

The Spectrum

July 2019

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Service Hours

*8:00am and 9:30am
Spring /Summer service
hours*

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

*The church office
will be closed
Thursday, July 4th
and
Friday, July 5th*



SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, July 7th The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

No Coffee hour

Sunday, July 14th The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, July 21st The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

Hunger Offering

No Coffee Hour

Sunday, July 28th The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:30am - Holy Communion

FROM THE PASTOR

Sometimes the best plans don't always come to fruition. Earlier this year, an organizational meeting was held to start talking about a Vacation Bible School at St. Luke Church. The turnout was cause for some optimism, even though we were getting off to a late start. Following that organizational meeting, we received a tentative commitment from Jessie Young to direct this year's VBS, and she even held a few subsequent meetings to begin to develop a program, setting dates and picking curriculum.

However, since then, the decision has been made to not attempt a VBS and try again next year. Rather than try to go into details of the reasoning in a bulletin announcement, I thought it might be best to bring everyone up to speed in this edition of the newsletter. So, here are the factors that led to the decision.

- The late start in planning turned out to be more detrimental than originally thought. I take part of the responsibility for this. As an interim pastor, I was not thinking far enough into the future to start the conversation and recruitment of VBS leaders and volunteers.
- This late start led to the picking of a suboptimal date. The general consensus among those interested in helping was that an earlier date would be better, but we simply didn't have enough time to put together a quality program in June. We ultimately landed on early August as the best possibility to avoid conflicting with other church's VBS programs, even though we knew that this would probably not be conducive to great attendance.
- As I said earlier, the interest at the organizational meeting was cause for optimism, but it turned out that several key volunteers would not be available during the small window of possible dates that we had available, including the final choice of early August.
- Knowing that we were already limited to dates that might not produce a lot of registrations, the challenge to find sufficient volunteer help was enough to lead to the decision to postpone our efforts until next year, with the intention of getting started much earlier in the planning process (perhaps even right after Christmas).

The good news is that Jessie Young has volunteered to resume the role of directing a VBS next year and is excited about the prospects of getting an early start. But in the meantime, we are encouraging those parents who want to find a VBS for their children to consider the one held at New Covenant United Church of Christ July 21-25. They are also looking for a few extra volunteers to escort kids between stations. More information is included in the Sunday Bulletins.

If you have any further questions about what led to this decision, please don't hesitate to ask.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

LUNCH WITH PASTOR & BREAKFAST AND BIBLE Will recess during July and August. We will resume in September. Look for September's re-start in the newsletter and bulletins.

The Annual Preschool at St. Luke

We are accepting donations for the Pre-School Yard Sale. Please put your items in the "yellow" room.

We are requesting that **no TVs or electronics be donated.** Donations will be taken during office hours.

Monday & Tuesday 9am-12noon (closed for lunch 12noon-1pm) and 1pm-3pm;
Wednesday-Friday 9am-12noon. If you need assistance with your items, please contact Lynn Shade at 570-971-2422



SAVE THE DATE for a day in nature "Blueberry Picking" on **Saturday, July 27th**! Please see the sign-up sheet in the West hall for more information.

SAVE THE DATE
BLOOD DRIVE HOSTED BY
ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friday, August 16th

1pm- 6pm

For more information, go to

<https://www.redcross.org/>



**American
Red Cross**

WE WELCOME

St. Luke's newest members are Carolyn Miller and her daughters, Hayden and Charlotte. Carolyn is a Williamsport native, and employed at ShopVac. "She is a very nice person", says daughter Hayden, who is entering third grade at Cochran. Charlotte is preschooler at STEP Head Start.



June 23, 2019

Congratulations

45th Ordination Anniversary service and church luncheon for The Rev. Theodore Cockley, Pastor at St. John's Lutheran-Brick Church, Montgomery, PA and member of St. Luke Lutheran Church.



Happy Birthday to our members celebrating in July:

Nancy McCarty	July 01	Judy DeWitt	July 25
Melissa Hiller	July 02	Luke Edmonds	July 28
David Masden	July 02	John Good IV	July 28
Carolyn Miller	July 02	Justin Hiller, Jr.	July 28
Hannelore Schuman	July 02	William Liptak	July 28
Courtney Derr	July 05	Janna Seyler	July 30
Elizabeth Good	July 05	Madison Jean	July 31
James Nau	July 09		
Ross Mahler	July 13		
Samuel Griffith	July 14		
Stephanie Confer	July 16		
Wilson Durand	July 16		
Patrick Fisher	July 16		
Marian Schaefer	July 16		
Allison Bloom	July 17		
Douglas Durand	July 19		
Avery Lentz	July 19		
John Whittaker	July 19		
Cyle Hiller	July 21		
Melanie Taormina	July 24		



Happy Anniversary.....

Mr. & Ms. Mark and Karen Bergren July 11
Mr. & Mrs. John and Laura McNassor July 17



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

Date	Greeters	Usher	Acolyte	Lector	Asst. Min.	Administrant	Comm. Helpers
7th 8:00		Chris Knaur		John McNassor		John McNassor	
9:30	John & Laura McNassor	Jere & Marilyn Eshle- man Bill Merkel Charles Mahler	Gavin Briggs	Shirley Knade	Charles Mahler	Dan Lamade/ Charles Mextorf	Strother Family
14th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Jim Donnell		Jim Donnell	
9:30	Mark & Karen Bergren	Same	Kayla Scampone	Ray Schrecken- gast	Carol Steck	Becky Lewis/ Mark Bergren	Clark Family
21st 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty		Nancy McCarty	
9:30	James & Margaret Reasner	Same	Mia Clark	Sandy Lentz Strother	Chip Edmonds	Charles Mahler/ Patty Durand	Carole Harris/ Taormina Family
28th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Ed Kelley		Ed Kelley	
9:30	Mahler Family	Same	Ross Mahler	Susan Duch- man	Mark Bergren	Carol Steck/ Nancy Wood	Briggs Family
Date	Coffee Hour	Flower Delv.	Counters	Lay Callers	Comm. Clean-up	Nursery	Altar Care
7th	No Coffee hour	Mark & Ka- ren Bergren	Nancy McCarty/ Becky Lewis	Mark Bergren/ Charles Mahler	MJ Webster	Joann Wolfe/ Kara Hershey	
14th		Rick & Diane Gonzalez	Terry Belles/ Carol Metzger	Hanne & George Schuman	MJ Webster	Open if Needed	
21st	No Coffee Hour	Nancy McCarty/ Joanne Wolfe	David Horn/ Ray Schrecken- gast	Terry & Cindy Belles	Larry & Sandy Moyer	Open if Needed	
28th		Larry & Sandy Moyer	Janet Matz/ Janet Yoas	Dan & Barb Lamade	MJ Webster	Open if Needed	