ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1400 Market St., Williamsport, PA 17701



The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 8:00AM & 10:30AM

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Fantasy Prelude on an Easter Hymn, 12th c. German carol, arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN LBW 151 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

GREETING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

Sit

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the

people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

(sung responsively: light print-cantor, dark print-congregation)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the [|]LORD is good; God's mercy en- [|]dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song, and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD; here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- ers rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has | this been done; it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

stand

ALLELUIA



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.



On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY LBW 144

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

NICENE CREED (8:00 am)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

BAPTISM AND PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30 am)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (10:30)

This morning we welcome Madalyne Andrews into membership.

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Creed

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Affirmation

The presiding minister first addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The minister then addresses the assembly.

P People of God, do you promise to support *these sisters and* brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer Welcome

P Let us rejoice with our sister in Christ.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

BAPTISM (10:30)

This morning, Westyn Hicks will be baptized, presented by his mother, Madalyne Andrews and sponsors, Linda DeLong and Amy Andrews

Presentation

The presiding minister addresses parents and sponsors first, followed by the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Westyn_and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Stand

Thanksgiving at the Font

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The presiding minister continues with words of thanksgiving)

Baptism Welcome

A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

A... God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

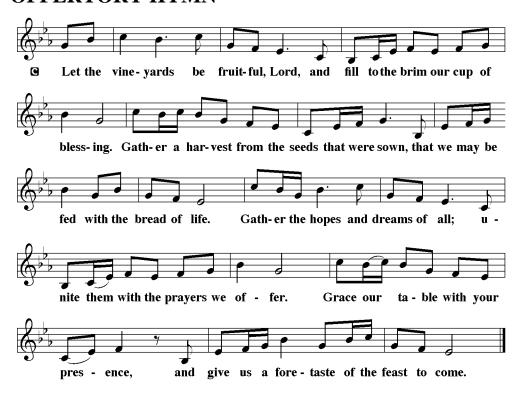
Peace be with you

R Peace be with you

Sit

ANTHEM Hallelujah Chorus, from The Messiah, by G.F. Handel

OFFERTORY HYMN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

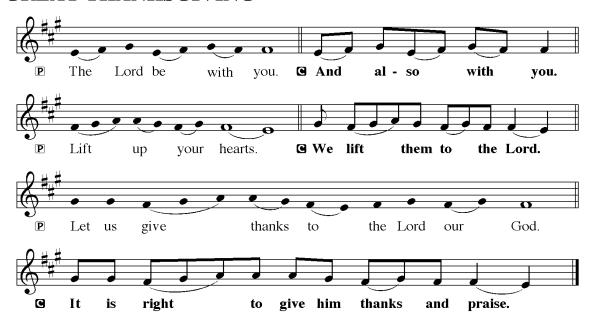
breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

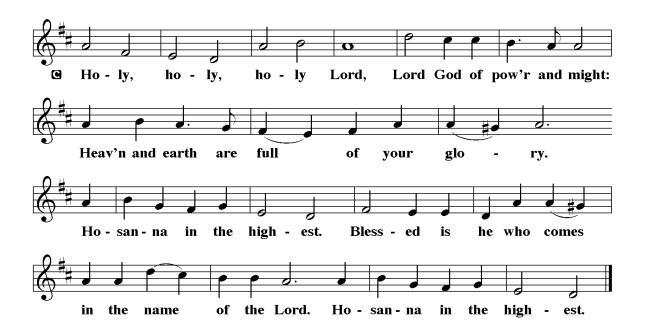
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right. . . (The preface appropriate to the day or season is said, concluding. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night... (The pastor proclaims the Words of Institution, Concluding)...Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

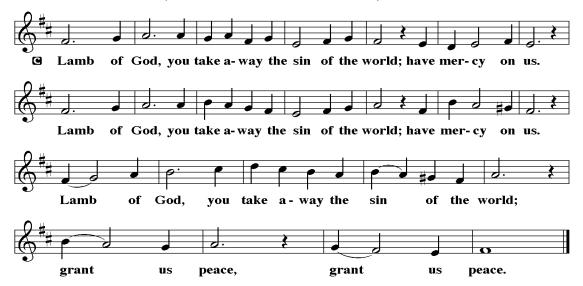
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COMMUNION (Continuous Communion)

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say:* Amen

LAMB OF GOD (Administrants commune)



All are invited forward. If you do not normally take communion, please cross your arms and you will be given a blessing. Children who do not take communion will receive a piece of bread with the words "Take and Eat.". Visitors, if you commune in your home congregation you are welcome to commune here. (If you prefer juice rather than wine, please take one of the prefilled glasses.)

(Congregation communes)

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

LBW 128 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

WOV 676 This Joyful Eastertide

LBW 145 *Thine Is the Glory*

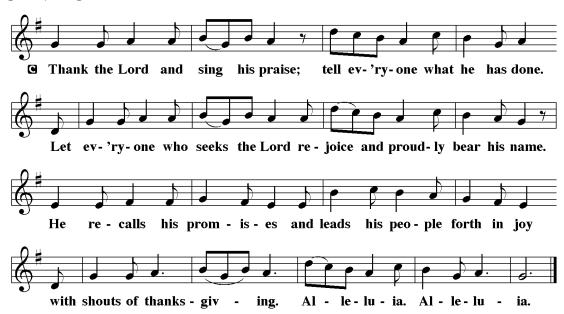
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BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

SENDING

CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, 中 Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN LBW 131 Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Coronation*, tune:Oliver Holden, arr. by Charles Callahan

THE POTTED PALMS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of LaHoma and Richard Rhodes, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Berish, and Mr. & Mrs. Malcom Rhodes, by the Rhodes Family.

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THE EASTER FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Our parents: Harry and Fern Williams and Bill and Dodie Shade by Dave and Lynn Shade

Our parents and our siblings

by Richard and Janice Ogurcak

Harold M. and Leah W. Lewis

by the Lewis family

Betsy Reed

by the Edmonds family

My beloved wife, Karen; my parents Perry and Margaret Knaur by Christian Knaur

Charles Harris

by Carole Harris and daughters, Dawne, Melanie and Julie

Woodrow and Helen Zimmerman

by Carole Harris, and granddaughters, Dawne, Melanie, and Julie

Melanie's grandparents, Charles A. and Charlotte E. Harris by Melanie, Dan, and Daniel Taormina

Dan's mother, Elvira Taormina

by Melanie, Dan and Daniel Taormina

Our parents, Ken and Audre Bergren; and Rudolph and

Marguerite Lundquist

by Mark and Karen Bergren

Harold and Leah Lewis

by Glenda Stroud

Joanne Wolfe R.N.

by Glenda Stroud

Margaret Wood

by Nancy and Keith Wood

Charles and Eleanor Mextorf

by Nancy and Keith Wood

Audrey and Charles Duchman Sr.

by Sue and Charlie Duchman

Richard and Hannah Strother; and Richard McGrew Strother by Sandra Lentz Strother Fred Schaefer and David Lentz
by Marian Schaefer
My parents, George and Martha McCarty
Marlin and Prudence Wolfe; George and Ruth Homan
by Daniel and Linda Wolfe
My wife, Janet
by Ray Schreckengast

and in loving honor of:

Our children and grandchildren

by Dave and Lynn Shade

Our St. Luke Lutheran Church

by Richard and Janice Ogurcak

Mrs. Linda Updegraff

by Glenda Stroud

Becky Lewis

by Glenda Stroud

Our church family and our children: Emily, Justin, and Chelsey

by Keith and Nancy Wood

Our grandchildren, Kade and Kinley Rodarmel

by Sue and Charlie Duchman

My family

by Sandra Lentz Strother

My family

by Marian Schaefer

Dorothy Geiger Kibbe

by Mary Beth Kibbe

PRAYER LIST: From our St. Luke Family: Family and friends:

Linda Liptak; Bob McCullough; David DeLong, Avery Lentz; Melanie Taormina; Rose Husband; Deb Smith; Rod Strother; Hank and Joan Knaus; Jim Labenberg; Dwight Rhodes; Amy Andrews (daughter of Linda DeLong) and our homebound members.

Family and friends: Nicole Baughman (cousin of the Bill Ciabattari); Larry Chilson (friend of Jim and Becky Donnell); Bud Thomas (father of Diane Thomas), Andrea Hunt (sister of Hanne Schuman), Amie Glasby, Terri McIvor (family of Becky Donnell & Judy Collins); Deb (Rhodes) Wertman (sister of Dwight Rhodes); Gloria Hardwick (mother of Laura McNassor); Pam Shuler (friend of Jim & Becky Donnell); Kathy Williams (sister of Lynn Shade); Kathy Eshelman; The Rev. Mark Brumbach; Betsy Rider (friend of Nancy McCarty and Williamsport).

For servicemen and women serving in posts far from home, and our servicemen and women readjusting to their lives here in the States.

For persistence and strength for those going through all types of recovery.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TODAY: April 20th, The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter

8:00AM In-person Service

9:15AM Easter Breakfast in Bell Hall

No Adult Sunday School

10:30AM In-person Service, Children's Sunday School & Livestream

THIS CALENDAR WEEK: April 21st –26th

Monday 21st - *Church office closed*; SFQ 9AM - 3:00PM (pack a lunch) BH; Pre-School meeting 7:00 PM – Lib.

Tuesday 22nd - SFQ 9AM - 3:00PM (pack a lunch) BH; Personnel 5:30PM- Lib.

Thursday 24th - Choir 7:00PM

NEXT SUNDAY: April 27th, The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00AM In-person Service

9:15AM Adult Sunday School; Handbell Practice

10:30AM In-person Service, Children's Sunday School & Livestream

Serving at the 10:30AM worship service

Altar Care: Charles Mahler; May – Sondra Fisher

Greeters: 20th Cindy and Terry Belles; 27th Edmonds family.

Ushers: 20th - Sandy and Rod Strother; 27th- Chip Edmonds.

<u>Acolyte</u>: 20th – Mac Harris and Jacob Edmonds; 27th – Wyatt Judge. <u>Live Stream Assistant</u>: 20th – Charles Mahler; 27th – Brad Nason.

April 20th - *Easter Sunday*

Lector – Sue Duchman

Assisting Minister - Deb Smith

Communion Assistant – Nancy and Keith Wood and the Strother Family

April 27th- Second Sunday of Easter

Lector – Sue Beidler

Assisting Minister – Mark Bergren

Communion Assistant – Karen Baldys

OFFERING COUNTERS

22nd – Terry Belles and Pat Kelley; 27th – Sue Beidler and Jannine Monness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 21st for all staff. If you require emergency pastoral care during this time, please call Pastor LeCrone at 570-220-3631.

THE RED WELCOME PADS in the pews is our record of your attendance and communion for members and visitors. Please take a moment to complete it. Thank you!

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS at St. Luke meets in the church library at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings. We hope to see you there! *If you would like to receive weekly lesson emails, please let me know and I will add you to the list. Please contact the church office or Charles Mahler* (<u>mahler@lycoming.edu</u> or 570-322-8840)

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL for elementary school-aged kids is held during the 10:30 AM worship service. Each Sunday, Cheryl Newburg will lead the kids out of the service at the beginning of the readings and bring them back at the beginning of the choir anthem.

CHURCH OFFICE COVERAGE. Please contact the church office (570-323-7309) if you are available to help with coverage for the office from April 28th- May 2nd and May 5th – May 9th.

SERVING 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 <u>kohlerdede@gmail.com</u> or Pastor Jeff at 570-323-7309.

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

USHERS Anyone interested in serving as an usher, please contact Nancy McCarty - nmac7149@gmail.com or 570- 419-7827 or the church office

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE If you or someone you know needs prayer, please call Cindy Belles at 570-419-1363 or Karen Bergren at 570-220-3201 to start the prayer chain. If you want the name to be on the <u>bulletin prayer list</u> call the church office.

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.

DONATIONS NEEDED The Ministry of Outreach plans to send care packages to college students during final exams. We are looking for individual chips, pretzels, nuts, cookies, breakfast bars, and candy packages. If you would like to donate, a basket will be set up in West Hall. Also, if you know a college student who would like to receive a care package, please contact Deb Smith at mdtmom4@ gmail.com or 570-762-3308. Once again, we want our students to know we pray and care for them while they are away. Let's spread J.O.Y. Thank you.

SEW FINE QUILTERS Please join us in Bell Hall for "Double Days" **Monday, April 21st and Tuesday, April 22nd 9AM-3PM**. Come and go as your time permits. No quilting experience is needed. join the FUN! Pack a lunch both days. Beverages and dessert provided

A "Project Linus" blanket collection box is now located in the Bell Hall vestibule. All blankets donated to Project Linus may be placed in the box. Please contact Dawn Nau with any Project Linus questions.

COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS The Richard E. Swartz Memorial Scholarship Fund applications are available for pickup. The applications are located outside the office, on the wall rack.

POSITION OPENING; St. Luke Lutheran Church invites applications for an individual to serve as Church Office Coordinator. This is a parttime, hourly position that serves as a primary front office staff member coordinating day to day operations of the church and supporting church leadership and rostered staff. Hourly rate is dependent on experience. A more detailed job description is available from the Church office, or at stlukeweb.com. Interested individuals should submit a resume and cover letter to info@stlukeweb.com or by mail to 1400 Market Street, Williamsport PA 17701, Attn: Pastor Jeff LeCrone.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST. LUKE

THE FOOD PANTRY Your help is desperately needed! Below is a list of items that the UCLC Food Pantry needs:

1 lb. Canned Hams
Spam like canned meat
Cereal
Pop Tarts
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Tuna Fish
Pork & Beans
Salt & Pepper Sets
Ketchup
BBQ Sauce
Relish
Mayonnaise

SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS Items most needed at this time are baby diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion. Size 7 diapers, XXL adult pull-ups and facial tissue. **These hygiene items are collected in the West entryway.**

STAFF AT ST. LUKE



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REMINDERS: Office hours – M - F 9-1
Bulletin 9:00AM – WEDNESDAY 9:00AM
Spectrum deadline – 15th of each month
Council Pack 9:00AM due – Friday 9:00AM before Mtg.
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