

### Service Hours

**8:00am and 10:30am**  
**Fall/Winter service**  
**hours**

*With Holy Communion*

**9:15 am Sunday School**

### **OFFICE HOURS:**

M & T – 9-12, 1-3;

W, Th, F – 9-12

***Office Hours for***  
***Pastor LeCrone:***

Monday & Tuesday  
10:00AM- 2:00PM

And

Thursday  
10:00AM-12noon



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# The Spectrum

## November 2018

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### SERVICES OF WORSHIP

#### Sunday, Nov. 4th All Saints Sunday

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

**Coffee hour**

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#### Sunday, Nov. 11th Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost

##### Harvest Festival

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

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#### Sunday, Nov. 18th Twenty-sixth Sunday of Pentecost

##### Lycoming College Choir (10:30AM)

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

Hunger Offering

**Coffee hour**

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#### Sunday, Nov. 25th Christ the King Sunday

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

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***The church office will be closed***

***Thursday, Nov. 22nd & Friday, Nov. 23rd***

***while staff celebrates the Thanksgiving holiday with family.***

## Blessed to be a Blessing

There's never a bad time to be thankful, but there's only one month when we dedicate a national holiday to the idea. As such, I've been doing a lot of reflecting on those things for which I am thankful.

I'm thankful that I have a place to live and food to eat.

I'm thankful that I have family living nearby.

I'm thankful that in a time of uncertainty, God sent me to St. Luke to be your pastor, if only for a season.

I'm thankful for the relationships that I have begun to form here and look forward to what is to come.

But most of all, I'm thankful that we have a God who has redeemed us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Because of God's redeeming grace, I am in a position to steward all that God has given me and to use it for His purposes. I can share the resources I have with those who aren't as fortunate. I can be the best son, brother, and uncle, that I can be. I can be the best pastor that I can be and cultivate the relationships with which God has blessed me.

In short, the best way that I can honor God for all of the ways I have been blessed is to use those blessings to be a blessing to others. Oh, I'll have plenty of turkey and stuffing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. I'll spend some time with family on that day. And, I'll probably even watch a little football (even though my Steelers won't be playing). But on a day-to-day basis, the absolute best way for any of us to give thanks is to offer what we've received back to others.

In Genesis 22:17-18, God promises Abraham "descendants like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore." But that blessing came with the purpose that "through your offspring all nations of the earth will be blessed". It was a promise specific to Abraham and what would become the nation of Israel, but I believe that the sentiment behind it is one that applies to all of us who might consider ourselves his "spiritual descendants" (see Galatians 3:29).

So, I have an invitation for all of you. As you reflect on those blessings for which you can give thanks this month (and specifically on November 22), I would also encourage you to be intentional about the ways in which you can turn those blessings into blessings for others.

I even have a specific idea for those of you who are able. As a member of the Advisory Board of the Williamsport Salvation Army, I will be spending some time "ringing the bell" at one of the famed kettle locations. You can sign up for a two-hour shift through me or you can do so directly at <http://pa.salvationarmy.org/williamsport-pa>. If you choose to do it online, please let me know. I'm hoping that as a congregation we can fill all of the slots for the Old Navy location at the mall on the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 24). But any time or location you can do it would be appreciated.

We are all "blessed to be a blessing." In whatever way you choose to live that out, I wish you a wonderful November and a blessed Thanksgiving.

Pastor Jeff

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ORGAN CONCERT** to support dialysis patients and their families of the North Central Pennsylvania Dialysis Clinics will be held on **Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM in the sanctuary of St. Luke.** Tickets may be purchased in advance, at the church office, or purchase them at the door.



## **HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>**



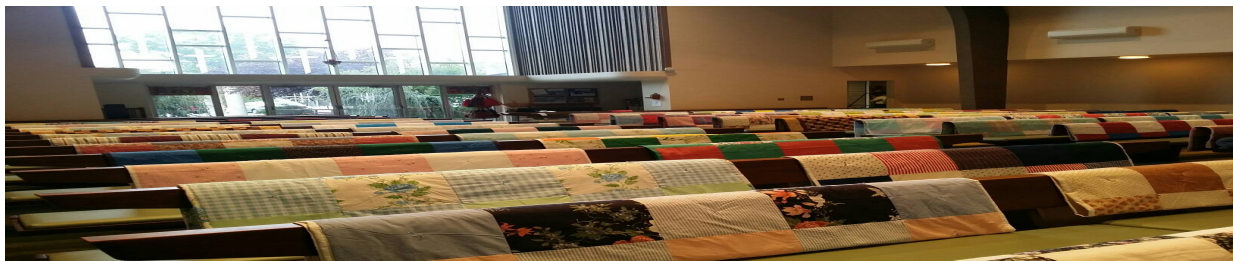
Check the West Hall for “St. Luke” canvas bags, **now until Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** to fill with boxes and bags of food, for our local Food Pantry. Fill and return to the back of the nave by Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **SEW FINE QUILTERS**

**Meet Monday, Nov. 5th from 9AM-3PM** in Bell Hall. Come and go as your time permits. If possible, pack your lunch and join us for lunch at 12noon. All are welcome to join!

## **SHAWL MINISTRY**

Shawl Ministry meet for knitting and crocheting on **Tuesday, Nov. 27th from 9AM-12noon**, in the Chapel. All are welcome!



## **ARTICLE DEADLINES:**

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

**BIBLE STUDY** St. Luke Bible Study of *Daniel* with Jay Nau, **Tuesdays at 1:00PM** at the **Williamsport Home, building C** and **Thursdays, 12noon** at **St. Luke in the chapel**. Call the church office for more information.

## SAVE THE DATE



**The Glaze to Be is coming to St. Luke! Please join us at 9:00 AM on Sunday, November 25th in Bell Hall to paint ornaments.**

***This is open to all ages!*** The cost will be \$5.00 per ornament.

**You can give the money to Karen Scampone or give it to the church office. Please sign up on the West entrance bulletin board if you're planning to attend.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday, October 7, the Sunday School kids decorated, filled, and donated Halloween bags. They filled the bags with candy and decorated them with all kinds of Halloween images, like pumpkins, ghosts, scarecrows, and candy corn. All 32 bags were donated to Sojourner Truth Ministry, which provides a free daily meal to members of the Williamsport community.

## ST LUKE SPOT LIGHT

As some of you may know, Barad and Cheryl's daughter, Leah, is currently in the Peace Corps. She is keeping a blog of her experiences in Botswana. Some members of the church are reading it, please show your support and follow the link bellow.

FYI, there is a follow button on the menu page. If you follow the blog, you will get an email update when she posts.

<https://anamericaninbotswana.wordpress.com/>



**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS NEEDED** for filling the Christmas bags for our St. Luke shut-in's and friends. A box will be located in the West wing for your donations. Suggested items:

Juice boxes, tissues, small notepads, hand lotion, chap stick, hard candies, individual packs of crackers or snack items and handmade cookies. Sugar free snacks for diabetics are also needed.

Anyone interested in helping pack and or deliver bags are invited to meet in **Bell Hall Tuesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM**



# HELLO FROM THE PRESCHOOL!

## WE ARE THANKFUL FOR OUR TEACHERS

The Preschool at St. Luke has been blessed with two very talented teachers. Their dedication to the development and learning of these little ones is what makes our preschool great. Allow us to introduce you to them.

Mrs. Cindi Stroble is from the small town of Nisbet. She received her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education from Penn College and her bachelor's degree from Lock Haven University. She has been with The Preschool at St. Luke since June 2009 when she started as a teacher. Mrs. Stroble was promoted to director in 2015.

Cindi and her husband Michael live in a beautiful log home they built in Nippenose Valley. They have two daughters, Hannah who attends Millersville University and Emily who is a freshman at Jersey Shore Area High School.

"I have always felt welcomed here at St. Luke and have discovered my true passion was teaching preschoolers."

Mrs. Cora Fetherby has been a teacher at The Preschool at St Luke for 4 years. She is a graduate of Williamsport Area High School and received her associate degree in Early Childhood Education from Penn College.

She and her husband Justin have been married for 11 years and have a daughter Alaina and a son Landon. Both of her children attended the preschool. They attend school in the Williamsport School District

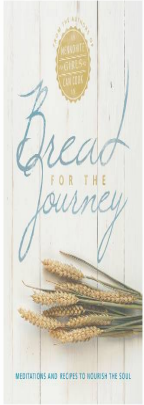
"I love to teach and support children in their growth. I am blessed to be part of such an amazing preschool"

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Thank you to all who supported our Mum sale. We raised over \$700 for the preschool.

Don't forget our next event ....  
The Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday, November 3rd





## BEAVER TEETH

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. —MATTHEW 6:33 (ESV)*

At the park where I walk, there is evidence of a busy creature at work. A beaver has clearly been doing his job. It amazes me how, literally overnight, numerous beautiful trees are felled along the creek, falling into the water and never on the path. To us who enjoy the beauty of the park, it can be rather disturbing. Some concerned soul recently surrounded several very large trees with wiring to protect them. In the beaver's defense, he is only doing his job.

Did you know that a beaver's teeth never stop growing? Chewing wood actually helps to keep a beaver's teeth from getting too long. The beaver's teeth are made to chew wood.

To build a shelter, the beaver must use his God-given tools and keep at the job. Of course, that beaver could look at a tall tree and figure that it's way too big of a project to take on. But in using what he has been given—those amazing teeth—and sticking to the task, he finds success.

What are my priorities today? What shelter must I build? What steps will help me achieve it? And what has God given me so that I can focus and get the task done?

Sometimes the trees in our lives seem so large. Thank God that he has given us the teeth and the tenacity to face them.

### PRAY

*God, thank you for giving me what I need to serve you. Help me to identify the talents and tools you've given me to do my work for your kingdom.*

### SAVOR

*What large obstacles might you face today? What are the "beaver teeth"—tools and talents—that you can use to overcome them?*



## 2018 POINSETTIA ORDER

*Poinsettias this year will be on a per-order basis. They can be placed as a memorial or honorarium using the coupon below. White, red, and a few pink poinsettias will be placed in the chancel, parlor and chapel for Christmas Eve. All will remain in place until after the **late service Dec. 24th**, after which time donors may take a plant or leave it for distribution for our home-bound members. Poinsettias are \$10 each. Pay with the coupon and place in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" and return them via the **offering plate or church office until Monday, November 26th**.*

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PLEASE PRINT

Given in memory of

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Or

Given in honor of

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\$10 each

I would like:

1<sup>st</sup> color choice: \_\_\_\_\_ RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ PINK

2<sup>nd</sup> color choice only: \_\_\_\_\_ RED \_\_\_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_\_\_ PINK

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will take my plant after the December 24<sup>h</sup> service.

(Your 2<sup>nd</sup> color choice will only be placed if the green house is out of your 1<sup>st</sup> color choice or poor flower quality.)



## *Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in November:*

11/06 Ertel, Catharine  
11/06 Griffith, Evelyn  
11/06 Scampone, Christopher  
11/09 Edmonds, Jacob  
11/11 Clark, Andrea  
11/11 Lewis, Leah  
11/13 Markle, Jessica  
11/16 Newburg, Cheryl  
11/19 Knade Jr., Oscar  
11/19 Welsh, Mabel  
11/19 Witmer, Lottie  
11/22 Perry, Ian  
11/23 Eshleman, Melissa  
11/23 Ladley, Eric  
11/25 Knade, Shirley  
11/26 Coulter, Daniel  
11/26 Lewis Sr., Frederick  
11/26 Turri, Jesse  
11/26 Wood, Nancy  
11/27 Coulter, Nathan  
11/29 Young, Angus



11/08 Clark, Andrea & Brett  
11/22 Snyder, Sr., Jack & Deloris Snyder

*(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>                                   |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 4th<br>8:00        |                                          | Chris Knaur                                         |                                        | Sue Beidler               |                              | Sue Beidler                            |                                                        |
| 10:30              | Charles Paris                            | David ,<br>Margot and<br>Gavin Briggs<br>Bob Larson | Ross Mahler                            | Ray<br>Schreckengast      | Marilyn<br>Eshleman          | Dan Lamade/<br>Charles Mahler          | Clark Family                                           |
| 11th<br>8:00       |                                          | Chris Knaur                                         |                                        | John McNassor             |                              | John McNassor                          |                                                        |
| 10:30              | James &<br>Margaret<br>Reasner           | Same                                                | Ali Wyland                             | Brad Nason                | Melanie<br>Taormina          | Linda & Bill<br>Liptak                 | Karen Scam-<br>pone/Robert<br>Markle/ Hanne<br>Schuman |
| 18th<br>8:00       |                                          | Chris Knaur                                         |                                        | Jim Donnell               |                              | Jim Donnell                            |                                                        |
| 10:30              | Fortin Family                            | Same                                                | Ethan Strother                         | David Bailey              | Mark<br>Bergren              | Patty Durand /<br>Charles Mex-<br>torf | Kathy & Bob<br>Borch                                   |
| 25th<br>8:00       |                                          | Chris Knaur                                         |                                        | Nancy McCarty             |                              | Nancy<br>McCarty                       |                                                        |
| 10:30              | Strother<br>Family                       | Same                                                | Sam Mahler                             | Scott Seyler              | Chip Ed-<br>monds            | Carol Steck /<br>Nancy Wood            | Strother Family                                        |
| <b><u>Date</u></b> | <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>                | <b><u>Flower Delv.</u></b>                          | <b><u>Counters</u></b>                 | <b><u>Lay Callers</u></b> | <b><u>Comm. Clean-up</u></b> | <b><u>Nursery</u></b>                  | <b><u>Altar Care</u></b>                               |
| 4th                | Coffee Hour<br>Host Mutual<br>Ministry   | David & Di-<br>ana Bailey                           | Leah Lewis /<br>Terry Belles           | Lamades                   | Moyers                       | Alex Seyler/Ali<br>Wyland              | TBA                                                    |
| 11th               |                                          | Larry &<br>Sandy Moyer                              | Nancy<br>McCarty/Linda<br>Wolfe        | Schumans                  | Borchs                       | Jessie Young/<br>Mia Clark             | TBA                                                    |
| 18th               | Coffee Host<br>Pre-school at<br>St. Luke | Rick & Diane<br>Gonzalez                            | Hank & Joan<br>Knaus                   | Liptaks                   | Wolfes                       | Joann Wolfe/<br>Madalyn Fortin         | TBA                                                    |
| 25th               |                                          | Nancy<br>McCarty/<br>Joann Wolfe                    | Terry Belles &<br>Ray<br>Schreckengast | Mahler/Bergren            | Merkels                      | Alex Seyler                            | 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.**