



ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**1400 Market St.,
Williamsport, PA 17701**

***Day of Pentecost
Sunday, June 8, 2025
8:00AM & 9:30AM***

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*On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.*  
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GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Come, O Spirit*, by Robert J. Powell

Stand

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of ✠ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN WOV 688 *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life*

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

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Sit

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴ How manifold are your ^l works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full ^l of your
creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- ^l y to
number,**

living things both ^l small and great.

²⁶ There go the ships ^l to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the ^l sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them ^l look to you
to give them their food ^l in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they ^l gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled ^l with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, ^l they are terrified;**

when you take away their breath, they die and return[|] to their dust.

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they[|] are created;
and so you renew the face[|] of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the LORD en-[|] dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in[|] all your works.**

³² You look at the earth[|] and it trembles;
you touch the mountains[|] and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the LORD as long[|] as I live;
I will praise my God while I[|] have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of[|] mine please God.
I will rejoice[|] in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD,[|] O my soul.
Hal-[|] lelujah!**

SECOND READING Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Stand

ALLELUIA



The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter.



GOSPEL: John 14:8-17, 25-27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸ Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY WOV 685 *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

RITE OF CONFIRMATION (9:30AM)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED *(Both Services, 8:00 bold print only)*

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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 OF BAPTISM (9:30)

After asking questions of the confirmand, the minister addresses the assembly.

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

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

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with our brother in Christ.

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.**

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. . . Hear us, O God,

C Your mercy is great.

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.

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


MEAL

Sit

ANTHEM *Hail Thee, Festival Day!* tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams

Stand

OFFERATORY HYMN



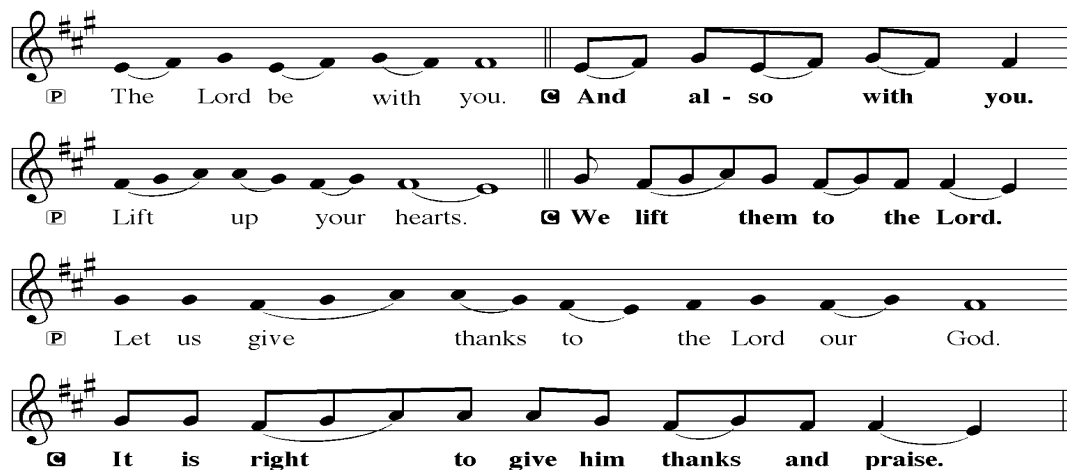
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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**

Sit

COMMUNION (*Congregation Communes*)

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*)



☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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 pre-filled glasses.)

Stand

BLESSING

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

C Amen

SENDING

CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

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 The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN LBW 530 *Jesus Shall Reign*

DISMISSAL

P 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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, arr. by Charles Callahan

**We welcome our St. Luke Confirmand
Daniel Taormina**

ALTAR FLOWERS *are given to the glory of God and in memory of our mother, Linda Herbst, by Barbara Herbst and Stephanie Confer*

PRAYER LIST: From our St. Luke Family:

Linda Updegraff; Linda Liptak; 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: Doug Carlson (friend of the Belles family and previous member of St. Luke) 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 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: June 8th , Day of Pentecost

8:00AM In-person Service

9:30AM In-person Service & Livestream

THIS CALENDAR WEEK: June 9th-13th

Monday 9th – Church Council 7:00PM BH.

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th – Synod Assembly

NEXT SUNDAY: June 15th The Holy Trinity

8:00AM In-person Service

9:30AM In-person Service & Livestream (outdoor service)

Serving at the 9:30AM worship service

Altar Care: Nancy McCarty - June

Greeters: 8th – Jan Matz; 15th - Patty & Doug Durand; 22nd – Peggy & Chuck Yohn; 29th – Nancy & Keith Wood.

Ushers: June 8th – Rod & Sandy Strother; 15th Richard Ogurcak; 22nd – Hanne Schuman; 29th – Bill Merkel.

Live Stream Assistant: 8th – Daniel Taormina; 15th – Brad Nason;
22nd – Dan Taormina; 29th – Charles Mahler.

June 8th - *Day of Pentecost and Rite of Confirmation*

Lector – Diana Bailey

Assisting Minister – Melanie Taormina

Communion Assistant – Karen Baldys

OFFERING COUNTERS

8th -Janice Ogurcak & Ray Schreckengast; 15th -Terry Belles & Nancy McCarty; 22nd – Sue Beidler & Ray Schreckengast; 29th – Sondra Fisher & Pat Kelley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER HOURS Church services will be held at 8:00AM and 9:30AM. Please remember to mark your calendars.

REMINDER The 9:30 service on June 15 will be outdoors! All are invited to bring lawn chairs, but other seating will be available for those who do not.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet on June 17th at 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM in the Lounge. This will be the last meeting until the fall.

NO MORE RED BOOKS! In the spirit of Isaiah 43:19, we are “doing a new thing” with worship attendance! Please use the QR code on the back cover of this bulletin or the attendance slip in the back of the pews! If you choose the latter option, the slips may be placed in the collection plate in the back of the nave.

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 13th- Thursday, July 17th. 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

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 cml@campmountluther.org

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME The Outreach Ministry invites you to a Williamsport Crosscutters' baseball game on the evening of **Saturday, July 19**. The plan is to enjoy a meal together, for which we are considering two options:

- Option #1: a potluck picnic at the Memorial Park pavilion just outside the ballpark. Giant chicken would be provided. **Cost: \$10 per ticket (plus a side or desert to share).**
- Option #2: All you can eat buffet at Cutters Cove inside the stadium. Your ticket would include a full buffet and non-alcoholic beverages. **Cost: \$20 per ticket.**

A sign-up sheet that will allow you to indicate your preference of options is in West Hall. Sign up by June 16. The option with the most interest will be chosen and announced that week. We look forward to seeing you at the game!

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.

SERVING If you would like to help serve in our 8:00AM or 9:30AM worship service(s), please contact Diane Kohler at 570-419-7085 or email kohlerdede@gmail.com 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 bulleting prayer list 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.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST. LUKE

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
- Eraser 2 ½”
- Blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Crayon Box of 16 or 24-count

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

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

Wide Egg Noodles
Canned corn
Sugar (white or brown)
Spam
Canned hams

Shrimp Ramen Noodles
Pork and Beans
Chunky Soups
Chicken and Rice Soup

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.**

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.

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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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