

# The Spectrum

## September 2018

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### 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



*The Church office will  
be closed Monday,  
September 3rd for the  
Labor Day holiday.*



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

### SERVICES OF WORSHIP

#### Sunday, Sept. 2nd the Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

The Rev. Jeffrey LeCrone, interim pastor

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

**Coffee hour**

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#### Sunday, Sept. 9th Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

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#### Sunday, Sept. 16th Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

\*\*10:30am - Holy Communion \*\*

Hunger Offering

**Coffee hour**

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#### Sunday, Sept. 23rd Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Of the Land and Seasons

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

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#### Sunday, Sept. 30th Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Octoberfest TBA

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

**Pastor's column:**  
**An Interview with St. Luke Sunday school Teacher**  
**David Keating**



**What grades have you taught in the St. Luke Sunday school?** *Grades 3, 4, 5, 6 and Senior High*

**How could you “give up” your Sunday morning from Sept.-May to teach Sunday school?** *I enjoy teaching, that is, imparting knowledge to young people. I find talking with youngsters rewarding.*

**Would you say you felt “a call” to do this?** *It was something I wanted to do and enjoyed doing – and hopefully, I did it well.*

**Sunday school seems old-fashioned. Does it help children grow spiritually?** *An hour a week can't do everything. However, it does give an hour for reflection on the Bible. It is a chance for children to reflect on what is good & develop a Christian conscience. Beyond that it exposes children to the Bible, which is one of the foundational texts of Western Civilization. Back in 1976, Miss Sherry, my English teacher at New Canaan High School told us that to be culturally literate, you need to know the Bible and Shakespeare. Forty years later, I still think that is true.*

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**Do you have any tips for someone who might be thinking of doing this – and can't decide whether to commit to teaching in 2018-9?** *Remember, it's not as bad as you think. That is to say, its enjoyable as long as you spend an hour preparing the lesson. It works best when you can leaven discussion with reading stories, games, crossword puzzles and competitions.*

**It's the end of August, and no one at St. Luke seems to want to teach a potentially bubbly class of three to seven Preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> graders.\* Any comment?** *People who have had the greatest effect on me when growing up (outside of my family) were my teachers. Sunday School is a great opportunity to positively shape youngsters, when they are most eager and impressionable.*

**What will you miss most about leaving this responsibility?** *Getting to know children and their families; also seeing children learn a story and finding the meaning in it.*

**\*As of August 28<sup>th</sup>, there was no teacher for the early years' class. Might anyone even teach for a month at a time, until the class could get established?**

For my last column for this newsletter, I want to take the opportunity to publicly thank my spouse for all his support during these five years of my ministry at St. Luke. For David, the role of clergy spouse includes dedication to the cause and smoothing over inconveniences. Many thanks.

God's Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. A. Elisabeth Amann". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "God's Peace,".



At a special Council meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, Council consented to the Bishop's appointment of The Rev. Jeffrey LeCrone as the interim pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church.

We invite everyone to our service and a welcoming coffee hour following the second service on September 2, 2018. Please come and meet Pastor LeCrone.

St. Luke Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TIME CHANGE** will begin **Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>**. Sunday school (9:15AM) & Winter service hours (10:30AM).

**THE SENIOR CHOIR WILL RESUME** rehearsal Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

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**ARTICLE DEADLINES:**

Spectrum Newsletter - 20th of the month  
Weekly Bulletin - Wednesday by 9:00PM  
Council Packet - Friday before the meeting by 9:00PM

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 12 Noon (Noon - 1:00PM Lunch) 1:00PM - 3:00PM  
Wednesday - Friday: 9:00AM - 12:00 Noon

*The office will be closed Monday, September 3rd, Labor Day.*

## SEW FINE QUILTERS

**SEW FINE QUILTERS** September will begin a new year of quilting for charity. We will meet **Monday, Sept. 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.



## SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawl Ministry will resume meetings **Tuesday, Sept. 25th**  
**from 9AM-12noon** in the Chapel. All are welcome!



## THE ST. LUKE BLOOD DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!

Our St. Luke congregation sponsored a successful blood drive in Bell Hall on August 17, 2018. We had such a wonderful response that 28 pints of blood were collected. The American Red Cross workers were quite pleased!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success.

## Advocacy Options page for SERVICE

LAMPA (Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Pennsylvania--<http://www.lutheranadvocacy.org>)  
ELCA Advocacy(<http://www.elca.org/advocacy>)

The ELCA advocacy website is urging your advocacy of finance reform of elections, among other topics. Please go to [http://support.elca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=elca\\_action\\_center](http://support.elca.org/site/PageServer?pagename=elca_action_center) in order to respond by signing to the appeal or by writing or calling legislators.

Other issues:

Safeguard Dreamers and all who seek safety in the U.S.

Urge Congress to pass the Dream Act without harming children or families seeking safety in the U.S.

Support a Strong Farm Bill in 2018.

Take action on hunger and call on Congress to support a strong 2018 Farm Bill.

Take action on Global Food Security!

Food insecurity continues to be a major global challenge. The Global Food Security Act will enhance programs and strategies such as Feed the Future to combat world hunger.



## THE PRE-SCHOOL AT ST. LUKE is having a Fall Mum Sale!

The sale continues through Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Mums are \$5.00 each and redeemed with a coupon at Simmers Nursery, Montoursville, from Sept. 10 – Oct. 20, 2018. Please see Sarah Young in the church office, or a Pre-School Board member for coupons.

If you haven't already, please sign up at Giant Foods for the A+ Rewards. See the West hall for more information.





## SCHOOL KITS NEEDED



If you had to choose between feeding your children and buying them school supplies so they could attend school, what would you choose? What if not attending school put your children at risk for future unemployment and gang involvement?

For many parents in Honduras, this impossible decision is a daily reality. While Honduras offers free public education, children still must have the proper supplies to attend. That's why the LWR School Kit we lovingly assemble are such a blessing to the children who receive them!

(From FAITH IN *action* Lutheran World Relief, Spring 2018)

Please help by bringing in the below listed items by **September 21<sup>st</sup>**.

- 70-sheet notebooks of ruled paper, 8'x 10 ½ "
- 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Unsharpened pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser

**LUNCH WITH PASTOR-** Our September luncheon will be at **DJ's Smokehouse, 1130 Broad St, Montoursville**, on **Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon**. All are welcome to join us for a delicious lunch with fellow members.

**BREAKFAST AND BIBLE -** Our hostess for September will be **Linda Liptak** . Please join us on **Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** for breakfast followed by Bible study. The study is taken from the September issue of *Gather* magazine. You may pick up a copy outside the church office. Please let Linda know if you will be attending.



*Happy Birthday to our members  
celebrating in September:*



09/01 Blair, Meghan  
09/01 Croyle, Megan  
09/01 Wyland, Shelby  
09/02 Turri, Benjamin  
09/03 Griffith, Todd  
09/04 Scampone, Kayla  
09/05 Young, Isaac  
09/07 Bernocco, Joshua  
09/09 Steiger, Carole  
09/10 Markle, Austin  
09/12 Gonzalez, Rick  
09/17 Knaur, Christian  
09/17 Mextorf, Eleanor  
09/19 Beidler, Sue  
09/19 Reasner, James  
09/20 Castor, Kaden  
09/20 Garside, Marc  
09/22 Perry, Cameron  
09/24 Reed, Andrew  
09/25 Merkel, Glenda  
09/26 Bergren, Mark  
09/26 Hilner, Ann  
09/27 Edmonds, Erin  
09/27 Loudenslager, Barbara  
09/27 Snyder, Sr., Jack  
09/29 Heaps, Brea

*Happy Anniversary.....*

09/04/1993 Griffith, Anna & Todd  
09/21/1963 Yoas, Karl & Janet  
09/24/1964 Steiger, Eugene & Carole



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



<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Usher</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Asst. Min.</b>	<b>Administrant</b>	<b>Comm. Helpers</b>
2nd 8:00		Chris Knaur		TBA		TBA	
9:30	Barb Loudenslager	Bob Borch Andrew Borch Charles & Sue Duchman	Ali Wyland	Margot Briggs	Mark Bergen	Becky Lewis/ Linda Liptak	Scampone Family/ Keith & Nancy Wood
9th 8:00		TBA		Jim Donnell		Jim Donnell	
9:30	Cindy & Terry Belles	Same	Madalyn Fortin	Hanne Schuman	Carol Steck	David & Margot Briggs	Clark Family
16th 8:00		TBA		Sue Beidler		John McNassor	
10:30	John & Laura McNassor	Same	Olivia Strother	Glenda Merkel	Marilyn Eshleman	Dan Lamade/ Charles Mahler	Larson Family
23rd 8:00		TBA		Nancy McCarty		Nancy McCarty	
10:30	Clark Family	Same	Halle Clark	Barb Coates	Chip Edmonds	Patty Durand / John McNassor	Strother/Lentz Family
30th 8:00		TBA		Ed Kelley		Ed Kelley	
10:30	Lynn & Dave Shade	Same	Cameron Sims	Cheryl Newburg	Melanie Taormina	Charles Mextorf	Ali Wyland/Sue Horn, Carole Harris
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>	<b><u>Flower Delv.</u></b>	<b><u>Counters</u></b>	<b><u>Lav Callers</u></b>	<b><u>Comm. Clean-up</u></b>	<b><u>Nursery</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Care</u></b>
2nd	Coffee Hour Welcome Rev. LeCrone	Tignors	Carol Metzger/ Sue Beidler	Schumans	Moyers	Open if needed Summer	
9th		David & Diana Bailey	Chris Pysher/ Leah Lewis	Liptaks	Kathy Borch	Open if needed Summer	
16th	Coffee hour	Mark & Karen Bergren	Ray Schreckengast/ Terry Belles	Mahler/Bergren	Wolfes	TBA	
23rd		Rick & Diane Gonzalez	Dave Horn/ Dan Wolfe	Belleses	Merkels	TBA	
30th		Bill & Mary Hutchison	Oct. 1st Sue Beidler/ Becky Lewis	Lamades	MJ Webster	TBA	

*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.*

## BEANS AND RICE

*Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."*

—MATTHEW 25:37–40 (ESV)

**W**hen I look through my cookbooks for ideas on what to make for supper, the choices are endless. How privileged we are to have food to eat. Not only do we have food; we have a multitude of choices about what kind of food to buy and prepare.

Sometimes I prepare a simple meal of beans and rice. This dish is to remind us of how most of the world eats. There are millions of people who have nothing to eat; for them, beans and rice would be a real treat.

Jesus calls us to feed the hungry, help the poor, visit the sick, and welcome the lonely. Sometimes we give money to causes that help the poor, and that's a good thing. But do we ask ourselves, who are the lonely and the poor in my circle? Who is sick that I could visit and encourage this week?

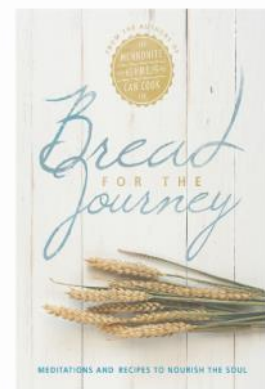
"True evangelical faith ... cannot lay dormant," wrote Menno Simons, after whom the Mennonites are named. "It clothes the naked; feeds the hungry; consoles the afflicted; shelters the miserable; aids and consoles all the oppressed; [and] binds up that which is wounded."

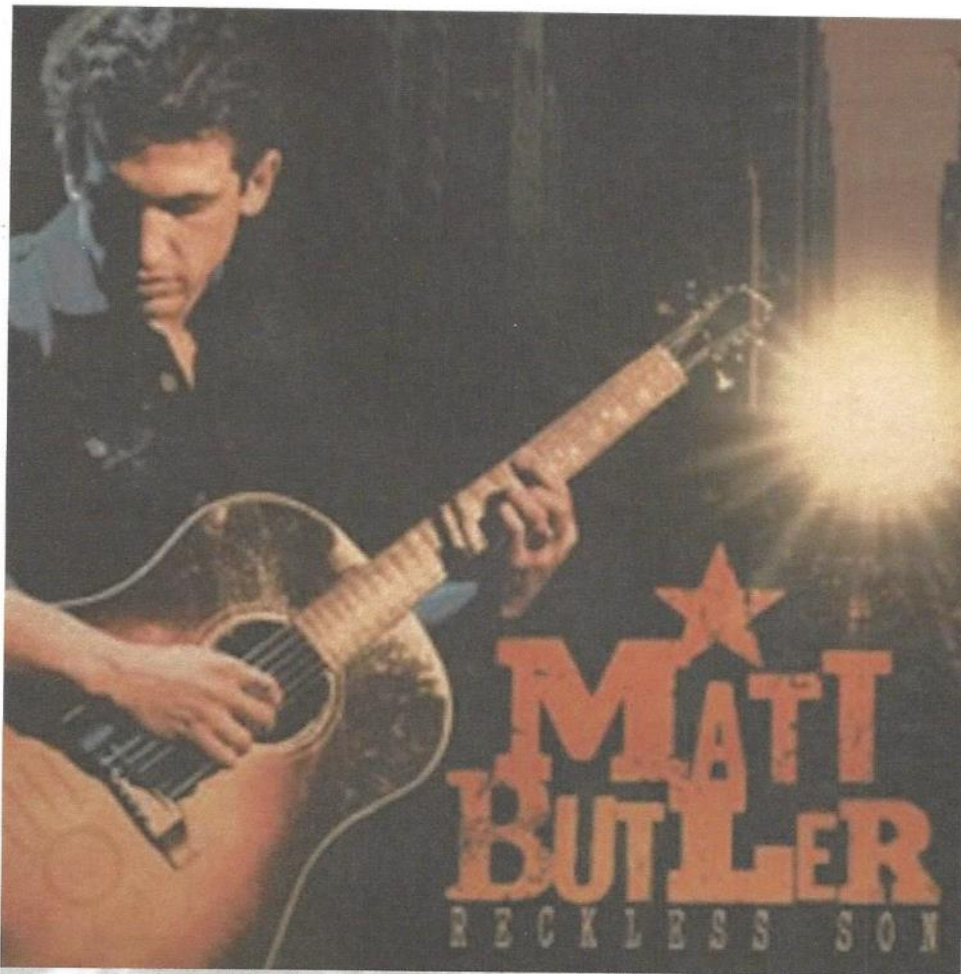
What is my responsibility as a follower of Jesus? What can I do? I may not be able to feed all the hungry in the world, but I can create an awareness among my family and friends. I can tell them about why I am serving beans and rice today. I can be thankful for all that has been given to me, and I can do my small part in building God's kingdom.

**Prayer** - *Lord, turn my thoughts to gratitude today.*

*Help me to serve you through serving the least of these.*

**Savor** - *What action can you take today on behalf of the "least of these"?*





The Grotto, South Williamsport

201 Second Avenue

September 1, 2018 1-7pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Recovery Roast and Rally

Food, Music, Vendors, Bounce House,  
Speakers, Horseshoes, and More!



**Recovery Community Connection**

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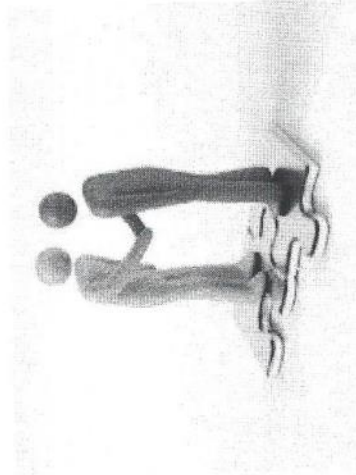


*Peacemakers & Seekers wanted!*

## Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

### Empowering You to Resolve Conflicts Nonviolently

Experiential Workshops to reduce conflict  
at home, work, the community, & beyond!



Build Self-Esteem, Respect, & Trust—  
Have Fun—Connect deeply with Others—  
Improve Communication—Practice Creative Conflict  
Resolution—Develop Leadership—  
Transform Yourself & Your Community

“a brilliant opportunity to deepen your self-  
awareness and connect to others in your  
community.”

**Transformative Mini-Workshop**

**Saturday, September 22, 3:00-5:30pm**

1400 Market St, Rayfuse House, Williamsport

Sponsored by  
Recovery Community Connection



This event is free to the public.

Please email [ncpaavp@gmail.com](mailto:ncpaavp@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

*Try it out to get a taste of the fun & proven-effective  
workshops that many have found life-changing.*

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