yards of strong cord or rope 1/4 inch diameter, such as parachute cord, macramé or clothesline.

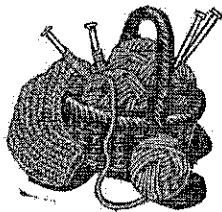
WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets at 12:00 April 11th at Julie's Coffee Shop (on the southeast corner of Third & Pine).

The book for the month of April is *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend*.

THE SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 26th at 9:00AM.



Everything you've always wanted to know about....PRAYER

The "pie night" group has requested – and everyone is invited – to a class on *prayer*. This will take place **Wednesday nights in April and May, beginning April 13th**. Conversation begins at 7 PM in the lounge at St. Luke, and you're welcome to come a little earlier, relax and have some refreshments. We expect each session to last about an hour.

We'll be reading together Jane Vennard's *A Praying Congregation* in a trusting environment, with an open conversation. If you'd like to be a part of this – either for your own personal exploration or to help make St. Luke more of a praying congregation (and we have a good start at it), please let Pastor Aurand know. She'll order a copy of the book for you.

"SPRING BOUNTY"

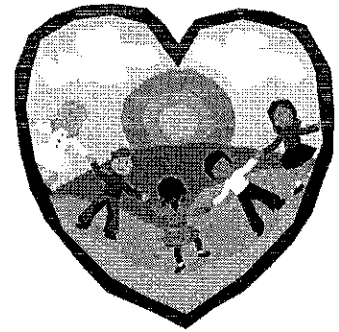
The St. Luke Service Ministry invites you to spend the month of May filling a "St. Luke" canvas bag with grocery items that will be collected through May 22nd and delivered to the United Churches Food Pantry. The pantry can always use :



any kind of soup, pasta, pasta sauce, tea bags, popcorn, coffee, pop tarts, saltines, oatmeal packets, hot chocolate packets, granola bars, sugar, flour, ketchup, mustard, hot sauce and canned fruits and vegetables. Any boxes, bags or cans with "out there" use-by dates. Canvas bags are available, beginning April 24th, at Sunday worship or the church office throughout the month of May.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!

Save-the-date for a special K.I.C.K. service event on **Sunday, April 17th**. The preschool and elementary classes will spend their Sunday School hour at Valley View nursing home working with residents on a special springtime craft.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

YOU'RE INVITED

Janet Poole turns 95 on April 13th! Her family would like to invite church members to an Open House to wish her a *Happy 95th Birthday*, anytime between **2-4pm on either Sat. 4/16 or Sunday 4/17**. Please come by 650 Lincoln

Avenue for some cake and refreshments on the day that suits you best! We know that she would really enjoy seeing you!

OUTREACH MINISTRY

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE Our April meeting will be hosted by Sally Labenberg on Friday, April 15th at 9:30 a.m. We begin with breakfast followed by the study. In this closing session of the Bible study, we encounter some of the best-known passages from Philipians. Marilyn Eshleman will lead us in the study. It is not necessary to have been at previous sessions, as we welcome all women to join us any time. Please let Sally know if you intend to attend.

LUNCH WITH PASTOR We had another good group of folks at the Kast Hotel in March! Reuben sandwiches seemed to be the favorite that many enjoyed along with home-made potato chips. Our restaurant of choice for April is *Vincenzo's*, 99 Maynard St. Come join us on Wednesday, April 20th at 12:00 noon! If you aren't on the list of regular attendees, or if you are a regular and will not be attending, please call Sarah at the church office to let her know.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH It's that time of year again when we see homes "FOR SALE" in our neighborhoods. Again, we are asking your help in identifying homes that become "SOLD" and a new family moves in. Your task is simple. Just write down the address and hand it in to Sarah in the church office, or call it in. We will follow through with a visit: cookies, information about St. Luke, invitation to come check us out and a smiling face. If you would like to visit, just let us know: George, Linda, Scott or Ray. What could be more simple for bringing "Good News" to our neighbors!



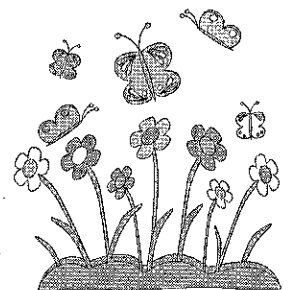
Time to Register for Camp Mount Luther

Have you checked out the brochure for 2016 at Camp Mount Luther? You'll find it chock full of choices: base camps, adventure camps, "classic" camps, extreme camps, family camp. Best of all, these opportunities are affordable with all the discounts and scholarship available. First – remember that the St. Luke fund pays half the cost of all campers' tuitions. Secondly, St. Luke has a "camperson" which also reduces your cost and gives you discounts at the camp store. There's a \$25 discount for early registration (before April 1), a \$25 discount if you bring a friend who has never been to camp, and there's a \$25 discount for siblings who attend together. It is wise, then, to enroll early both to ensure you have a place at the camp you want – and –to make the week(s) affordable. See the camp brochure in the west hall for more information or go to www.campmountluther.org.

ADULT MISSION OPPORTUNITY We are planning a mission outing to visit the Brethren Service Material Resources Center in New Windsor, MD and spend the day volunteering to help process Lutheran World Relief Health Kits before they are shipped overseas. This trip would begin on a Thursday evening and involve a one night stay at the retreat center. Friday is reserved for volunteering at the resource center and a visit to the SERRV fair-trade facility before returning Friday evening. Our tentative dates for this project are **May 12 - 13 or May 19 - 20**. We are trying to gauge availability and interest in this program. Please be in touch with Erin Edmonds if you are interested in more details.

PRE-SCHOOL AT ST.LUKE

Happy Spring Everyone!!!! The students celebrated Easter with an egg hunt at The West House. They have fun going there every year to search for eggs! The theme for April is "We're Blooming into April". On April 13, the students are going to The West Branch School to watch a play. On April 22, Miss. Nina, from the library, will be coming in the read "Kite Day: A Bear and Mole Story".



The Pre-School's Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale is April 1-19. The flowers will be available for pick-up between 5-7pm in Bell Hall on May 2. We are once again ordering the flowers from Helminiak's again this year. There are order forms available on the tables in the back of the church. Thank you again for your support! If you have any questions, please ask Charles Mahler or Jen Larson.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in April:

Wood, Justin	04/02	Wood, Chelsey	04/02
Young, Jessie	04/04	Long, Nancy	04/07
Perry, Claudia	04/07	Peters-Coates, Gayle	04/07
Clark, Halle	04/09	Clark, Brett	04/10
Good, Edward	04/10	Good, Laura	04/10
Heaps, Georgia	04/10	Belles, Terry	04/12
Hemsley, E. Louise	04/13	Poole, Janet	04/13
Seyler, Lucas	04/13	Webster, Mary Jane	04/18
Eshleman, Marilyn	04/21	Matz, Robert	04/23
Kelley, Edward	04/25	Nason, Bradley	04/25
Yohn, Charles	04/26	Bergren, Karen	04/27
Knaus, Clarence	04/28		



.....And Happy Anniversary:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Borch	04/04/1992
Dr. & Mrs. Richard Tignor	04/10/1965
Dr. & Mrs. Terry Belles	04/19/1980
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Paris	04/21/1946
Mr. & Mrs. James Reasner	04/25/1998
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lamade	04/27/1985

(We're sorry if we missed anyone. If we did, please contact the office so we can add you to our computer records.)

SERVING IN APRIL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Ass. Minister</u>	<u>Comm. Helpers</u>
3rd 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty	David Keating		
10:30	Allie & Danny Wyland	Justin Wood Eddie Good Dylan Rhodes Andrew Borch	Youth Sunday	Brooks Durand	Kara Hershey & Sam Griffith	Chelsey Wood	Laura Good Anna Zeigler Amanda Southard
10th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Becky Masden	Nancy McCarty		
10:30	Doris Lewandowski	Dwight Rhodes Dylan Rhodes Jere Eshleman Dave Witner	TBA	Shirley Knade	Nancy Wood/ Mark Bergren	George Schuman	Reasner/Scampone
17th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Jim Donnell	David Keating		
10:30	Ann Jackson	Same	TBA	Sue Duchman	Bill & Linda Liptak	Chip Edmonds	Patty Durand/ Becky & Dave Masden
24th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Sondra Fisher	Nancy McCarty		
10:30	Wood Family	Same	TBA	Cheryl Newburg	Charles Mahler/ Linda Herbst	Marilyn Eshleman Mark Bergren	Briggs Family
<u>DATE</u>	<u>COFFEE HOUR</u>	<u>FLOWER DELV.</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>	<u>LAY CALLER</u>	<u>COMM. CLEAN-UP</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>ALTAR CARE</u>
3rd	Youth Sunday	Welsh	Leah Lewis & Joanne Harner	Fisher/ Nelson	Carole Harris Melanie Taormina	Kathy Borch/ Cyle Hiller	
10th		Schuman	Linda Herbst & Sally Labenberg	Mahler/ Bergren	Reasners	Andrea Clark/ Sam Mahler	
17th	Coffee Hour	J. Wolfe & McCarty	Betty & Charles Paris	Schumans	Gladys Dapp Linda DeLong	Stephanie Confer/ Chelsey Wood TBA	<u>Hunger Offering</u> TBA
24th		Tignor	Nancy McCarty & Linda Herbst	Masdens	Websters	Courtney Coulter/ Allie Wyland	

*Thank you for serving in these important ministries of St. Luke.
If you cannot serve, please make arrangements for a substitute and let Sarah know in the office so she can correct the schedule.*

Thank from our members.....

To my St. Luke family

Thank you for the nice package with all of the goodies that I received in the mail! It is nice to know that my church family is thinking of me during the stressful period of schoolwork. The snacks and other items are greatly appreciated and will help me while I am on the go. It is always comforting to know that you are all in my heart, many of you since I was a child. May God be with you all.

Thanks again
-Hayley Steiger

Dear St. Luke Congregation,

Thank you so much for the care package filled with snacks and cold weather essentials!

It's always such a treat to receive a thoughtful and wonderful pick-me-up in the longest and most challenging time of the semester. Thank you again so much for thinking of me. Sincerely,
Megan Coyle

St. Luke Church Family,

Thank you for the care package and snacks. It will definitely come in handy with mid terms coming up

- Jimmy Gardner

To all St. Luke people who offered prayers, visited me bringing flowers and "goodies" (I love the yellow blanket!) and many cards which I read over over. No words can express my appreciation during my recent "break". All of the above worked because here I am again almost as good as new. Many, many thanks.

God bless all of you
Joanne Miller

Dear Church members of St. Luke,

I visited my brother & his family in Seattle last week. Surprisingly, I saw a beautiful gray blanket on the chair being occupied by my nephew, Cameron Corzi. I cried as I read the notation still attached

to the blanket & astonished as where it was sent.

Cameron received his last Radiation Rx on Tues 2-9-16, the Lord will guide Cam's parents to continue to reach a cure.

Many Blessings To all,
Cecelia Olson

Ministry Highlights

OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Your Outreach Ministry team has been busy brainstorming ways to have better communication within our congregation and the community. So, you might say, we are in the "publicity business". In December we mailed 1,200 Christmas postcards to surrounding neighborhoods. We did receive some visitors from that mailing. Again this Easter, we repeated that mailing with an Easter message and invitation to Holy Week and Easter services and activities. We hope to encourage usage of our St Luke's Face Book adding more and more news of "what's going on" within the church. Let's keep our church family well informed and spiritually fed with the good works we are accomplishing!

Fellowship:

- Call Anna Griffith re: youth helping with breakfast.
- Shop for breakfast supplies Friday, 3/25/16.
- Meet at Bell Hall 3/26/16 at 1:00pm for breakfast preparations (peel potatoes & decorate).
- Be at Bell Hall Easter morning at 6:00am to begin preparing breakfast.
- Tim Steck will contact Dwight Rhodes to ask for his assistance with dishwasher.

Mutual Ministry

February 29, 2016

- finished discussion of *Congregational Leadership in Anxious Times* by Peter Steinke
- shared observations from congregational life
- will use *Strength at the Center: A Congregational Health Inventory* as a means to focus on areas of importance in the life of the congregation; will also assess the survey tool itself for future reference

Next meeting:

Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor

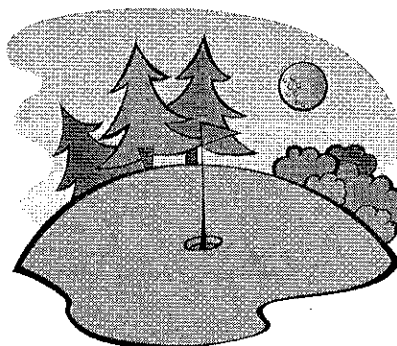
OTHER

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA

Social Media Safety Presentation: April 3

On Sunday evening April 3, the Children & Youth Ministry Team will be hosting a "Social Media Safety presentation for all youth (6th -12th grade) and parents of the church and community. Our guest speaker will be Agent Janene Holter, Senior Supervisory Special Agent of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office. She will be speaking to us on: Internet Safety, Website Representation (how you are presenting yourself on the internet), bullying, cyberbullying and cyber harassment. She will discuss the pitfalls and consequences of making poor choices in these areas. Some of these pitfalls are legal ramifications and some are more personal, i.e. not getting into a college or not getting selected for a job because of your actions on the internet. She will also talk to parents about monitoring their children's internet usage on smart phones, lap tops, tablets, iPad, etc.

THE 11TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF CLASSIC takes place on **Monday, May 9, 2016** at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club Routes 11 & 15, Hummel's Wharf. Proceeds go to Camp Mount Luther. For more information and a registration/ sponsorship form, please visit the website at www.campmountluther.org.



LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

Camp Mount Luther is looking for qualified staff for the summer. They are in need of men and women to serve in paid and volunteer capacities this summer. Counselor positions are especially needed. In addition, volunteer nurses are needed to serve as the weekly health officer. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for adventure, and strong leadership skills. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Chad Hershberger, Executive Director, at the camp office at (570) 922-1587. Applications are available on the website at [http:// www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

