

Service Hours

*8:00am and 9:30am
Summer service hours
With Holy Communion*

OFFICE HOURS:

M & T – 9-12, 1-3;
W, Th, F – 9-12



*Please notify us of
changes of*

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The Spectrum

August 2018

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SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, Aug. 5th, The Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Coffee hour

Sunday, Aug. 12th, The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, Aug. 19th, The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Hunger Offering

Coffee hour

Sunday, Aug 26th, The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 16th

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:15am)

&

WINTER SERVICE HOURS BEGIN (10:30am)

Lessons of the Front Porch Fellowship

Although my Williamsport neighborhood (the houses around 449 Wilson St.) is nothing very special to see, I have felt blessed to be part of six summers of front porch fellowship on my block. The single, married and widowed women living around me know the neighborhood and revel in the company there. There are few reasons large enough to keep everyone from at least some enjoyment of the warm summer evenings - especially if accompanied by a light breeze - from the front porch bench, swing, wicker chair or catch-as-catch can porch furniture. Where one neighbor is in view, the rest sometime congregate to spend hours chatting.

Thus it is that I have come to know my neighbor who has never voted (as her husband didn't permit her to do so in the old days, and as she has never thereafter felt the need to learn;) one woman who raised her family in the neighborhood, including a child who is now a priest; a woman who has lived in her home 81 years, that is, since she was born in the same home and another who has been a pillar of her congregation and has even helped me, on occasion, with my tasks at St. Luke.

For the most part, these women have spent their lives in a domestic sphere, where they have not been able to shape or influence the world with ideas and theory, or participate in the business of society or manage the ties of commerce. Therefore, In some ways, it's hard to relate the very document that is to speak about them, *to them* - a social statement on *Women and Justice*, a church document that is being readied for the ELCA Assembly in Milwaukee next year. The world of ideas undergirds this document that defines patriarchy and sexism and suggests responses of the church to act justly when it comes to women.

It calls us, as Lutheran Christians, to act justly within the home, church, society and in civic life. It recognizes that patriarchal systems happen where men are typically viewed as "better than women, given more power than women and have more authority than women." (II, lines 83, 84.) Sexism is the reinforcement of male privilege. (line 85)

What should we do about sexism? The statement emphasizes hope in society and in the church. Specifically

(see next pg.)

- that we respect the human and civil rights of all
- that we eradicate gender-based violence
- that we stop objectifying or stereotyping people
- that we advocate access to health care systems for all
- that we support practices, policies and regulations that enhance equality and equity for girls and women.....and other initiatives.
- In the church, it suggests that we must affirm the gifts that women and girls bring to congregations and it lists several initiatives here, as well.

Perhaps my porch conversations with the neighbors this summer will explore how societal structures and intellectual assumptions named in the document have indeed shaped our lives. Perhaps we'll ponder, as well, whether men now feel liberated enough from the straightjacket of rigid sex and gender expectations (which, for men, have often precluded the option of choosing a domestic role.) The draft on *Women and Justice* will be refined this fall, having been deliberated by the whole church. At the 2019 Churchwide Assembly it will need a 2/3 vote for passage. Stay tuned for summer, 2019, and enjoy your summer chats.

Rev. A Elisabeth Amann



St. Luke Summer Cottage Meeting Schedule

DATE AND TIME	HOST	LOCATION ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Weds, Aug. 1 st , 7 PM	Bob and Kathy Borch	347 Warren St. Montoursville, PA 17754	570-546-9130
Mon, Aug. 6 th , 7 PM	Chip and Erin Edmonds	1600 Chelsea Place Williamsport, PA 17701	570-321-5317
Sun, Aug. 12 th , 11 AM	Cheryl Newburg and Brad Nason	St. Luke Lounge, follow- ing 9:30 worship	(Cheryl) 570-220-3175
Sat., Aug. 18 th , 1 PM	Alex and Scott Seyler	724 Grampian Blvd. Wil- liamsport, PA 17701	570-322-4829
Thurs., Aug. 23 rd , 5:30 PM	Charles and Melissa Mahler	318 Vallamont Dr.	570-322-8840
Weds. Aug. 29 th , 10 AM	Terry and Cindy Belles	St. Luke Lounge	570-323-7309 (Church number)

There are sign –up sheets in the West Hall.

Please note that some meetings are at evening hours, and the last 5 are at alternate time during the week or on Sunday. We hope you can find a time and date that is suitable.

ST. LUKE BLOOD DRIVE

will be held Friday, August 17th from 1pm-6pm in Bell Hall. Please call the local American Red Cross to set up an appointment at 570-326-9131 or by going online at www.redcross.org



SEW FINE QUILTERS

September will begin a new year for quilting for charity. We will meet **Monday, the 10th in Bell Hall from 9am-3pm**. Even if you have no previous quilting experience there are tasks for everyone. Come and go as your time permits. Pack your lunch and join us for lunch at 12noon.



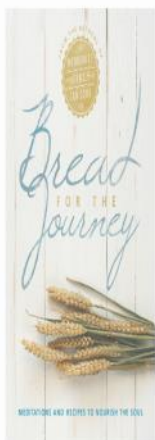
Outreach Ministry

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE- Is taking a summer break August. The ELCA Women's magazine, *Gather*, is available at the church across from the office. You are welcome to take home a copy. In addition to the Bible study, are articles of particular interest to women and their faith. Please join us in the fall when we resume our regular monthly gatherings.

LUNCH WITH PASTOR Join us in at Harvest Moon, Newberry, on **Wednesday, August 15th at 12noon**, all are welcome! Please let Linda Liptak know if you will be attending.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Luke Bible Study of Daniel with Jay Nau, starting September 18th, 1:00PM at the Williamsport Home, building C (every Tues.) and Thursdays starting the 20th, 12noon at St. Luke in the chapel.
Call the church office for more information.



ENTERTAINING ANGELS

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. —

HEBREWS 13:2 (NIV)

Hospitality is taught by example in most Mennonite homes. Friends, family, and neighbors know they are welcome at any time. In my childhood home and many others, it was not unusual to invite strangers for a meal—the farmhands, new neighbors, a family in need.

The Bible urges each person to show hospitality to those around them and to do it generously and without complaining (1 Peter 4:9). Hospitality is also listed as one of the spiritual gifts especially given to some individuals (Romans 12:6–8).

So many people think that hospitality requires a special, attractive table and a fancy meal. However, in our busy lives, most of us don't have the time or inclination to do this. The hospitality the Bible speaks of merely requires that we willingly share what we have with others. Today that might be a bowl of soup, take-out pizza, a cup of coffee, or a beautifully prepared meal. It might be a warm bed, the offer of a ride, or a place to stay when misfortune strikes. All are ways to show hospitality to one another.

Don't forget to extend that same hospitality to your children, your parents, and yes, even yourself. In doing so, you are a living example of the grace God has extended to you. As Hebrews 13:2 says, you might even find yourself showing "hospitality to angels without knowing it"!

PRAY *Thank you, Lord, for the gift of hospitality given and received. Help me to willingly share what I have with others.*

SAVOR *Who in your life has the gift of hospitality? What can you learn from them?*

HANDBELL CHOIR

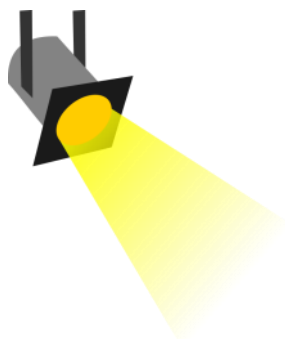
The resurrected ST. LUKE'S RINGERS will begin rehearsals at noon on Sunday September 16. If you have signed up to be a ringer OR if you would just love to learn, you are welcome to join us. No obligation; you can just give it a try. Experienced ringers will be with you to help and "Miss Shirley" is always willing to put in some extra time with a willing learner.

However, whether you are going to ring with us or just want to help us get off to a GREAT start, please join us after church (around 10:30 AM) on Sunday, August 26 to clean those bells so that they reflect the radiance within our hearts to praise God with a bright, joyful spirit.

Shirley Smith, Director

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ST. LUKE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DIANE L. KOHLER

New Worship Scheduler

I became a member with my mother Marge Holland, after the closure of past church, Church of the Savior. I've worked at UPMC Susquehanna for 29 years. I reside in Old Lycoming Township where I grew up. I'm looking forward to getting to know and scheduling serving members, especially the 10:30 service members as I attend the 8:00 service.

Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in August:

William Hutchison	8/01
Kara Hershey	8/01
Macie Confer	8/03
Emily Wood	8/05
Norman Leete	8/05
Shirley Collins	8/05
Ann Griffith	8/06
Scott Wicks	8/08
Charles Mextorf	8/08
Eva Belle Sweitzer	8/09
Carol Steck	8/09
Patricia Coulter	8/09
Becky Donnell	8/09
Hayley Steiger	8/10
Bella Young	8/11
David Shade	8/12
Ann Jackson	8/14
Ann Swope	8/15
Sarah Robbins	8/17
Barbara Coates	8/18
Quinn Smith	8/18
Braden Beck	8/19
Phil Harvey	8/21
Gabrielle Sims	8/24
Sonya Turri	8/26
Rebecca Hiller	8/26
Franciska Seyler	8/27
Dillan Read	8/27
Roseann Husband	8/30
Joan Knaus	8/30
Barbara Lamade	8/30
Theodore Cockley	8/31

Anniversaries in Aug:

08/02/1997 Scampone, Chris & Karen
08/02/2003 Briggs, David & Margot
08/06/2011 Castor, Sara & Kristopher
08/08/1992 Good, Alice & John III, Good III
08/09/1969 Donnell, James & Becky
08/12/2017 Hasko, Celina & Douglas Hasko
08/13/1988 Fisher, Kirk & Sondra
08/18/1984 Durand, Patricia & Douglas
08/23/1975 Gonzalez, Diane & Rick
08/24/1986 Bailey, Diana & David
08/27/1977 Ogurcak, Richard & Janice
08/31/1957 Hutchison, Mary & William



Date	Greeters	Usher	Acolyte	Lector	Asst. Min.	Administrant	Comm. Helpers
5th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Ann Hilner		Ann Hilner	
9:30	Bill & Mary Hutchison	Mark Ber- gren Bob Larson Dan Erhard Ray Schreckgast	Dilan Read	Dan Lamade	Jay Nau	Bill & Linda Liptak	Borch Family
12th 8:00		Chris Knaur		David Keating		David Keating	
9:30	Carol Steck	Same	Alex Reed	Susan Horn	Marilyn Eshleman	Charles Mahler/ John McNassor	Strother Family
19th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Jim Donnell		Jim Donnell	
9:30	Mary Jane Webster	Same	Andrew Reed	Sue Beidler	Chip Ed- monda	Carol Steck/ Dan Lamade	Janna Seyler Patty Durand Robert Markle
26th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty		Nancy McCarty	
9:30	Glenda & Bill Merkel	Same	Janna Seyler	Glenda Merkel	Shelby Wyland	David & Mar- got Briggs	Fortin Family
<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Flower Delv.</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Lav Callers</u>	<u>Comm. Clean-up</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Altar Care</u>
5th	Coffee Hour property	Moyers	Knaus'	Liptaks	Melanie Taormina & Carole Harris	Open if needed Summer	
12th		Schumans	Beidler/D. Wolfe	Mahler/Bergran	Mary J Webster	Open if needed Summer	
19th	Coffee hour Breakfast & Bible	Seylers	Matz/ L. Wolfe	Belles'	TBA	Open if needed Summer	
26th		Tignors	B. Lewis/ D. Horn	Lamades	TBA	Open if needed Summer	

*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
You

To my St. Luke family

5-6-18

Thank you so very much
for your support, well wishes
congratulations & prayers.
I appreciate everyone of them!

A special thanks to Glenda, Carol
& Kathy & all who had a hand
making the reception & service
wonderful with love, Shelby Wyland



ST. LUKE YOUTH TRIP
Houston Texas ELCA
Youth Gathering

