



**ST. LUKE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost,
Sunday, June 7, 2026
8:00AM & 9:30AM**

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*Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.*  
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Please make sure your phone is silenced during the service.

GATHERING

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *Pange Lingua, Plainsong*, setting by Charles Callahan

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

**In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN – LBW 543 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

GREETING

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

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Sit

FIRST READING: HOSEA 5:15—6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the Lord,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

- ² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

PSALM: PSALM 50:7-15 (sung responsively: light *print-cantor*, dark *print-congregation*)

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

- ⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak:
Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
- ⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
- ⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;
- ¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- ¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
- ¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- ¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
- ¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**
- ¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Stand

ALLELUIA



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th Chapter.



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

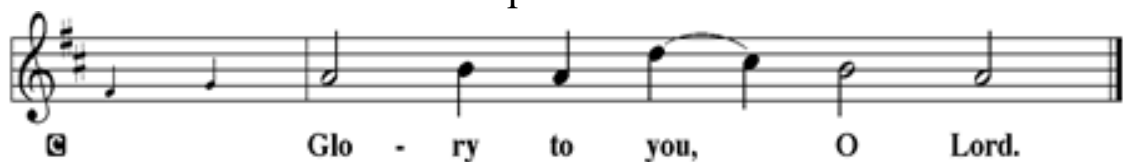
Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON

Silence for reflection may follow.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY – LBW 290 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Sit

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**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. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence. After each portion of the prayers:

A God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

Peace be with you

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Peace be with you

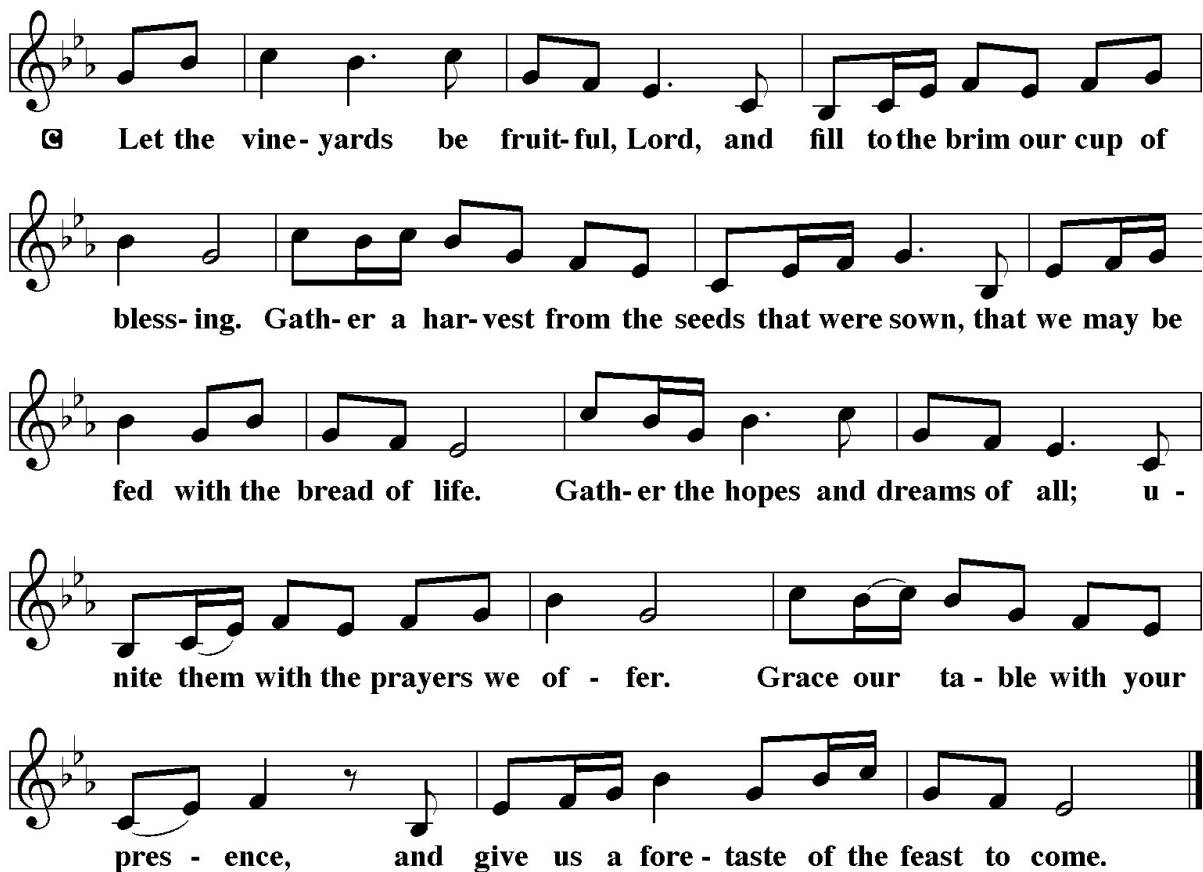
MEAL

Sit

MUSICAL OFFERING: Featuring the Howenstine/Ciabattari families

Stand

OFFERTORY 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 Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen.


GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C 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:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.
When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both 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

LAMB OF GOD (*Administrants commune*)



C 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.

COMMUNION (*Congregation Communes*)

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.)

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

Stand

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

C Amen

CANTICLE



C 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 We give you thanks, almighty and gracious God,
that you have fed us with heavenly food, the body and blood of
your Son,
uniting us through him in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants
for the ministry of word and sacrament, especially the
Reverend David Byerly,
and we pray that he may continue to exemplify the gospel
in word and deed.

Grant that we, with him, may joyfully serve you all our days
and finally rejoice in your glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN – LBW 551 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*, setting by Charles Callahan

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2026

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God in memory of our mother, Linda Herbst by Barbara Herbst & Stephanie Confer.

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PRAYER LIST

FROM OUR ST. LUKE FAMILY:

David Horn; Samuel Mahler; Jeanne Marquardt; Glenda Merkel; Shirley Knade; and our homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Betsy Rider (friend of Nancy McCarty); Deb (Rhodes) Wertman (*Sister of Dwight Rhodes*); Donna Pongrat (*Aunt of Kathy & Bob Borch*); Sue Meyers (*friend of Kirk & Sondra Fisher*); Kathy Eshleman (*friend of Hanne Schuman*); Peggy McClain (*friend of Sandy Lentz Strother*).

Family and friends mourning:

† the loss of Mary Ann Smith (*sister of Karen Bergren and Family*)

† the loss of Tommy Cockrum (*Friend of the Strother Family*)

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

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

After 4 weeks' names will automatically rotate off, you may call the Church Office at 570-323-7309 to have them put back on the Prayer list.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

TODAY: June 7th THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We welcome Bishop Craig A. Miller to the pulpit

Celebration of the 25th Ordination Anniversary for Rev. David Byerly

8:00AM – In-person Service

9:30AM – In-person Service & Livestream (Summer Worship Hours Begin),
Late Coffee Hour after 2nd service

SERVING DURING WORSHIP

8:00 AM:

Lector/Administrant: *June 7th – Ed Kelley*; 14th – Nancy McCarty;
21st – Jeanne Yaggi; 28th – Ed Kelley

9:30 AM:

Altar Care: *June – Jannine Monness* ~ July – Cindy Belles

Assisting Ministers: *June 7th – Mark Bergren*; 14th – Charles Mahler;
21st – Marilyn Eshleman; 28th – Laura McNassor

Lectors: *June 7th – Jim Donnell*; 14th – Wilma Reeder;
21st – Ray Schreckengast; 28th – Melanie Taormina

Communion Helpers: *June 7th – Karen Baldys*; 14th – Keith Wood;
21st – Hanne Schuman; 28th – Patricia Durand

Greeters: *June 7th – Gerda LeCrone*; 14th – Donna & Jim Martin;
21st – Hanne Schuman; 28th – Jan Matz

Ushers: *June 7th – David Briggs*; 14th – Hanne Schuman;
21st – Richard Ogurcak; 28th – Rod & Sandy Strother

Acolyte: *June 7th – Daniel Taormina*; 14th – Jacob Edmonds;
21st – Lily Judge; 28th – Luke Edmonds

Live Stream Assistant: *June 7th – Charles Mahler*; 14th – Dan Taormina;
21st – Brad Nason; 28th – Daniel Taormina

Offering Counters: *June 7th – Nancy McCarty & Sondra Fisher*;
14th – Terry Belles & Jannine Monness;
21st – Sondra Fisher & Janice Ogurcak;
28th – Sue Beidler & Susan Duchman

THIS CALENDAR WEEK: June 7th – June 13th

June 8th – 7:00PM – Church Council Meeting

June 9th – 9:30AM – Pericope

NEXT SUNDAY: June 14th – THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We welcome Rev. John McNassor to the pulpit

8:00AM – In-person Service

9:30AM – In-person Service & Livestream



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES: 8:00am & 9:30AM,
from June 7th – Sept 6th

FALL WORSHIP TIMES: will resume September 13th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE OFFICE – Pastor Jeff is on vacation starting Tuesday, June 9th – Friday, June 19th. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during this time, Rev. Carol Johnson is on call for pastoral emergencies. Rev. Johnson may be reached at (570) 772-6674.

FELLOWSHIP - Come join us today for a celebration of Pastor David Byerly's 25th Ordination Anniversary. Stop by Bell Hall at 10:30AM (immediately following the late service) for cake and fellowship!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

The Service Ministry is filling LWR school kits for this Fall. As we have in previous years. The school supply items needed are listed below: (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
- Blue or Black ballpoint pens (**no gel ink**)

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

PRAYER CHAIN - 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 bulletin prayer list, call the church office at 570-323-7309.

USHERS Anyone interested in serving as an usher, please contact Nancy McCarty - nmac7149@gmail.com , 570- 419-7827 or church office at 570-323-7309.

GREETERS - Anyone interested in serving as a greeter, please contact the church office at 570-323-7309.

SERVING (*Lectors, Assistant Minister, Communion Helper, or Live Stream Assistants*) If you would like to help serve in our 8:00AM or 10:30AM (9:30AM during the Summer) worship service(s), please contact Diane Kohler at 570-419-7085 or email kohlerdede@gmail.com or Pastor Jeff at 570-323-7309.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS AT ST LUKE

DANIEL'S CLOSET - Seasonal 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 should be regular size **not trial size**: Deodorant (Women's), Toothbrushes & Toothpaste (adults/kids), Q-tips, Band-Aids, Tissues, Combs (men, women, children), Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Pods, Sunscreen, Twin, Full & Queen Sheet Sets (new/slightly used), Pillow Cases (new/slightly used). *These hygiene items are collected in the West entryway.*

THE FOOD PANTRY

Your help is desperately needed! Food supplies are very low. Below is a list of items that the UCLC Food Pantry needs:

Granulated White Sugar	Ketchup, mustard, mayo
Ritz Type Crackers	Canned Pineapple
Alfredo Sauce, Canned Beets	In need of plastic bags & egg cartons
Tea Bags, Coffee	BBQ Sauce, Relish
Pork & Beans, SPAM	Wide egg noodles & Pasta

These items are collected in our West entryway.
After office hours' drop-offs: Bell Hall foyer entrance.

STAFF AT ST. LUKE



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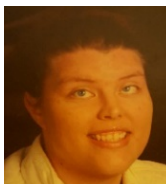
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REMINDERS: Office hours – M - F /9:00AM-1:00PM

Bulletin **deadline** – WEDNESDAY 9:00AM

Spectrum Newsletter **deadline** – **15th of each month**

Council Pack **deadline** – FRIDAY 9:00AM before Mtg

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