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# **2025 NEWSLETTER**

From the Pastor's Desk

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' " – Mark 6:31

As I look back on previous newsletter articles I've written this time of year, it occurs to me that the month of June is often a time for me to spend some time with the concept of "sabbath". In the church, "sabbath" is typically associated with Sunday, a day set aside for worship. But the Hebrew word from which it is derived, "shabbat" (שבת), actually means "rest", or "cease". That's why when the "Sabbath Day" is referenced in the Ten Commandments, it is connected with a prohibition of work: to keep the Sabbath Day holy is to honor it as a day, not only of worship, but also of rest.

We were built to need rest, thus the command to have one day out of our week devoted to it. But, Shabbat is not necessarily something we should practice only on Sundays. There will be seasons in each of our lives where it will be very beneficial for us to take a step away from the things that burden us and just ... rest. In fact, I'd like to invite you to take a moment as you read this to close your eyes and take inventory of how you feel in this very moment. Focus on your breathing as you do. I'll give you some time ...

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If you took me up on my suggestion, did you find that your muscles relaxed or that your heart rate dropped just a bit? It may very well be that you needed that Sabbath moment.

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Even Jesus needed occasional Sabbath moments. We find various instances in the Gospels where both he and his disciples retreat from the crowds and the expectations of ministry to just ... rest.

Personally, I have found that the month of June is a perfect time for me to take a vacation. By June, I will have come through both Lent and Easter seasons, and I am usually tired. It's a great time for me to recharge my batteries. Doing so improves my perspective on life and helps to renew my spiritual connection to Jesus. Whatever the pattern of your life looks like, I hope that you will be able to find the occasional time to Shabbat.

Peace,

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P.S. I want to thank all of those who have begun using our new QR code attendance system! We've aleady begun to take advantage of the information, which is now much easier to compile!

## Serving in June at the 9:30 am worship service

Altar care: Nancy McCarty

**Greeters: 1st** Hanne Schuman; **8th** Jan Matz; **15th** Patty & Doug Durand; **22<sup>nd</sup>** Peggy & Chuck Yohn; **29<sup>th</sup>** Nancy & Keith Wood. **Usbars: 1<sup>st</sup>** Dan & Daniel Taormina: **8<sup>th</sup>** Rod& Sandy Strother: **15<sup>th</sup>** Richard

Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Dan & Daniel Taormina; 8<sup>th</sup> Rod& Sandy Strother; 15<sup>th</sup> Richard Ogurcak; 22<sup>nd</sup> Hanne Schuman; 29<sup>th</sup> Bill Merkel

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June 1<sup>st</sup> Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Lector – Kim Fremberg Assisting Minister – Deb Smith Communion Assistant – Nancy Wood

June 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Pentecost 9:30 am Lector – Diana Bailey Assisting Minister – Melanie Taormina Communion Assistant – Karen Baldys



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June 15<sup>th</sup> First Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Lector – David Bailey Assisting Minister - Charles Mahler Communion Assistant – Becky Lewis

June 22<sup>nd</sup> Second Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Lector – Wilma Reeder Assisting Minister – Marilyn Eshleman Communion Assistant – Janice Ogurcak

June 29<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Lector – Deb Smith Assisting Minister – Allan Husband Communion Assistant – Keith Wood

### Live Stream Assistant

1<sup>st</sup> Charles Mahler 8<sup>th</sup> Daniel Taormina 15<sup>th</sup> Brad Nason 22<sup>nd</sup> Dan Taormina **29<sup>th</sup>** Charles Mahler

## **Offering Counters**

1<sup>st</sup> Pat Kelley & Nancy McCarty 8<sup>th</sup> Terry Belles & Ray Schreckengast 15th Janice Ogurcak & Nancy McCarty 22<sup>nd</sup> Ray Schreckengast & Sue Beidler 29<sup>th</sup> Sondra Fisher & Pat Kelley

### Acolyte 1<sup>st</sup> Wyatt Judge

**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.

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**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

**SEW FINE QUILTERS** will meet on **Monday, June 2, 2025 from 9:00AM - 3:00 PM** in Bell Hall. This will be our last work day until September. At 12 noon we will be having lunch (Giant chicken provided) If you would like to, you may bring a dish to pass but this is not necessary. Come join the fun!

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**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE** is now underway. Please notify the church office if you have any change in contact information. We would like to keep the directory updated and as accurate as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**: 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 <u>stlukeweb.com</u>. Interested individuals should submit a resume and cover letter to <u>info@stlukeweb.com</u> or by mail to 1400 Market Street, Williamsport PA 17701, Attn: Pastor Jeff LeCrone.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

\* SUMMER WORSHIP times are: 8:00 am and 9:30 am starting June 1st.

Our first outdoor service will be at the 9:30 AM service on June 15<sup>th</sup> (Extra chairs will be available, but please bring one if you can. )

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS** The Service Ministry is filling LWR school kits for this Fall. As in previous years the school supply items needed are the same. At least 50 bags will be filled

While summer sale shopping, please help us fulfill this goal by looking for these items needed to fill the school kits:

- Spiral notebooks -70-80 sheet – wide or college ruled paper, 8"x 10 ½" (4 notebooks per bag)
- Ruler (centimeters on one side and inches on the other)
- Pencil sharpeners

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- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Crayon Box of 16 or 24count

Items may be dropped off at the church office. Many thanks for your
continued support!
Continued support!

**CAMP MOUNT LUTHER** will be having a dedication of the Maple Village Bathhouse, followed by a pig roast, on Friday June 13, 2025 at 5:45PM. Please RSVP by June 2, 2025 by emailing <u>cml@campmountluther.org</u>

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#### **ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST. LUKE**

#### DANIEL'S CLOSET

Daniel's Closet needs your help! Summer clothing and accessories are needed for all ages, from infant through adult. **Seasonal clothing** (*no winter 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.

#### SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS

Items most needed at this time are baby shampoo and wash, Size 3 diapers, XXL adult pull-ups (no tabs), paper towels, deodorant, and toothpaste. **These hygiene items are collected in the West entryway.** 

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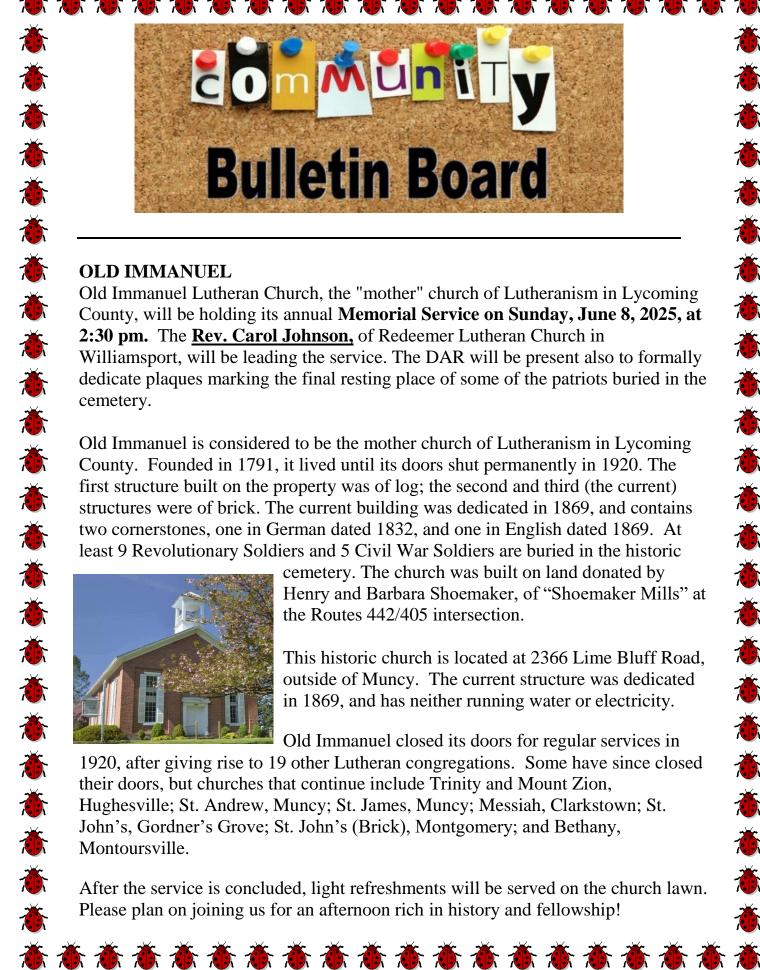
#### THE FOOD PANTRY

Below is a list of items that the UCLC Food Pantry needs. If you would like to join the volunteer team at the Pantry, please contact Tammey at 570-322-1110 for an orientation.

Wide Egg Noodles Canned corn Sugar (white or brown) Spam Canned hams Shrimp Ramen Noodles Pork and Beans Chunky Soups Chicken and Rice Soup

Food Pantry Donation: drop-offs are Monday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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## **OLD IMMANUEL**

Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, the "mother" church of Lutheranism in Lycoming County, will be holding its annual Memorial Service on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at 2:30 pm. The Rev. Carol Johnson, of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Williamsport, will be leading the service. The DAR will be present also to formally dedicate plaques marking the final resting place of some of the patriots buried in the cemetery.

Old Immanuel is considered to be the mother church of Lutheranism in Lycoming County. Founded in 1791, it lived until its doors shut permanently in 1920. The first structure built on the property was of log; the second and third (the current) structures were of brick. The current building was dedicated in 1869, and contains two cornerstones, one in German dated 1832, and one in English dated 1869. At least 9 Revolutionary Soldiers and 5 Civil War Soldiers are buried in the historic



cemetery. The church was built on land donated by Henry and Barbara Shoemaker, of "Shoemaker Mills" at the Routes 442/405 intersection.

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This historic church is located at 2366 Lime Bluff Road, outside of Muncy. The current structure was dedicated in 1869, and has neither running water or electricity.

Old Immanuel closed its doors for regular services in

1920, after giving rise to 19 other Lutheran congregations. Some have since closed their doors, but churches that continue include Trinity and Mount Zion, Hughesville; St. Andrew, Muncy; St. James, Muncy; Messiah, Clarkstown; St. John's, Gordner's Grove; St. John's (Brick), Montgomery; and Bethany, Montoursville.

After the service is concluded, light refreshments will be served on the church lawn. Please plan on joining us for an afternoon rich in history and fellowship!

**COMMUNITY VBS** St. Luke Church will be participating with the United Churches of Lycoming County Vacation Bible School "ROAD TRIP: On the Go with God". Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>- Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Camp is designed for ages 4-12 and special abilities adults. If you or your ministry would like to volunteer, please contact Saint John's -Newberry UMC at seretary@stjnnumc.com

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**BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE** Redeemer Lutheran Church will be hosting a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre for a production of Noah on Tuesday, June 17. We will be leaving from the parking lot at Messiah Lutheran Church in South Williamsport at 7:00 a.m. Please park at the back of the lot. The cost of \$150 per person includes the show ticket and a seat on the bus. On our way home, we will stop at Kitchen Kettle Village for a meal and shopping on your own. To reserve your seats or for more information, please call Sharon Ault at 570-337-7095. Once you have confirmed your reservations with Sharon, you may mail your payment. Make checks payable to Sharon Ault. Mail payment to: Sharon Ault, c/o Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1101 Washington Blvd, Williamsport, Pa. 17701 Along with your payment, please include names of each individual attending and a cell phone number for the seat(s) you are reserving.

#### **REMINDER:**

Newsletter deadline - The 15<sup>th</sup> of each month at 9:00 am .....AND: Bulletin 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.

To our members celebrating a birthday in June .....



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Judith Collins	June 16
Olivia Strother	June 16
Gianna Backner	June 21
Diane Gonzalez	June 21
Jon Jean	June 21
Ethan Clark	June 23
Linda DeLong	June 23
Diana Bailey	June 25
Kylie Beck	June 25
Susan Duchman	June 27
Ethan Strother	June 27
Cynthia Belles	June 30

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#### Happy Anniversary.....

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