

Service Hours

8:00am:

With Holy Communion
in Chapel

&

9:30am:

With Holy Communion
(Summer Service Hour)

OFFICE HOURS:

M & T – 9-12, 1-3;

W, Th, F – 9-12

*The Church office will be
closed Monday, July 4th in
observance of
Independence Day.*



*Please notify us of changes of
e-mail address*

The Spectrum

July 2016

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SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 3rd Pentecost 7

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion, followed by coffee hour

Sunday, July 10th Pentecost 8

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, July 17th Pentecost 9

Building's 50th Anniversary!

St. Luke Celebration & Picnic

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Hunger appeal offering

Sunday, July 24th Pentecost 10

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, July 31st Pentecost 11

Rev. Ron Shellhamer will be supplying the pulpit

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

FROM THE PASTOR

Eco-Reformation

I recently received my summer edition of the *Holden Village Voice*, a newspaper that comes from our Lutheran arts camp, Holden Village, the camp that most folks at St. Luke know from its name-sake, *Holden Evening Prayer*. Musicians, visual artists, pastors and scholars, among others, retreat to this location in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State to find inspiration, experience the creative community that resides at the village and to work or take a sabbatical at this spot. The village has been closed several summers while the Rio Tinto mining corporation, under a federally mandated cleanup, has been removing mine waste and old mining materials at a spot in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest next to the village. The camp was also threatened by last summer's Wolverine Fire, however managed to come through unscathed, in part due to the sprinkler systems and other fire plans put into place by a diligent Lutherans caring for the camp (the merits of whom I have praised in a least one sermon at St. Luke.)

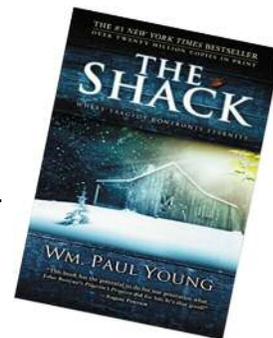
Holden will reopen next year – possibly as early as this winter- and will devote 2017 and 2018 to the theme or *Re-Formation*. This term, of course, is a word play on *Reformation*, relating to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation taking place in 1517. The village will, no doubt, be on the forefront of what's being called across the church an "Eco-Reformation," that is, a time to notice what all branches of Christianity have in common - the task of earth-keeping, in a time of environmental crisis - instead of focusing on divisions. We hope to see past the controversies that occurred between Catholics and Lutherans in 1517 and subsequent decades and build from the faith we have in common. It's a time, they say at Holden, *to reform our relationship to God, to the earth and to each other.*

The current ecosystem surrounding Holden Village, called a "fire-adapted environment", is a good metaphor for this perspective on the upcoming anniversary. After the "scorched earth" of Catholics and Lutherans delineating over the years why they cannot get along as "church together," there are new sprouts poking through the fire-enriched soil, with more sunlight to greet them and to call forth new and different growth into scorched spaces. Pope Francis will visit Sweden in October to participate in an ecumenical service which begins a year of activities to mark the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The service will be jointly held with the Lutheran World Federation. Pope Francis has articulated that commemorations of the beginning of the Reformation take place *in a spirit of dialogue and humility*. He has also said that the key to unity lies in prayer and *trying to follow more closely the teachings of Jesus*.

We will search for projects at St. Luke (hopefully accomplished with the company of our Catholic brothers and sisters) to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We have already started the *Eco-Reformation* slant here, through last spring's joint project of reading the Papal encyclical, *Laudato Si* and also the reciprocal visit some of us made to St. Joseph the Worker to hear about our county's landfill operation. There are rumors of churches planting 500 trees or 500 bulbs over the course of 2017 to commemorate the occasion; perhaps we'll have some enthusiasm for such a project ourselves. I'm all ears to your suggestions and ideas.

Rev. A. Elizabeth Amann per-

HAVE YOU READ *The Shack* by WM. Paul Young? We will meet Wednesdays in July from 7 PM-8PM in the church lounge to talk about this book. You can find the book at most book stores—or ask Pastor Aurand to order a copy for you (around \$9). **Wednesday, July 6th**, the first session, we will cover the first 5 chapters.





WILLIAMSPORT HOME BIBLE STUDY – BLDG. “C”

Reading the *Book of Ruth at a time of a Refugee Crisis*

If you are attending, please let Pastor Aurand know, that she can direct you to the basement room in Building “C”. All are invited!

July 7th, July 14th, from 12:30 PM – 1:20 PM



SIMPLY IN SEASON

Simply in Season is a community cookbook that aims to connect food and faith, while exploring the value of eating local, seasonal food. **This summer** St. Luke will gather a *Simply in Season* small group to discuss and understand these concepts more deeply. And we'll celebrate with recipes using fresh, local ingredients too. **We will meet from 7:00PM -8:30PM at St. Luke Church on July 10th & 24th, August 14th & 28th, September 11th. Please email erin.edmonds@gmail.com to sign up!**



IT's Here!

*Our building's 50th Anniversary!
St. Luke Celebration & Picnic*

Sunday, July 17th 2016

12:00 noon

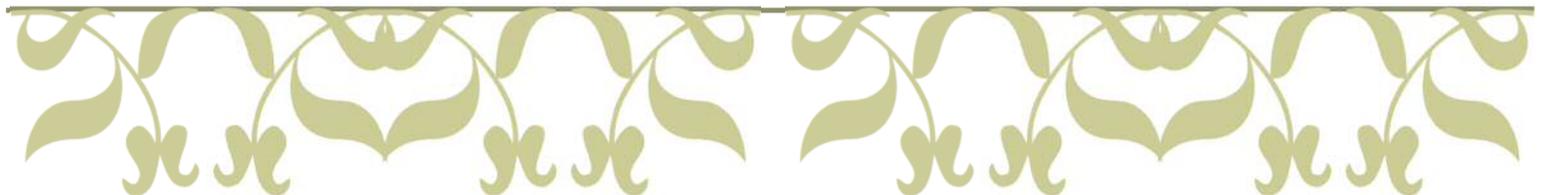
*James Short Park
Pavilions 1 & 2*



*Bring a side dish to share!
Fellowship will provide main entrée.*

*Come and enjoy good food, good company and take a
walk down memory lane!*

Bring a friend to share in the fun!



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Lutheran World Relief School Kits Mid-July through end of August

We will be collecting items for school kits during the months of July and August. School kits may be the only supplies a child has when returning to school after the disruption of war. Look for the display table in the West Hall with a school bag (made by some of our quilters) and the supplies needed. You can donate \$5 for a school bag and/or bring in supplies: notebooks, crayons, rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, pencils, ballpoint pens and erasers. The specific requirements for the supplies will be posted in July when you can look for those "back to school" sales.

Let's open our hearts to today's millions of refugees by offering the gift of education!

LUNCH WITH PASTOR Our July luncheon will be at the Tower Café, 1000 Commerce Park Dr, Suite 110, on July 20, 12:00 noon. Join us for a delicious lunch and fellowship with Pastor Elisabeth and fellow members. RSVP to Sarah in the church office.

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK FOR SOLD HOMES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



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! For more information on volunteers, please email Melissa Mahler at gersh-wintopia@verizon.net. We are looking forward to another terrific VBS and discovering God's love!

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in July:

Decker, Christopher	07/01	McCarty, Nancy	07/01
Hiller, Melissa	07/02	Masden, David	07/02
Schuman, Hannelore	07/02	Good, Elizabeth	07/05
Shenberger, Kassy	07/05	Mahler, Ross	07/13
Griffith, Samuel	07/14	Confer, Stephanie	07/16
Durand, Wilson	07/16	Fisher, Patrick	07/16
Mahler, Charles	07/16	Schaefer, Marian	07/16
Webster, Floyd	07/16	Bloom, Allison	07/17
Durand, Douglas	07/19	Lentz, Avery	07/19
Whittaker, John	07/19	Hiller, Cyle	07/21
Nicoll, Janet	07/21	Williard, Connie	07/22
Taormina, Melanie	07/24	Belles, Todd	07/25
DeWitt, Judy	07/25	Ranck, Janice	07/27
Edmonds, Luke	07/28	Good IV, John IV	07/28
Hiller, Jr., Justin	07/28	Liptak, William	07/28
Wicks, Shirley	07/28	Stuchell, James	07/29
Seyler, Janna	07/30	Jean, Madison	07/31



.....And Happy Anniversary:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Harer	07/01
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Bergren	07/11



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

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

SAVE THE DATE Friday, August 19th.

St. Luke Church Blood Dive from 1:00-6:00PM in Bell Hall .

To scheduled in advance call **I-800-RED-CROSS**

- Blood donation usually takes about an hour, though the actual donation takes about 8-10 minutes.
- You are eligible to donate 'whole blood' every 56 days.

SERVING IN JULY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greet-ers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Admin</u>	<u>Ass't. Minister</u>	<u>Comm. Helpers</u>
3rd 8:00		Chris Knaur		David Keating	David Keating		
10:30	Leah & Becky Lewis	Mark Bergren Rod Strother Jere & Marilyn Eshleman	Danny Wyland	Melanie Taorm-ina	Carol Steck/ Nancy Wood	Charles Mahler	Cyle Hiller/ Madalyn Fortin
10th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Becky Masden	Nancy McCarty		
9:30	Georgia & Charles Heaps	Same	Andrew Borch	Nancy Wood	Bill & Linda Liptak	Linda Herbst	Clark Family
17th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Jim Donnell	David Keating		
9:30	Barbara Coates	Same	Sam Mahler	Wilma Reeder	Margot Briggs/ Charles Mahler	Carol Steck	Patty Durand / Dave & Becky Masden
24th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty	Nancy McCarty		
9:30	Eshle- man Family	Same	TBA	Sue Beidler	Linda Herbst/ Chelsey Wood	Chip Edmonds	Briggs Family
31st 8:00				Sondra Fisher	David Keating		
9:30	Mary Jane & Floyd Webster		Halle Clark	Glenda Merkel	Charles Mextorf/ Dan Lamade	George Schuman	TBA
<u>DATE</u>	<u>COF-FEE 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	Coffee Hour	Bergrens	July 5th Knaus'	Belles'	Moyers	Nursery is open if needed	
10th		Fisher/ McCarty	McCarty/ Labenberg	Lamades	Kathy Borch	Nursery is open if needed	
17th	Church Picnic	Gonzalez	Lewis /Harner	Taorminas	Websters	Nursery is open if needed	<u>Hunger Offering</u> TBA
24th		Jen Larson	Paris'	Fisher/ Nelason	Linda Herbst	Nursery is open if needed	
31st		Joann Wolfe/ McCarty	TBA	Mahler/Bergren	Merkels	Nursery is open if needed	

**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.**

OTHER

OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA

CELEBRATION

July 16 at 2:00 p.m. there will be a celebration of the ministry of Bishop Robert Driesen at Messiah Lutheran Church in South Williamsport. A service of worship will be followed by a meal at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at \$20 per person. Contact the Messiah Lutheran office for the tickets (which have been on sale since May 1.) On the menu is a choice of roast turkey or beef burgundy. The ticket quantity is limited, so reserve

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Rabbi Joel Kessler (Ohev Sholom Synagogue, Williamsport) invites you to join him at Starbucks on Academy Street, **Wednesdays at Noon** for "*Ancient Wisdom for Modern Times*" a time to explore the Hebrew scripture. Bible Study - Every Wednesday at Noon at Starbucks, Academy Street. Please note that

Benefit Concert for Journey House:

On **Friday, August 12 at 7 pm** the Philadelphia Jazz Orchestra will be giving a benefit concert at **New Covenant United Church of Christ, 202 East Third Street, Williamsport**. If you enjoy the Big Band sound and Jazz Music, you won't want to miss this performance! General Admission is \$15 (\$20 at the door).

Helping Syrian Refugees Through Our Muslim Community

You may be like many of us, and felt helpless in the midst of the violence in Syria since 2011 as their civil war erupted. Our friends, Dr. and Mrs. Rajjoub, are from Syria and have family and friends there. Through them our community continues to be able to share some of the clothing that we recycle with Syrians that have been forced to flee for safety. Also both Dr. and Mrs. Rajjoub volunteer at refugee camps to help provide medical assistance, Dr. Rajjoub as a neurosurgeon, and Mrs. Rajjoub as a translator and lab technician. They work through The Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), a non-profit, non-political, medical relief organization that provides millions of Syrians with health and humanitarian support and represents thousands of Syrian American healthcare professionals in the United States. They have shared some of the things that are being done and ways we can help. The Rajjoubes are also willing to talk with groups as their schedules allow. Contact them at 570-326-4062.

SAMS works to serve the medical needs of over 2.6 million Syrians each year, support doctors and medical professionals, and rebuild healthcare. SAMS provides medical care and delivery all over Syria, establishing over 100 medical facilities and supporting over 1,700 brave Syrian health workers. Our members arrange dozens of medical missions to Syria, Jordan, Turkey, and Greece each year to train health workers and deliver assistance, and provide lifesaving healthcare. They support thousands of refugees in countries neighboring Syria with critical psychosocial support and art therapy programs. Their leaders advocate tirelessly at the highest level of government for civilian protection-oriented policy change and unhindered humanitarian access. We can help with the effort of SAMS by donating fall and winter children's and adult clothing (women's clothing should be modest: long sleeves and long hems), hygiene items, children's toys and school supplies. Donations may be collected at the local Mosque/Islamic Center in Williamsport which is located at 322 Locust St,

Williamsport, PA 17701. Boxed donations may be left in the back parking lot starting now until 10/31/2016. If you would like to have them picked up, you may also have them collected at your Church and we can have someone pick them up when you are ready. Call 570-326-4062. To learn more about the Syrian Crisis and SAMS on the following videos: Syria: Resilience and Hope in the Face of Crisis:

Collection of Items for Refugees

When: Now until the end of October, 2016

Where: Drop off at Mosque/Islamic Center, 322 Locust St.

Williamsport or call 570-326-4062 to arrange pick up.

What Items are needed: fall and winter clothing, chil-

NEW MEMBERS June 5, 2016

We welcome the following new members to our St Luke family who were received on June 5, 2016:

Jim and Nicole Judge (Wyatt and Lily) moved to Williamsport two years ago from Savannah, GA. Tim is a general surgeon and Nicole a PA, both with Susquehanna Health. Tim is a native of north eastern NY; Nicole grew up in Danville. Their children, Wyatt and Lily attend Cochran elementary and play with AYSO soccer. Nicole coaches her son's team. The family enjoys hiking and working around the house.



Jim, Nicole, Lily & Wyatt Judge

Susan and David Horn moved from New Freedom, PA. They moved to Williamsport to be closer to their two daughters: Dr. Amanda Gunderson, of Lycoming College, and Jennifer who lives in Rochester, NY with her husband and two sons, aged 12 and 9. Susan is a retired Church Musician. David, also retired, is Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at Goucher College, Towson, MD. They keep busy with their move but find time to enjoy walking with their dog, Poco. David is also a golfer.



Susan and David Horn

Ron Shellhamer is a retired pastor celebrating 25 years of ministry. He served Lutheran churches in Montgomery and Shamokin. In 2002 he responded to a call to be a missionary in Liberia and then to the Cree First Nation, an aboriginal nation in Canada. He returned home in September of 2015. Currently he serves as supply pastor for Lutheran and Presbyterian churches and is also working with the Blast Teaching Intermediate Unit, teaching children with mental health and behavioral issues which he finds very rewarding.



Ron Shellhamer