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# MAY

## 2022 NEWSLETTER

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### From the Pastor's Desk:

May 2022

*"Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of god in Christ Jesus." -  
Philippians 3:13-14*

This month, on **May 22 (10:30)** we will be honoring our 2022 high school graduates in worship. And, for the first time, we will also be inviting the families of our preschool students to worship on that day as well. The idea came from members of the board, who noted that many of our high school graduates are also themselves alumni of the Pre-school at St. Luke.

This time of year, both high-school seniors **and** pre-schoolers – in their own ways – are on the verge of leaving behind the world they know to begin new journeys in new places with new expectations and expanded horizons. Those of us who have already made those journeys may remember the range of emotions we felt at the time: excitement and apprehension mingling together as we considered both the possibility and the uncertainty of it all.

But those moments don't necessarily end when we stop making transitions in our schooling. I certainly felt that same mixture of excitement when I started at Lycoming College, and when you called me to be your pastor. Perhaps you have your own transitions that you can recall.

Sometimes these moments also happen in the life of a church. I believe that we may be at such a time. The last two years have changed us. We look different than we did in early 2020. Not necessarily better or worse, but different. And I believe we look at the world a little differently now, too. As the world continues to open back up, I encourage us to take a look around – to see our congregation and our community with fresh eyes, eager to see new opportunities for ministry and new possibilities for our church.

To that end, on May 14 (2 p.m.), we will be hosting an event of the West Branch Conference of our synod called “Conversations with the Bishop”. Churches from over the conference are invited to send both clergy and laity to this event at which we will discuss both what we have been doing and what we *could* be doing for mission and outreach in our respective communities. It’s an opportunity to connect with other churches to discuss what we’ve done and what the future may hold, and it’s not just for council members or ministry leaders; it’s for everyone who has an interest in exploring the mission and outreach of the church.

But whether you attend this event or not, I hope that we will all, like both our pre-school students and our graduating seniors, be looking towards the future with anticipation and a willingness to receive what God has in store for us!



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

**SEW FINE QUILTER’S last workday for the year is Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Bell Hall, from **9:00 am -3:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided at noon.

**PVC** will meet **Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm** in the Library. (The 3:00 pm Service meeting will be in the Lounge.)

**CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on **Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**, in Bell Hall.

**SHAWL MINISTRY** meets for knitting and crocheting on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am-12noon, in the Chapel**. All are welcome!



Please join us for the 2022 High School Seniors and Pre-school Recognition on **Sunday, May 22** at our 10:30 am worship service and coffee hour after in Bell Hall!

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

**YARD SALE**

Have you started your spring housecleaning yet? Got stuff in the garage you want to get rid of? The Preschool at St. Luke will be holding its annual yard sale on **June 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am to noon.** We will be collecting items in Bell Hall starting June 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am -3:00 pm, and from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm until June 10<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. June 12<sup>th</sup> after the second service until 2:00 pm. June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to noon. We are sorry but we cannot accept electronics or large medical equipment. If you have a donation or want more information, please contact Lynn Shade at 570-971-2422.



The Pre-School at St. Luke accepts registrations for three-, four-, and five-year-old children. Children must be three years old before August 31. (Non-refundable Registration fee is \$50.) If you would like a tour or more information, please contact Cindy Stroble at 570-323-2705.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**September 25, 2022**

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

**Serving in May**

**Altar Care:** Charles Mahler

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - Ray Schreckengast/Ketith Wood**

**15<sup>th</sup> - Ray Schreckengast/ Charles Mahler**

**22<sup>nd</sup> - Lynn Shade/ Diane Gonzales**

**29<sup>th</sup> -Ray Schreckengast/ Charles Mahler**

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:nmac7149@gmail.com); (570) 419-7827).

## \*\*\*\* In our Community \*\*\*\*

### Book Study

Book Study - Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents – by Isabel Wilkerson - led by Gerald Simmons, examines the caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.

**Mondays – May 2, 9, 16, 23, June 6, 13, 20, 2022 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Registration Link – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/266414632337>

## Re-Creation is Back!!!

**Sunday, May 15th @ 7 p.m.** Following their fabulous performance last July as a part of our 75<sup>th</sup>-anniversary celebration, Re-Creation is returning for another amazing concert, hosted by United Churches of Lycoming County. Known as “America’s Ambassadors to Hospitalized Veterans,” this group of young adults



travels the country performing concerts, free of charge, at our nation’s Veteran’s Homes and Hospitals. Since Re-Creation’s inception in 1976, the group has visited all 50 states and performs more than 300 concerts every year. To support their ministry to our nation’s veterans, Re-Creation performs their “Sacred Program” at local churches. This year’s program is titled, “Shine” and it features traditional and contemporary style hymns, sing-a-long and children’s songs, dramatic works, and original music. Based in Port Trevorton, this year’s cast includes young adults from Bloomsburg

and Milton, as well as other parts of Pennsylvania, Florida, and Ohio. The concert will be held, Sunday evening, May 15th at 7 pm, at New Covenant UCC (202 E. Third St., Williamsport). The show is for all ages. No tickets are necessary. A free-will offering to support Re-Creation’s ministry to our nation’s veterans will be received during the show. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors and join us for a wonderful evening of worship, music, and praise!

## **“A Time for Peace”**

**On Sunday, May 1st at 7:00 PM**, there will be a unique candlelight event at



Faxon Kenmar United Methodist Church, 1301 Clayton Avenue, Williamsport.

Daily we hear disturbing reports of what is going on in Ukraine. Let's pause in our busy lives to reflect and pray for the people living in strife, not only in Ukraine and Russia, but all around the globe and here at home.

Help us as we gather together to reflect on the need for peace in our world. Plan to attend and bring your family, friends, and neighbors with you as we share - in candlelight - musical selections, singing, praying, and reflecting on “A Time for Peace!” Spread the word and join us on **May 1st**.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

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!

## **Sojourner Truth Ministries**

**Sojourner Truth Ministries, Inc.** serves meals 6 days/week and has Dinner Table Church on Saturdays. In 2021 we served well over 19,000 meals to hungry, food insecure, and homeless individuals. Sign up for 2022 and join us! Sojourner House of Hope is a communal living home program for women coming out of homelessness. These wonderful ministries depend on the generosity of the community and yours is needed!

If your church or group is willing, we have put some of our many needs into a Monthly list. For April and May, we could use: paper towels, plastic forks, lemonade (only) mix, Lysol spray, coffee. Thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry  
Mona Rundio, Coordinator  
570-322-1657  
[UCFPDirector@outlook.com](mailto:UCFPDirector@outlook.com)

This is the time of year that we have sprung forward and we continue to “Spring” each day we are awakened .....PRAISE THE LORD! I, myself, pray and give thanks to the LORD each morning and evening for a new beginning and end. I pray for myself and for those who are lost, forgotten, in pain or illness, and in need. (Psalms 10:17 NIV) To grow in character as Christians, we are to pray, help, and love all those of the world, especially those directly around us. For be wise and fearful, for He is aware of All. During this season we are to give as Christ gave. There are many ways for us to do this: prayers, giving, and thanks are just some ideas. While you are out this month at the store, church, or work, think and pray for what you are capable of doing for those amongst our community. What can you give to those in need during these economical hardships and wars? Here at the pantry, we are in need of the following:

- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Drinks
- Pre-packaged Foods
- Monetary donations/Gift Cards

I would like to give THANKS to all of you that continually contribute to United Churches of Lycoming County and all the affiliates we reach out to and work with!!

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.

Closed the 5th Tuesday/Thursday

### **Camp Mount Luther**

Camp Mount Luther is now accepting applications for Summer Staff positions. Candidates must possess a commitment to Christ, a passion for the outdoors, and strong leadership and teamwork skills. We are looking for people who can put the needs of others ahead of themselves. The camp is accredited by the American Camp Association. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org) or submit an application online at [www.campmountluther.org/application](http://www.campmountluther.org/application)



## ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....***

Drew Wagner	May 01
David Briggs	May 02
Pamela Shenberger	May 02
Allison Smith	May 02
Douglas Hasko, Jr.	May 04
Elizabeth Harris	May 06
Richard Tignor	May 06
Jack Fortin	May 08
James Labenberg	May 09
Larry Moyer	May 09
George Schuman	May 10
Sandy Lentz Strother	May 11
Alice Good	May 13
Keith Wood	May 19
Carol Metzger	May 20
Jocelyn Jean	May 25
Gavin Briggs	May 31
Sally Labenberg	May 31

## ***Happy Anniversary.....***

Wood, Keith & Nancy	May 11
Nau, Jay & Dawn	May 12
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Larson	May 15
Liptak, Bill & Linda	May 20
Morrison, Tom & Karen	May 28
Yaggi, William & Jeanne	May 29

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

