

Service Hours

8:00am:

With Holy Communion in Chapel

&

10:30am:

With Holy Communion

9:15am Sunday school/Confirmation / Youth Ministry

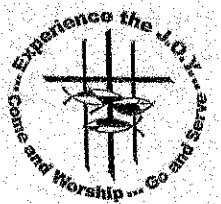
OFFICE HOURS:

M & T – 9-12, 1-3;

W, Th, F – 9-12

The church office will be closed

Monday, May 30th for the holiday weekend.



Please notify us of changes of e-mail address

The Spectrum

May 2016

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SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 1st, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday school/Confirmation /Youth Ministry

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

Sunday, May 8th, The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday school/Confirmation /Youth Ministry

10:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, May 15th, Day of Pentecost & Confirmation

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, May 22nd, Holy Trinity Sunday & Sunday School Teacher and Student recognition & Afghans to our Seniors

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday school /Confirmation /Youth Ministry

10:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, May 29th, Second after Pentecost

Memorial Day weekend

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

No Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

May 2016 - St. Luke Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER T & T COFFEE HOUR PROPERTY MEETING AFTER 10:30A SERVICE	2 PRE-SCHOOL FLOWER DELV. ALL STAFF MEETING 10A QUILTERS 9A-3P BH LAST WORK DAY EDUCATION 12:15P OUTREACH 7:30P PERSONNEL 7P EXCLUSIVE COMMITTEE 8P PRE-SCHOOL FLOWER DELV.	3 PVC 2P SERVICE 4:15P WORSHIP & MUSIC 7P	4 PIE NIGHT STUDY 7P AT ST. LUKE	5 Cinco de Mayo UNITED CHURCHES ASCENSION DAY SERVICE 7P, NEW COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WOMEN'S SMALL EVENING BOOK GROUP	6	7
8 Mother's Day 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9 ST. LUKE FUND 6:30P COUNCIL MEETING 7:30P	10	11 PIE NIGHT STUDY 7P AT ST. LUKE	12 SERVICE TIP 3:45 MEET AT ST. LUKE PARKING LOT FELLOWSHIP 6P	13 SERVICE TIP 6-7P RETURNS	14
15 DAY OF PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR	16 PRE-SCHOOL MEETING 7P	17	18 PIE NIGHT STUDY 7P AT ST. LUKE LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR PIER 87 12NOON	19 PRE-SCHOOL GRADUATION	20	21
22 HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY TEACHER & STUDENT RECOGNITION & AFGHANS TO 12TH GRADE VBS SIGN-UP TIME AND TALENTS FORM COLLECTION	23 DICK LAKEY IS ON VACATION 22ND-30TH	24	25 PIE NIGHT STUDY 7P AT ST. LUKE	26 COIN CLUB 7P BH	27	28
29 2ND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DICK LAKEY IS ON VACATION	30 Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED	31 SHAWL MINISTRY 9A-12NOON MUTUAL MINISTRY 7P				

FROM THE PASTOR

MAY is for the offering of TIME AND TALENTS

TIME AND TALENTS COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY, MAY 1

TIME AND TALENTS FORM COLLECTION

SUNDAY, MAY 15

I recently remembered a long-deceased member of the church where I grew up – St. Paul, Huntington, WV. I pictured Peggy instructing me about how to staple evergreen boughs to wooden candle holders attached to the pews at Christmas. She was instrumental in decorating the oversize church nave every Christmas and would forever (by me) be connected with this role that she seemed to love, to care deeply for and to manage well.

Perhaps you already have such a specific role at St. Luke...some loved niche in the life of the congregation. Perhaps you've never exerted yourself, though, in any kind of project at church. You may never have taken up a "spiritually directed project" much beyond Sundays, or tried any committee ministries. Perhaps there are needs you know are at St. Luke that should be addressed.

All of these above reflections could be ways that are prodding you to give your time and talents back to God and to the life of the parish. So please take a moment these first weeks of May to look over the action opportunities at the church. If you check one, we will contact you about how to go about joining up, or contribute that skill in that ministry. It could also be that you might try something, experience it, and then decide perhaps it wasn't your cup of tea after all. That's OK, too. Or perhaps what you'd like to try isn't listed on the Time and Talents Appeal form. I encourage you to discuss it with me. We are open and flexible at St. Luke for many types of ministry.

As you can see above, the Church Council will be encouraging you at its coffee hour on May 1st to consider a new project or ministry. We'll return our forms as part of worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th. Enjoy the choices.

Rev. A. Elizabeth Amann

THE SEW-FINE QUILTERS

Our last work day for this spring will be Monday, May 2nd in Bell Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come and go as time allows in your schedule. Pack a lunch if joining us over the non hour. Thank you to everyone who has donated materials for our work.

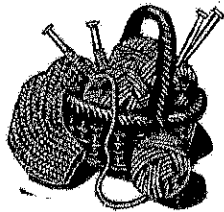
WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets at 12:00 May 9th at Julie's Coffee Shop (on the southeast corner of Third & Pine).

The book for the month of May is *84 Charing Cross Road* by Helene Haff

THE SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31st at 9:00AM.



For the last several years, we have honored our graduating high school students with knit and crocheted afghans created by members of the Shawl Ministry. **Circle the date May 22, 10:30am**, and plan to join us as we congratulate our five seniors (Ian Heaps, Dylan Rhodes, Ashleigh Schuler, Chelsey Wood, Justin Wood), and wish them godspeed as they move on to the next exciting chapters of their lives.



"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, at Sunday worship or the church office throughout the month of May.

Sunday, May 15th is
Confirmation Sunday

Our Confirmands

*Sam Mahler, Evelyn Griffith,
Madalyn Fortin and Ethan Strother.*

OUTREACH MINISTRY

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!



BREAKFAST AND BIBLE All women are invited to join us for breakfast at **9:30 a.m. Friday, May 20th** followed by the Bible study found in the ELCA women's magazine *Gather*. In the May study, "we will reflect on Mary and Elisabeth's relationship and how we as women today relate across the generations. Our support for each other helps us to hear and heed God's calling to hear Christ to the world." *Norma Cook Everist*. Sally Labenberg will lead the lesson as we gather in the **home of Linda Lip-tak**. Please let Linda know of your intent to attend.

LUNCH WITH PASTOR- On **May 19, at 12:00 noon**, you are invited to join us for lunch at **Pier 87, 5647 State Route 87**. Get to know the members of St. Luke as we enjoy good food and conversation with Pastor Elisabeth. And, on your return home, you can stop at Eder's for a cone of ice cream!

Thank you.....

Dear Christian Friend,

Now that I have returned home following my double knee surgery and am recovering on a daily basis, I wanted to thank all of you for the gracious gift of a prayer shawl which Pastor Aurand brought to me while in the hospital. It is a comfort to wrap it around my shoulders and know that it brings not only the warmth and craft of the design, but also the prayers and warmth of the congregation with it. It was a kind and very meaningful gift, and one which I am grateful to receive. Recovery is likely to take some time, but with God's guidance and your support, I am certain that this passage of time will seem to be no time at all. Many, many thanks for your kindness and support.

Yours in Christ

Ted Cockley

VBS 2016

Standard Deep Sea DISCOVERY

GOD IS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO!!!

Summer is here and at St. Luke we are planning our annual Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is DEEP SEA DISCOVERY: God is with me wherever I go! Kids will KNOW that God is always with them, EXPLORE God's presence in their lives, and Serve God by learning how to serve others! There will be snacks, crafts, games and music to reinforce our theme! This fun-filled VBS is for children from age four through those who have completed 4th grade.

It begins Sunday, August 7 and continues through Thursday, August 11th. Sessions run from 6-8 PM each day.

As in years past, we need volunteers to help with music, crafts, games, snacks, to work as group leaders and help with registration. Young people from 5th grade on up can be volunteers as well! Sign-up Sunday for volunteers and kids will be May 22, 2016. For more information or to volunteer, please email Melissa Mahler at gershwintopia@verizon.net. We are looking forward to another terrific VBS and discovering God's love!

PRE-SCHOOL

Donations for the PS yard sale may be put into PS/Sunday School rooms, beginning, **June 5th**. Look for signs on donation rooms. Please check with the church office to be able to enter the church during office hours. We appreciate your support.

We will accept clean, used items for our annual Pre-school fund-raising sale. No bottled chemicals, paint cans or items that are expensive to properly recycle. Any questions or if you need large items picked up from your home, contact Marilyn Eshleman 570-322-5202.



SERVING IN MAY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Ass't. Minister</u>	<u>Comm. Helpers</u>
1st 8:00		Chris Knaur		Becky Masden	Nancy McCarty		
10:30	Larson Family	David Margot & Gavin Briggs Bill Merkel	Laura Good	Diana Bailey	Chelsey Wood /Charles Mextorf	Melanie Taormina	Clark Family
8th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Sue Beidler	David Keating		
10:30	Merkels	Same	Sam Griffith	Bill Liptak	Marilyn Eshleman / Dan Lamade	Charles Mahler	Larson Family
15th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Sondra Fisher	Nancy McCarty		
10:30	Dave Witmer	Same	Eddie Goog	Dan Lamade	Patty Durand/ Carol Steck	Linda Herbst	Wood Family
22nd 8:00		Chris Knaur		Jim Donnell	David Keating		
10:30	Knaus'	Same	Justin Wood	Charles Mextorf	Nancy Wood/ Mark Bergren	Carol Steck	Borch Family
29th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty	Bill & Linda Liptak		
10:30	Masdens	Same	Brooks Durand	Hanne Schuman		Marilyn Eshleman	Fortin 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>
1st	Coffee Hour	Baileys	Knaus'	Bellis'	Merkels	Elizabeth Harris Andrew Borch	Linda Liptak
8th	No coffee hour	Bergrens	Nancy McCarty/ Sally Labenberg	Liptak	Kathy Borch	Patricia Hershey/ Madalyn Fortin	
15th	Coffee hour Briggs	Donnells	Knaus'	Lamade	Linda Herbst/ Linda Wolfe	Jenn Larson/Halle Clark	<u>Hunger Offering</u> Karli Larson
22nd	No coffee hour	Hiller/ McCarty	Lewis /Harner	Taorminas	Merkels	Melissa Mahler/ Kara Hershey	
29th	No Coffee hour	Gonzalez	Paris'	Fisher/Nelson	Websters	Sandy Moyer/ Cyle Hiller	

*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.*

Ministry News

Personnel Ministry

Agenda includes finalization of job descriptions for:

Building maintenance manager

Custodian

Office manager

Review of other job descriptions

Follow up on performance

Fellowship:

- **Glenda will make a temple talk requesting old pics to display on a memory board.**
- **Talk to woodworkers in congregation re: church replica.**
- **Talk to Mark Bergren to see if he can help transport tables with his truck.**
- **Contact Doug Durand for guidance from last t-shirts purchased.**
- **Follow-up with Ken Welch re: a gift card request from HQ of Thrivent for picnic.**
- **Talk to Erin Edmunds to see if she will help with games for the children.**
- **Tim to call and reserve 2nd pavilion.**
- **Sign-up sheet to be made & posted by 5/17/16.**

Mutual Ministry Meeting: March 29th at 7PM

Present: Pastor Aurand, Eric Ladley, Becky Masden, Cheryl Newburg, and Melanie Taormina

Absent: Kathy Borch and Krista Hiller

Prior to this meeting, members were asked to complete a Congregational Health Inventory developed by Roy Oswald of the Alban Institute.

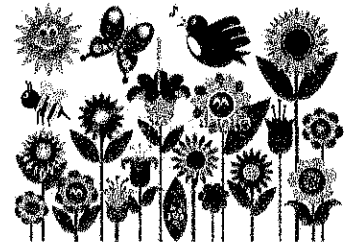
During the meeting, members discussed their responses to items on the inventory that assess the following categories of congregational health: Proclamation, Community Development, Service, Communicating the Tradition, Assimilation of New Members, and Pastor/Parish Dynamics.

At the next meeting, members will discuss their responses to items on the inventory that assess: Congregational Vision and Leadership. Members will also discuss the usefulness of the inventory and whether there are ways to implement changes that could enhance congregational health at St. Luke.

Mutual Ministry will meet again on May 2 and May 31.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Newburg

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA



May 14 @ 8:00 am – 1:00 pm SPRING WORK DAY

Practice stewardship through service at Camp Mount Luther at their Annual Spring Work Day on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They need your help getting the camp grounds and facilities ready for summer. There will be plenty to do and everyone in the family can help! Please bring supplies to do cleaning, mulching, raking, and light construction projects such as step ladders, buckets, rakes, etc. A light lunch will be served. RSVP by May 6 if staying for lunch to cml@campmountluther.org or 570-922-1587.

FREE Community Dinner

Thursday, **MAY 12, 2016** - Dinner served at 5:30 PM

@ Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1101 Washington Blvd., Williamsport
(Use outside stairway to Social Hall)

Daniel's Closet FREE Clothing Giveaway

Saturday, **MAY 28, 2016** - 9:00 am to 11:00 AM

Clothing Drop-Off & Set-Up Thurs. 5/26, 4:00pm--5:30pm

@ Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1101 Washington Blvd., Williamsport
(Use outside stairway to Social Hall)

Williamsport 1st Friday, May 6th

On the First Friday of every month, businesses keep their doors open late to host local artists, bands, and art events of all kinds. The goal of First Friday is to celebrate the arts while promoting local artists, and enhancing Williamsport's reputation as the Northern Tier's regional cultural center. First Friday imbues

Upper Susquehanna Assembly in June

The 29th Annual Assembly of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be held at Susquehanna University on June 17-18, 2016. The theme of this year's assembly is "Freed and Renewed in Christ." Some highlights:

The election of the synod's third bishop.

Bible Study with The Rev. Dr. Raymond Pickett from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Greetings from our Churchwide Representative, Mr. Carlos Peña, vice president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The ordination of at least one candidate to the Office of Word and Sacrament.

Dinner and entertainment featuring "The Boyz," a choral ensemble.

Workshops

Singers Needed for Assembly Choir: You are invited to sing as part of the choir that will provide musical leadership for the Eucharist on Saturday, June 18, at 10:15 a.m. in Weber Chapel Auditorium at SU. In addition to leading the liturgy and hymns, the choir will prepare special music for the service. Adult and high school singers who would like to sing in the Assembly Choir should have some choral experience in church and/or school. Being able to read music is helpful but not required. Two rehearsals are scheduled for Sunday afternoons, May 22, and June 5, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in the chapel of **Zion, Sunbury**. A "warm-up" rehearsal will take place at the Horn Chapel at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service. If you plan to sing in the choir, please contact David Reier by **May 16, 2016**, at drei-er@ptd.net. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Reier at 570-847-3435.