



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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2024 NEWSLETTER (SUMMER EDITION)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: - *No July article*

On vacation: June 3rd - 13th

Out of the office: June 14th & 15th at Synod Assembly, with church members, Deb Smith and Beck Lewis!

FROM THE OFFICE



In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. If you need emergency pastoral care during this time, please call Pastor Jeff at 570-220-3631.

Serving in July at the 9:30 am worship service

Altar Care: Cindy Belles

Greeters: 7th Linda Updegraff and Becky Lewis; 14th Susan and Charles Duchman; 21st Carole Harris and Melanie Taormina; 28th Deb Smith

Ushers: Sue and Charlie Duchman

Live Stream Assistant: 7th Charles Mahler; 14th Bob McCullough; 21st Brad Nason; 28th BobMcCullough

July 7th Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Lector – Ray Schreckengast

Assisting Minister – Mark Bergren

Communion Assistant – Andrea Clark

July 14th Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Lector – Dan Lamade

Assisting Minister – Allen Husband

Communion Assistant – Janice Ogurcak

July 21st Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Lector – Jay Nau

Assisting Minister – Deb Smith

Communion Assistant – Nancy Wood

July 28th Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Lector – Sandy Lentz Strother

Assisting Minister – Charles Mahler

Communion Assistant – Rod Strother

Offering Counters

7th Sue Beidler & Nancy McCarty

14th Nancy McCarty & Terry Belles

21st Terry Belles & TBA

28th Sue Beidler & Marilyn Eshleman



SERVING (*Lectors, Assistant Minister, or Communion Helper*) If you would like to help serve in our 8:00AM or 10:30AM 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).

GREETERS Anyone interested in serving as a greeter, please contact the church office or Debra Smith at 570-762-3308 or email at: mdtmom4@gmail.com

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY Please consider volunteering for Coffee Hour! All coffee, tea, paper products, etc. are in the kitchen. Volunteers are asked to provide snacks, such as muffins, donuts, cookies, etc. Please contact a member of the Fellowship Ministry if you would like us to help you set up for Coffee Hour or if you have any questions. Ruth Croyle at 570-433-3873 or Jeanne Yaggi at 570-329-6980.

FROM OUTREACH Greetings from the Outreach Ministry! Rev. Stephen Deal, the missionary from Costa Rica, will be visiting St. Luke on the weekend **August 9 through 11**. We are planning several activities for the weekend. We are looking for a host family for the weekend. If you are interested, please contact Deb Smith at 570-762-3308 or mdtmom4@gmail.com, or the church office or Pastor Jeff. See updated information in the weekly bulletin.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST. LUKE

THE FOOD PANTRY Below is a list of items the UCLC Food Pantry is in need of. *Updated 6/10 - These items are collected in our West entryway.*

Pancake Mix	Ramen noodle packs
Canned Pineapple	Relish
Chunky Soups	Canned Baked Beans
Applesauce (canned or jars preferred)	Vegetable soup
Boxed potatoes (flakes, au gratin, etc)	Chicken & Rice Soup
Boxed stuffing	Mayonnaise
Canned Beets	Ketchup
Salsa	Mustard
Canned Tuna	Jelly (Grape or Strawberry)
	Jif to Go

Also, the pantry is in need of grocery bags in good condition (used are fine as long as they are not torn), sandwich bags, and gallon bags.

SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS Items needed are of regular sizes: Deodorant, Diapers, Wipes, Shampoo, Powder, Oil, Q-tips, Soap, Shaving Cream and Razor, Tissues, Shampoo and Conditioner, Toilet Paper, Women's Hygiene Products, etc. *These hygiene items are collected in the West entryway.*

DANIEL'S CLOSET needs summer **seasonal clothing** (*no winter/fall clothing at this time and please NO hangers*) for infants, children, and adults, as well as accessories (belts, ties, shoes, purses, backpacks/bags, suitcases, etc.). All clothing must be bagged, no loose clothing, please. A collection box is located in our West Hall or items can be taken directly to Redeemer Lutheran Church at 1101 Washington Blvd., Williamsport.



BLUEBERRY PICKING

July 15th - August (TBD)

For more information, please contact Jere Eshleman at 570-322-5202. A sign-up sheet is COMING SOON! (Located in the West Hall)



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

School Kits - Our goal for LWR School Kits this year is to fill as many school bags as possible – 75 school bags have been sewn by Judy Keller, for this project. Items needed to fill the school kits are as follows :

- 70 sheet notebooks of ruled paper, 8”x 10 ½”
- Ruler (centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- Pencil sharpeners
- Eraser 2 ½”
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- Crayon Box of 16 or 24-count

These school kits are assembled in October for early delivery, along with the quilts made by the (SFQ) Sew Fine Quilters of St. Luke.

BRINGING BACK HARVEST HOME SUNDAY – Our St. Luke canvas food bags will be made available for members to fill with non-perishable food items through August. Please return them filled for Harvest Sunday on September 22, 2024.

We are a small group – always looking for new committee people. The Service Ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm in the church lounge. Have a blessed summer.

ST. LUKE BLOOD DRIVE



Friday, August 16th
Noon – 5:00 PM
St. Luke Lutheran Church, Bell Hall
1400 MARKET ST., WILLIAMSPORT





UNITED CHURCHES OF LYCOMING COUNTY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CAMP FIRELIGHT

Sunday, July 21st – Thursday, July 25th
Held at Saint John's-Newberry United Methodist Church
2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport

New!! Free Supper 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – VBS 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. each evening
designed for ages 4 – 12 and special abilities adults

Registration Form (one form per child/person)

Child Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Cell#: _____

Age: _____ Grade Completed: _____ Church Affiliation: _____

New!! Attending the free nightly light supper: ____ Yes ____ No

What special needs/concerns/allergies do we need to be aware of to make this the best experience:

Name of person who will be dropping off/picking up child: _____

Photo Release: Camp Firelight VBS has my permission to use my child's photograph publicly in VBS materials. I understand the images may be used in print publications, online publications, presentations, websites, and social media. ____ Yes ____ No

Photo Signature Acknowledgement _____

How did you hear about our VBS event? _____

Please drop-off or mail information by Sunday, July 14th to any participating church or to the office of: Saint John's-Newberry UMC, 2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 or email to secretary@stjnumc.com Participating Churches: Christ Episcopal, First Church of Christ Disciples, New Covenant UCC, Saint John's-Newberry UMC, St. Luke and St. Mark's Lutheran, Sojourner Truth Ministries and Trinity Episcopal

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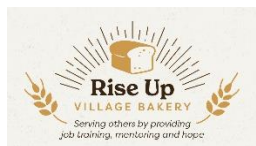
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HURTS, HABITS & HANG-UPS**

Rise Up Village Bakery



Greetings to our friends and supporters. Since our last newsletter at the end of 2023 many wonderful things have occurred at the Rise Up Village Bakery. Currently we have five trainees, with one of them assuming some leadership responsibilities. Two of our initial trainees “graduated” to make room for new participants. It was with reluctance and appreciation that we launched them into life’s next phase with part-time employment.

Our volunteer kitchen staff is led by Amy as the head cookie/muffin baker, and Larry as the breadman. They are assisted by Jake (who recently celebrated his 80th birthday) and Bob and Marty. The “front of the house” is managed by four women who oversee the packaging and sales of the baked goods. We do have a particular need for more experienced kitchen volunteers. Our key people are stretched as far as possible. To be able to offer more hours for the trainees we must increase the number of kitchen help. If you or someone you know loves to bake and wants to be a part of this ministry please contact us! (riseupvillagebakery@gmail.com)

The bakery has been the recipient of significant monetary donations from PMF Industries and the West End Food Bank. From these generous gifts we have created an “office” onsite with the addition of a laptop, printer and filing cabinet. Shelves have been purchased for a storage closet, giving us more room for equipment and ingredients. The biggest acquisition is a bench top cookie cutter and equipment stand. We will be able to replace “scooping” of many of the cookies with this hand cranked machine. Recipes that are soft and sticky will no longer be the last chore anyone wants to face! The crew is anxious to begin using the kookie-king.

Recognizing that some potential customers cannot make a daytime pickup we plan to offer evening hours from 5-6PM one or two Tuesdays a month. Watch the weekly “menu offerings” for announcements regarding the dates this will be available.

As we grow we thank each of you who have supported us by purchasing our products, by your donations and by your prayers. When we began the Rise Up Village Bakery project two years ago we had no idea where it would lead us. What has evolved is a unique bond and commitment from our volunteers and our supporters. Lives are being changed through the personal connection we make with one another. May we continue to listen carefully and follow where He leads us.

Marty & Wendy McCormick

Place Your Order Today!

For July selections, please check out our Facebook page!

Email your order to this link: riseupvillagebakery@gmail.com



REMINDER

Newsletter deadline - **The 15th of each month at 9:00 am**
Bulletin Announcement deadline - **Wednesday 9:00 am**
Council Ministry meeting minutes due - **Thursday 9:00 am**
before Mtg. *Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.*

If you would like to receive the newsletter (in color!) via email, please contact the church office at 570-323-7309 or by email at info@stlukeweb.com. Thank you.

GOLFERS!

Reserve your foursome today!

If you do not have a foursome, we can help arrange one for you!

Friday, September 27, 2024

**Vintage Course
White Deer Golf Course**

8:00am Registration
9:00am Shotgun Start
Four Person Scramble

Call or email for more info!
570-322-1110
director@uclc.org



The United Churches of Lycoming County

We thank you for helping us to discover new ways every year to work together to share God's love.



To our members celebrating a birthday in July

Nancy McCarty	July 01
Hannelore Schuman	July 02
Jay Nau	July 09
Ross Mahler	July 13
Stephanie Confer	July 16
Wilson Durand	July 16
Jeffrey LeCrone	July 16
Marian Schaefer	July 16
Allison Bloom	July 17
Jimmy Labenberg	July 17
Douglas Durand	July 19
Cyle Hiller	July 21
Melanie Taormina	July 24
Judy DeWitt	July 25
William Yaggi	July 25
Janice Ranck	July 27
Luke Edmonds	July 28
Bill Liptak	July 28
Janna Seyler	July 30

Happy Wedding Anniversary.....

Mark & Karen Bergren	July 11
John & Laura McNassor	July 17

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

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