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JUNE

2022 NEWSLETTER

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### **From the Pastor's Desk:**

**June 2022**

*"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,  
not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging  
one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching."  
- Hebrews 10:25*

The summer months are typically a quiet time in the life of the church. There are no liturgical seasons, nor any big holidays, like Christmas or Easter. In general, there's not as much going on as there is in the rest of the year. Most of our ministries and committees meet less (or not at all) over the summer, Sunday School and other Bible studies are put on hiatus, and worship attendance also tends to go down. This is all normal, and to some extent expected. After all, for many of us, summer represents a time for us to slow down and recharge.

Still, when we meet less often and when we do less together, we weaken the bonds between us as a church community. I have been thinking about ways in which we can still get together, but in a more casual way fitting of the season. And so, I am establishing a regular series of open-ended conversations during the summer months. As I write, I am still working on dates, times, and locations, but I'd like to do it in places where casual conversations often happen spontaneously: a coffee house and/or a pub.

As for the topics, I don't have an agenda other than that they will each have some sort of connection to our Christian faith. In fact, I'd like to leave that largely up to you. Do you have something you've always wondered about God?

Is there something about the church that has always confused (or even frustrated you)? Or maybe you have a question that follows the format "What does God think about \_\_\_\_\_?" It's not intended to be a class or a study of any sort. You won't have to have attended the last session to get something out of the next. It'll just be a casual conversation over a cup of joe or your beverage of choice.

I think this could be a fun way to stay connected as well as providing a low-pressure opportunity to deepen our faith together. Details will be announced in church and on our Facebook page as soon as they are available. In the meantime, enjoy the start of summer!



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The Church Office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 30th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during this time, please call Pastor LeCrone at 570-220-3631.

Serving in June

Altar Care: Charles Mahler

Ushers: Charles and Sue Duchman

June 5th Lector: Melanie Taormina; **Comm. Helper:** Mark and Karen Bergren

June 12th Lector: Jay Nau; **Comm. Helper:** Patty Durand & Charles Mahler

June 19th Lector: Sandy Strother; **Comm. Helpers:** Becky Lewis & Mark Bergren

June 20th Lector: Dan Lamade; **Comm. Helper:** Dan Lamade & Marilyn Eshleman

SERVING If you would like to help serve in our 8:00 am or 10:30 am worship service(s), please contact Diane Kohler at 570-419-7085 or email kohlerdede@gmail.com or Pastor Jeff at 570-323-7309.

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

COFFEE HOURS are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month, after the late service, and the 3rd Sunday after the early service in Bell Hall. Please see the sign-up board in the West Hall.

SUMMER WORSHIP times are: 8 am and 9:30 am **starting June 12th** and Pentecost Sunday, June 5th will be the last Sunday for Adult Sunday School class, choir & handbell practices until the fall.

PVC will meet **Tuesday, June 7th at 2:00 pm** in the Library. (The 3:00 pm Service meeting will be in the Lounge.)

CHURCH COUNCIL will not meet in June.

SHAWL MINISTRY meets for knitting and crocheting on **Tuesday, June 21st from 9:30 am-12noon, in the Chapel.** All are welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL St. Luke will host “Rocky Railway”, in cooperation with the churches of the Williamsport Ministerium on **July 10-14** from 6pm-8pm. Registration forms are available at the back of the church. We will also be in need of general volunteers for the event. A volunteer signup sheet is available in the West Hall, or you may contact the church office. Please note that clearances will be required for all volunteers, so all interested parties should sign up

ASAP in order to start the clearance process. (Participating Churches: Christ Episcopal, First Church of Christ Disciples, New Covenant UCC, St. John’s-Newberry UM, St. Luke and St. Mark’s Lutheran, Sojourner Truth Ministries and Trinity Episcopal.)

VOTING MEMBERS NEEDED St. Luke is looking for one voting member to represent our church at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly. The Assembly is **held at Susquehanna University on Friday, June 17 & Saturday, June 18.** Please call the church office if interested Thank you.

THE ST. LUKE PR-SCHOOL
From the month of JUNE 2022

The end of another great Preschool year has come & gone. ABCs & 123s were learned, name writing is more or less proficient, crafts were made and friendships formed. There was an end-of-year celebration on the evening of May



17 at Bruce Henry Park for the families. The 5-year-old graduates were honored at a successful coffee hour on May 22 along with this year's High School graduates. Thank you for all of the support for our students!

YARD SALE The Preschool at St. Luke Yard Sale is rapidly approaching (June 17th from 8AM - 1PM & June 18th from 8AM - noon). We will be collecting items in Bell Hall:

June 6th – 10th - 9am-3pm and 5pm -7pm

June 11th - 9am - 3pm

June 12th - after the second service until 2pm

June 13th & 14th - 9am to noon

We are sorry but we cannot accept electronics or large medical equipment. We also need volunteers to help collect, sort, and price items during these times. **If you have a donation or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Lynn Shade at 570-971-2422.**

We will also have our yummy bake sale table. If you wish to make a baked good or help man the bake sale table, please call **Becky Lewis at 570-419-9148.**

We will need many volunteers for the clean-up on June 18th starting at noon. This is a major undertaking so we will need LOTS of help. Many hands make light work and should only take a few hours.

LOST HYMNAL Mary Jane Webster has lost her family hymnal. The inside bookplate reads **Mary Gilbody**. Please return it to Mary Jane or the church office. Thank you.

ST. LUKE SCOUTS
MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Cards were gifted at the May 8th worship services and made by Noah, Gabe, Emma, and Emma's friend, along with extra cards added by the Pre-School at St. Luke.



If you did not receive a card and would like one, extras are available at the church office.

AFGHAN PRESENTATION

On May 22nd we presented the 2022 graduating seniors with afghans, congratulating and wishing them Godspeed, as they move on to the next chapters of their lives.

*Kylie Beck
Gavin Briggs
Andrew Reed
Kayla Scampone
Cameron Sims
Domanick Young*



SAVE THE DATE **September 25, 2022**

St. Luke Church will be celebrating two important events: the 15th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Jeff LeCrone AND the 125th-anniversary of St. Luke Lutheran Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

David Bailey	June	Michael Eshleman	June 12
Kirk Fisher	June	Stephanie Fortin	June 12
Charles Lamade	June	Robert McCullough III	June 14
Raymond Schreckengast	June	Mackenzie Bloom	June 15
Jennifer Johnson	June	Celina Hasko	June 15
Mary Bellott	June	Judith Collins	June 16
Tom Morrison	June	Jocelyn Fisher	June 16
Rod Strother	June	Olivia Strother	June 16
Diane Kohler	June	Kay Creveling	June 18

Gianna Backner	June	Kylie Beck	June 25
Diane Gonzalez	June	Joann Wolfe	June 25
Jon Jean	June	Susan Duchman	June 27
Ethan Clark	June	Ethan Strother	June 27
Linda DeLong	June	Cynthia Belles	June 30
Diana Bailey	June 25		

Happy Anniversary.....

Schuman, George & Hannelore	June 04
Edmonds, Chip & Erin	June 07
Mahler, Charles & Melissa	June 12
Knade Jr., Oscar & Shirley	June 15
Merkel, William & Glenda	June 15
Strother, Rod & Sandy	June 19
DeLong, David & Linda	June 20
Taormina, Daniel & Melanie	June 22
Wolfe, Daniel & Linda	June 22
Eshleman, Jere & Marilyn	June 23
Whelan, Trish & John	June 23
Kelsey, John & Wendy	June 29
Nason, Brad & Cheryl	June 30

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

****** In our Community ******



Peter Pearson

Speaking on the artwork of icons at the Taber Museum

Williamsport- Peter Pearson, a nationally recognized authority on Byzantine iconography, will be speaking at the Thomas T. Taber Museum of the Lycoming



County Historical Society on **Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 10am, at the museum's Coffee Hour.** The program is free and open to the public and will be held in the Community Room.



Peter Pearson has studied under nearly a dozen master iconographers. He has been teaching iconography throughout the United States and Canada for more than 30 years and has authored three books on the subject. Icons by his hand grace the walls of churches, monasteries, and retreat houses, mainly in North America but have also found their way throughout the world.

“I saw an icon when I was twelve,” he said, “and became interested in it and have been pursuing iconography for 52 years.”

A former monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey, and graduate of Saint Vincent Seminary, Pearson said when he was a novice, “at that time Antiochian Village in Ligonier had an icon studio over there, and I was permitted to go out to study there. I ended up helping with classes there and some other projects in the Pittsburgh area, which has a number of iconographers. Things sort of took off from there.”

He said his favorite subject is “the holy face... what the western Church would call Veronica’s Veil, the face of Christ. Although oftentimes my favorite image is whatever I’m working on at the moment. I frequently have five or six things going on simultaneously.”

The museum is located at 858 West Fourth Street in Williamsport. Parking is to be found to the rear of the museum as well as on the street. For more information, please call the museum at 570.326.3326 or visit our website at www.tabermuseum.org.

Strawberry Festival

Sunday, June 12th, 11:30-3:30 Trinity Episcopal Church 844 West Fourth St. Williamsport, PA Hot Dogs, BBQ, Baked Beans, Cold Drinks, and STRAWBERRIES!



The first Kars for Kamp Car Show will be held at Camp Mt. Luther on **June 11, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** All cars, street rods, trucks, jeeps and bikes are welcome. \$15 fee for Pre-entry by 6/5/22 includes a food ticket. To register,



Night Owl, Mini Juniors, and Central PA Cycle

Register at
campmountluther.org



email dbrobst@dejazzd.com.

Day of Show Registration (9 a.m.–Noon) is \$20.

Awards will be presented at 2:30. Music, 50/50 Drawing, Basket Auction and food will be available. Spectators are free. **All proceeds benefit Camp Mt. Luther.**

Classes: Plaques for Cars 65 and Older, 66 to 79, 80 and Newer; Plaque for Street Rods, Trucks, Jeeps, Bikes; Plaque/Sheetz Card for Longest Distance Traveled, and Trophy for Best of Show.

June 19- 24

Programs this week include:

Day Camp for Pioneers and Juniors (from 9:00 to 3:30, June 20-24) lets you experience camp, and we'll have Spirit Days to celebrate. The first day, please bring a favorite item for Show and Tell!

TNT (Traditional and New Things) for Juniors and Intermediates takes some of our program and ideas from

our ecumenical friends from the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA to form a brand-new weeklong experience. (June 19-24)

Our weeklong Senior High **X-Teen** (June 19- June 24) is where you get to do camp activities and special events just for you!



Day Camp, TNT (Traditional and New Things) and X-Teen

Register at
campmountluther.org



June 26- July 1

Programs this week include:

Night Owls is when you stay up later each night (June 26- July 1) doing fun nighttime activities with camp activities during the day.

Mini Junior Base Camp is three days and two nights (June 26-28 or July 17-19) of camp staying in your cabin at night.

Central PA Cycle will be a few days bicycling 25-40 miles each day in Western Union County (June 26- July 1). You'll bike with a bicycle enthusiast who is a former camp director! Bring your own working bike.

Shepherd of the Streets

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You are AMAZING!!! Yet again I thank God, and each of you, for your enduring support of the Shepherd ministry through your prayers and generous donations. God has been, and is, working through you to meet the needs of individuals and families in our Lycoming County neighborhood. We are constantly confronted by the goodness of the Lord and the faithfulness of His people. I want to remind you that I am willing, and available, to speak to any groups of which you are a part of concerning the Shepherd ministry. Feel free to pass my contact information on to your church, civic organization, or other groups and clubs. It blesses me to be able to share with others the details of the current work that God is doing through this ministry. Please remember us while you enjoy the summer. When shopping for your personal needs, consider purchasing a few additional items for our Hygiene Kit ministry. Our kits help recipients to stretch their monthly budgets. Listed below are a few things that we currently need:

- Disposable Razors and Shaving Cream • Toilet Paper and Paper Towels • Men's and Women's Shampoo and Conditioner • Adult/Children's Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
- Men's and Women's Body Wash and Deodorant • Wash Cloths and Bath Towels • Laundry pods (small packs – check at Dollar Tree) • Dish Detergent

Please be mindful of the fact that your financial and material support undergirds the Shepherd of the Streets ministry. Through your ongoing generosity, the needs of many in our community continue to be met through the Shepherd office. **Remember to send all correspondence to our P. O. Box at: Shepherd of the Streets P. O. Box 2184 Williamsport, PA 17703** *Do not mail anything to our Park Ave. address, or our former address on Center St., because it will be marked as undeliverable. Your faithfulness is serving the least, the last and the lost in Jesus name.*

Food Pantry

Mona Rundio, Coordinator

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What can you do today, and continue to do, as a true believer? You can love, give, and help others as if for yourself. Pray for others and have intentional actions during the day. As you are out in the community, shopping or otherwise, take action in spreading the Word to others.

Among the verses in the book of Proverbs, it tells us how to take action, and how we are to give to the needy, the poor, the neglected, and the sick. In response to our giving, the Lord then will give back to us in ways we see and

don't see. When you are out at the store and HE speaks to you, grab an item to donate. This is a way to express your love to ALL in our community and world!!

The Food Pantry loves our clients, gives food to them, and comforts them through some difficult times with conversation, prayers, and when we can, hugs. We continue to be able to give food out through your donations.

The Pantry is currently in need of: • Canned Goods (meats, vegetables, and fruits) • Cereal (any size) • Boxed Mixes (cakes, brownies) • Microwavable items • Condiments

We are located at the rear of 202 East Third St., Williamsport and the hours are:

Pantry Days and Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m.-11 a.m. for donations/stocking/deliveries

Tuesday: 10:15 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday: 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

Last Wednesday of each month: 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Closed the 5th Tuesday/Thursday

Workshop Opportunity

Tuesday, June 7, at 10 a.m.: *Avoid Caregiver Burnout: Finding the Light in the Darkness of Dementia*, presented by Julie Steinbacher, Esq., CELA*, and Tammy Zilske, Long-Term Care Planner, Certified Medicaid Planner™, Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak, ***The Elder & Special Needs Resource Center, 401 Washington Blvd., Williamsport.** To register, call 1-800-351-8334, email info@paelderounsel.com or visit PAElderCounsel.com/register.

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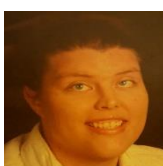
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