

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church
invites you to celebrate the

*125th Anniversary of St. Luke
and
15th Anniversary of the Ordination of
The Reverend Jeffrey L. LeCrone*



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1400 Market Street,
Williamsport, Pa 17701

*Sunday, September 25, 2022
10:30 AM*

Catered lunch to follow
For the meal and number attending,
please R.S.V.P. to
St. Luke Church at 570-323-7309
by Thursday, September 1st

*Service to be live streamed on Facebook at

<https://fb.me/e/1X6QvFfYQ>

Invitations have been mailed!

*If you have not yet received an invitation in the mail, please contact the church office at (570) 323-7309. Remember, if you are planning to attend the catered lunch after the worship service, **please be sure to R.S.V.P by Thursday, September 1, if you haven't done so already. Thank you***



THE SPECTRUM
ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
www.stlukeweb.com (570) 323-7309

From the Pastor's Desk:

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."
-Psalm 32:8*

Back to school! I'm sure those words carry a different meaning for different people. In my own school days, they meant the temporary end of days spent swimming, bike riding, and just, in general, enjoying my freedom. But they also meant seeing friends I hadn't seen for a while, resuming activities I liked, and, at least on occasion, learning something new.

I suspect that for most of the folks who will read these words, "back to school" doesn't mean much outside of the fact that you have children or grandchildren who will be doing exactly that. But, even for those of us for whom that may be the case, this time of year is a good reminder that you're never too old to learn, particularly when it comes to how we live out our faith.

As we head into the fall and into the school year, here are some ongoing learning opportunities here at St. Luke:

- The Adult Sunday School class continues to meet, using "The Wired Word". It is a curriculum that utilizes current events to study the scriptures and discuss what living out our faith means in today's world.
- I hope to continue the Sunday nights' twice-a-month "Faith Matters" gatherings at New Trail Brewing. We've not had a formal agenda, but so far those in attendance have been suggesting some wonderful topics of conversation that encourage and challenge us to live out our faith.
- I will likely establish a New Members class at some point this fall, with the goal of officially welcoming new members on Reformation Sunday. Now, you might think to yourself, "Why would I attend a New Members Class if I'm already a member?" Well, it's never a bad thing to "get back to the basics", and it would give an opportunity to get to know new members! So, don't be surprised if I encourage ALL to attend when I announce this opportunity.
- Of course, "Independent Study" is always an option too, as everyone is encouraged to establish their own patterns of Bible reading, or finding books that can help you grow in your faith as well.

As our children and grandchildren head back to school, let's remember that God continues to, in the words of the Psalmist, instruct us in the way we should go!

Serving in September

Altar care – Nancy McCarty

Ushers – Terry Belles 4th, 11th & Keith Wood 18th, 25th

Sept. 4th 9:30 am

Lector – Susan Duchman

Communion Assistant – Marilyn Eshleman & Keith Wood

Sept. 11th 10:30 am **time change*

Lector – Ray Schreckengast

Communion Assistant – Jay Nau & Hanne Schuman

Sept. 18th 10:30 am

Lector – Marilyn Eshleman

Communion Assistant – Charles Mahler & Karen Scampone

Sept. 25th 10:30 am **125th Anniversary of St. Luke worship service*

Lector – Sue Beidler

Assisting Minister – Mark Bergren

Communion Assistant – Nancy Wood & Patty Durand

TIME CHANGE Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 11th**. 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 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).



Through September there will be only one Coffee Hour each month and it will be held in Bell Hall. The Coffee Hour will be immediately following the 9:30 AM service on the first Sunday of each month. An additional Coffee Hour following the 8 AM service on the third Sunday of the month will resume in October.

Please see the sign-up board in the West Hall.

SCHOOL KITS NEEDED Requests for School Kits are coming in faster than Lutheran World Relief can keep up. Let's take advantage of summer sales and send in our goal of 55 this year. Again, backpacks are being made by St. Luke volunteers. We are asking you to purchase the supplies listed below and bring them to the church by **September 18th**.



- 70 sheet notebooks of ruled paper, 8"x 10 1/2"
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Pencil sharpeners
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Box of 16 or 24 crayons

SEW FINE QUILTERS will start a new year of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief, the Gate House, Shepherd of the Streets, and Project Linus. Please join us on **Monday, Sept. 12th from 9:00 am -3:00 pm in Bell Hall.** Lunch will be provided at noon. Come and go as your time permits. No quilting experience is needed!

Thank you to all who donate fabric, thread, and new/gently used sheets. Special thanks to Thrivent for monetary donations. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Belles at 570-998-2815.

Looking ahead.....**Blanket Sunday will be Sunday, October 2nd** when all the quilts that have been made this past year will be on display in the chapel and nave.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

When members or friends of the congregation experience trying times or milestones of great joy, we present them with a prayer shawl as a visible sign of our prayers for them. Shawls can be knitted at monthly meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (Sept.- May) or any time at home. The first meeting is on **Tuesday, September 20th from 9:30 am -12 noon** in the Lounge. All are welcome!

Calling all Quilters, Crafters, Crocheters, and Knitters!!!



St. Luke Lutheran Church will be hosting the second Project Linus Annual *Make a Blanket Day* on **Saturday, September 24th, from 9 am to 3 pm.** Lunch and Snacks will be provided. Last year 16 volunteers made 70 blankets for our local Chapter. The Project Linus Susquehanna Valley Chapter is a 100% volunteer nonprofit organization that provides love, a sense of security, warmth, and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through the gifts of bright, new, handmade washable blankets, quilts, and afghans. In our local area, these blankets are distributed to UMPC Williamsport, Muncy Valley, Jersey Shore, and Lock Haven Hospitals. In addition, we deliver to Wise Options for Women, Family Promise, Warrior Run School District, Daniel's closet, Social Services, and police and fire departments. In 2021, 800 blankets were distributed in our area. The need continues to grow as the weather turns colder and children are forced to sleep in their coats because the family can't afford heat. Once again, we need help in assembling and hand tying quilts, cutting and tying fleece blankets, and sewing together granny square blankets for the children. We are also accepting completed blankets that day to take to the local chapter.

If you can help, please call Dawn Nau at 503-686-4968. Thank you.



Found in the back parking lot on Monday, August 15th: black prescription sunglasses. Please call the church office. (570) 323-7309. Thank you.

PRE-SCHOOL MUM SALE

The sale begins **September 1st** and will continue through **September 20th.**

Certificates will be available for sale at the church office or from a Board member for \$6.00 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. 10th - Oct. 15th.** To make arrangements to purchase a mum coupon(s) directly from the Pre-School, please call Diane Gonzalez at 570-971-2422.





Our community's annual walk to fight hunger, the CROP Walk, is scheduled for **Sunday, October 9, 2022**. Registration and Walk will begin at 1pm in front of St. Mark's Lutheran Church (142 Market Street). **Crop Walk forms will be available soon!**

Walkers can walk 3, 6, or 9 miles on the River Walk. Other structured opportunities will be in Hughesville, Quiggleville, and Trout Run.

You or members of your congregation may wish to walk on your own or create another location!

This year is our 44th Walk, and to date, we have raised over 1 million dollars to help stop hunger! Last year we raised almost \$9,000. We hope we can count on your congregation's participation.

Thank you for doing your part to fight hunger both locally and globally. Of the money we raise, 25% goes to our community and is distributed equally among the New Love Center in Jersey Shore, the Sonlight House of Muncy, the United Churches of Lycoming County's Food Pantry, and Sojourner Truth Ministries. The other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally to help hungry people.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST. LUKE

FOOD PANTRY SHELVES NEED: Updated- 8/1

Canned Goods (meats, vegetables,
and fruits)
Cereal (any size)

Boxed Mixes (cakes, brownies...)
Microwavable items
Condiments

Pantry Days and Hours:

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

**Location: 202 E. Third St., Williamsport
(570) 322-1657**

SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS needed:

Laundry pods (smaller household packs)
Dish soap and hand soap
Sunscreen (child & adult)
Men's and Women's body wash
Shampoo and Conditioner

Baby wash Baby shampoo
Children's toothbrushes & Children's toothpaste
Shaving cream
Bath towels, Paper towels
***Bars of Dove soap**
Baby diapers size 3 and up

**Location: 320 Park Ave., Williamsport
(570) 322-653**



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

CML ANNUAL DANDELION TRAIL RUN

Saturday, September 3, 2022 – 9 am

The Dandelion Trail Run is a 5 and 10-kilometer trail run. The race 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. 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. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Mifflinburg/DandelionRun5k10kTrailRace> .

INSTALLATION OF THE FORTH BISHOP of USS, Rev. Craig A. Miller, is **September 17, 2:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 15 S. 5th St. Sunbury.** A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow the service. **Please RSVP at** <https://forms.office.com/r/JeezHvCK9N>. For more info call the Upper Susquehanna Synod Office (570) 524-9778. Masking is encouraged. Parking is available on the street and in the city lots between 4th and 5th Streets and one block north on 5th Street.

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(uclc.org)



Footsteps To Follow

I Used To Say; Now I Say

**By Pastor Kathy F. Burkhart, Certified Lay Minister
Unityville United Methodist Church Charge**

Romans 5:1-5 states: Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us (NIV).

Believing my whole life to have faith in God allowed me to have discernment for eternal life.

As our children grew up and moved out, and my husband and I became empty-nesters, I became very aware that time was ticking away on our life clock. I thought to myself, "I do not fear death, but wonder what is around the corner for me." I thought I had reasoned through that process until the "corner" arrived.

In December 1996, I had what appeared to be a runny nose from a cold. This symptom continued for many days. Then I visited an ear, nose, and throat specialist who took a sample of the fluid. The results were shocking. It was cerebral spinal fluid leakage from my left nostril. After more tests, I was sent to a neurosurgeon.

It took two surgeries the week of December 7, 1996, to repair the problem, which included a craniotomy and a lumbar shunt placed in my back. I was now having an unforeseeable experience and learning some of what was around the "corner."

It happened so fast that I did not even have time to realize what was going on. I know I never prayed as the "corner" had me so dumbfounded. I just followed what and where they told me to do and go next.

I found out later that I was surrounded by prayers from my family, friends, and the members of my home church, First United Methodist Church, Muncy, PA.

The word spread quickly that I was having a craniotomy. Many other congregations placed me on their prayer request lists. I could feel the Holy Spirit

supporting me from all the prayers. I simply focused totally on the preparations I needed to make for the surgery and left the praying to others.

Friends, that is what it is all about: helping your neighbors. I have now recovered and have become a certified lay minister. I tell my Unityville United Methodist Church Charge parishioners that neighbors are not just the people next door. That means everybody. People we come in contact with, whether we know them or they are strangers, are our neighbors.

Well, I was better for a while, but I required more surgery later. Eventually, the “corner” got wider because the leakage started again. A total of eight surgeries were completed in the 15 years that followed, but I had no fear after the first craniotomy because God had proven He was beside me for each one.

The “corner” and fear has dissipated because my faith in God is stronger. God walked me right through that fear with the help of prayers from lots of known and unknown prayer warriors.

I am happy to report that I am doing great since 2011.

Now I say, “My favorite word is hope.” That is thanks to the Romans 5:1-5 scripture. The “corners” don’t have to be frightening, but they can be filled with faith and perseverance, character, hope, and God’s love.

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## **Sojourner Truth Ministries**

### ***Dinner Church***

#### **LAST YEAR WE SERVED OVER 20,000 MEALS TO HUNGRY AND STRUGGLING PEOPLE IN OUR AREA.**

Around a table with community and meal, we will seek to meet the need for soul food and nutrition for the body. We meet a need for fellowship and deepened community/family relationship development. When we share a meal with someone, we are accepting them as equals, worthy of sharing our table. Let us all come 'round the table as one to worship!

#### **TO GET INVOLVED**

To learn more and get involved, please contact Pastor Angelique (office) at (570) 323 - 1797 or email [sojournertruthministries@gmail.com](mailto:sojournertruthministries@gmail.com)

**REMINDERS:** Office hours – M & T 9-12, 1-3; W, TH, F 9-12  
Bulletin 9:00 am – WEDNESDAY 9:00am  
Spectrum deadline – **15<sup>th</sup> of each month**  
Council Pack 9:00 am due – Friday 9:00 am before Mtg.  
Office e-mail – [info@stlukeweb.com](mailto:info@stlukeweb.com)

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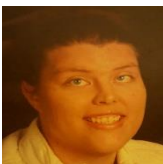
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY.....

Megan Croyle September 01
Shelby Wyland September 01
Todd Griffith September 03
Kayla Scampone September 04
Isaac Young September 05
Rev. David Byerly September 06
Joshua Bernocco September 07
Carole Steiger September 09
Michael Young September 09
Shane Confer September 11
Rick Gonzalez September 12
Charlotte Miller September 15
Chris Knaur September 17
Sue Beidler September 19
Andrew Reed September 24
Susan Harvey September 25
Glenda Merkel September 25
Mark Bergren September 26
Ann Hilner September 26
Erin Edmonds September 27
Barbara Loudenslager September 27
Jack Snyder September 29

Happy Anniversary.....

Yoas, Karl & Janet	September 21
Steiger, Eugene & Carole	September 24

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