

**ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

*In observance of the Labor Day, the office will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. If you need immediate emergency pastoral care during our absence, please contact Pastor Jeff at 570-220-3631. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.*



**Covid Update from the St. Luke Executive**

**Committee:** According to the CDC, Lycoming County had crossed the threshold into "substantial transmission". The CDC now *recommends* universal indoor masking in Lycoming County regardless of vaccination status, and as the St. Luke executive committee, we continue to recommend following the

CDC guidelines. More information on the CDC recommendation for fully vaccinated people can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>.

We continue to gather for in person worship and encourage all who are able, to join us on Sunday mornings. Finally, we are committed to the needs of all members of our congregation, therefore virtual worship will continue until further notice.

**TIME CHANGE** Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Our 8:00 am service time will remain the same; however, the 9:30am service time is changing back to 10:30am. Don't forget to set a reminder!

**SERVING IN SEPTEMBER: \*Time change Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Ushers: 9:30am/**

**10:30am:** Terry Belles (all month), Captain; Brad Nason (5<sup>th</sup>); Keith Wood (19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)

**Lectors:** Scott Seyler (5<sup>th</sup>); Jay Nau (12<sup>th</sup>); Jessie Young (19<sup>th</sup>); Nancy Wood (26<sup>th</sup>)

**Altar Care:** Cindy Belles

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP** is scheduled for on **September 26<sup>th</sup>** (weather permitting).

**HOSPITAL** Please contact Sarah Young at the church office (570-323-7309) if you or a family member are in the hospital or are ill. Pastor Jeff is available for

visits or phone calls, and at your request, Sarah will then contact our prayer chain leaders.

**JOB OPENING** St. Luke is seeking to fill the position of Financial Secretary. This is a part-time position whose hours may be arranged as desired. The position description is available from the church office. If interested, please complete the standard application (available from the office) and attach a resume. Thank you.

**SEW FINE QUILTERS (SFQ)** Join us **Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-3:00pm** as we work on quilts for LWR, Hospice and S.O.S. **Lunch Provided!**

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** I will be hosting a covered dish dinner on **Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** for all choir, handbell choir and those interested in joining either ensembles! This is a great opportunity to meet me and join in fellowship with one another. You are invited to bring a dish of your choice to share. I will be providing my applewood smoked chicken thighs. Beverages will be provided. Members of both ensembles should make it a point to be present. We will be discussing the future of both ensembles after our meal. Ideas and concerns will be shared amongst the group as well.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** Join us **Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30am -12 noon** in the Lounge for a fellowship of knitting and crocheting.

**PRE- SCHOOL MUM SALE** The sale has begun and will continue through **September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Certificates will be available for sale at the church office or from a Board member for \$5.00 each and can be redeemed for one 9 inch mum (choice of color based on availability) at Simmers Nursery, 101 Park Rd., Montoursville, from **Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>**.  
to purchase a mum  
from the Pre-School,  
at 570-971-2422.



To make arrangement coupon(s) directly please call Lynn Shade

**THANK YOU...** *George and I wish to thank our St. Luke family and Pastor Jeff for the prayers, cards, visits and Altar flowers. Special thank you to the Shawl*

*Ministry for the two beautiful prayer shawls and the Love Ministry for their outstanding job. We are so blessed to have you all. Hanne and George Schuman*



## **DANDELION TRAIL RUN AT CML**

### **SEPTEMBER 4 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Camp Mount Luther will be holding a 5- and 10- kilometer trail run race at the camp on **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. This is an entry-level trail race on Mount Luther grounds with proceeds going to the camp.

The start time for the race is 9:00 a.m. Runners decide on race day if they want to do a 5k or 10K (a double loop of the 5K) run. The 10k distance is included in the Rocksylvania 10k race series. More details on that are available at <http://midpenntailblazers.com/links.html>. Registration is \$35. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. on race day. Shower facilities are available after the race. All miles for the course will be marked and there is one water stop on the course. Timing will be electronically done.

To register, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace>.

The Dandelion Run, begun in 2002, is organized by Joel and Shelley Heasley of Middleburg. It was named in honor and memory of Rev. Glenn E. Heasley, Jr., former Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Glenn's favorite "flower" was the dandelion. Heasley's widow, Shirley, is also involved in the planning of the race.

**PROJECT LINUS** St. Luke will be hosting a Project Linus Make a Blanket Day on **Saturday, September 25th, 9am-3pm in Bell Hall**. Snacks and lunch will be provided. We will be accepting donations of completed new handmade blankets in addition to making quilts, fleece, and granny square blankets. From March 2020 to March 2021, Project Linus supplied 1,176 blankets to our area for sick and traumatized children. They need our help in replenishing their supply. At a Make a Blanket Day, we will be assembling and finishing quilts, hand tying fleece blankets and sewing together granny squares. We also need volunteers to help with registration and donation collections. If you would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please call Dawn Nau 503-686-4968. We will be following any CDC recommendations due to COVID at this event. Masks may be worn, hand sanitizer will be provided, and social distancing when possible.

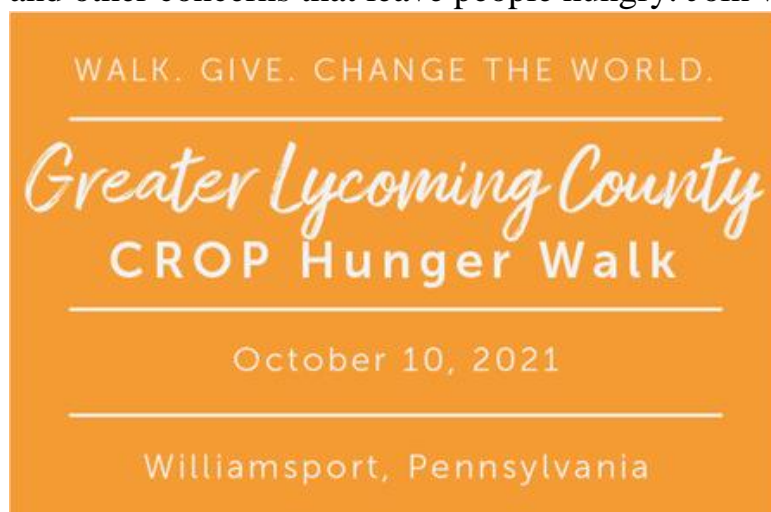
**SCHOOL KITS NEEDED** Lutheran World Relief distributes backpacks containing school supplies to children and adults throughout the world. Learning leads to a better life for them, and that can be accomplished with our help. Backpacks are being made by volunteers at St. Luke, and will be filled with the following: 70- Sheet notebook of ruled paper; 8x10 ½, 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on the other; pencil sharpeners; blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades); unsharpened pencils with erasers; black or blue pens (no gel ink); box of 16 or 24 crayons; 2 ½” eraser. We are asking you to purchase items on the list and return them to the church by **Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**. (West Hall) School supplies are on sale right now, so please take advantage! If you can't shop, you can donate money for shopping. Make the checks out to St. Luke with “School kits shipping” on the memo line.

**CML WHOOPIE PIE STAND** Camp Mount Luther is once again participating in a local festival to help raise funds for their campership fund. The camp will staff a booth at the **Selinsgrove Market Street Festival on Saturday, September 25, 2021**. Their booth will feature the sale of homemade whoopie pies. Volunteers are needed to make these sweet treats, as well as to staff the booth on the day of the festival. If you are interested in donating whoopie pies (of any flavor) or helping to sell them that day, contact Sarah Hershberger at 570-966-9674 or Chad Hershberger at 570-922-1587.

### **GREATER LYCOMING COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK**

Registration is open! <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/williamsportpa>

In 2021, we will continue to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry. Join with us as we raise funds to help neighbors get the meals for today and food security tomorrow!



**USHERS** Anyone interested in serving as an usher, please contact the office or email or call Nancy McCarty at: ([nmac7149@gmail.com](mailto:nmac7149@gmail.com); (570) 419-7827).

**SERVING** If you would like to help serve in our 8:00am or 10:30am (\*9:30am summer ) worship service(s), please contact Diane Kohler at: 570-419-7085 or email [kohlerdede@gmail.com](mailto:kohlerdede@gmail.com) .

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** Consider a gift of Chancel Flowers. The cost is \$50.00, and the donor may specify the type of arrangement that is provided. If you are interested in providing chancel flowers, please contact Becky Lewis at 570-321-6235.

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