

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church Newsletter

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Our Mission Statement: "As the Body of Christ we proclaim the Gospel by serving and doing God's will in a manner that meets the needs of our changing world."

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Together we are doing God's work with our hands:

Pastor

Rev. Angela Hammer

Minister of Music

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Linda Holt

Contemporary Worship Team

Linda Holt, Todd Snyder, and
Sarah Kneller

Second Sunday Musician:

David Deysher

Secretary and Bookkeeper

John C. Brewster

Treasurer/Financial Secretary

Michael DeLong/Richelle Deysher

Sextons:

Kit and Lori Ahnert

Live Streaming:

William and Beverly Hoffman

Ministers:

All the people of St. Luke



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From our Pastor:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”

Ephesians 3:1

If you’ve come to this newsletter looking for an inspirational and spiritually moving message from me, well, this is not the newsletter!

We all have different “seasons” in our lives. This “season” for me is exceptionally busy, but with tons of really great and exciting work within the ministry context. I thought I’d use this newsletter as an opportunity to share with you a little bit about what my time looks like in this particular spring and summer season.

To begin, my vacation in Mexico with four other female pastors was exceptional! I kept my cell phone locked in the hotel safe and I checked out of all the phone calls, emails, and texts that could easily distract from the needed time of self-care.

Our days were spent with casual mornings drinking coffee and reading on the balcony, lazy afternoons on the beach, and evening dinners out. We visited the Mayan ruins at Tulum, snorkeled with sea turtles, and simply explored and enjoyed the culture. If anything, I realized how important time away and apart really is – not just for pastors – but for everyone. Rest, revitalization, and rejuvenation is necessary for body, mind, and soul. So my public service announcement to all of you is to take care of yourselves and each other. We all need a break every now again. It allows us to do the work we are called to do in a healthy way.

Now – onto the work part of the “season”.

Youth Ministry: I’ve created a youth cohort for congregations with small numbers of middle and high school students to come together to learn about and engage in real, tangible ministries such as homelessness and food insecurity. This group is composed of youth from congregations between North Lancaster and Lebanon conference. In May we will be working with Habitat for Humanity and in July we will be harvesting food from the Wittle Farm that will be distributed to a feeding ministry in Lancaster City.

Lutheran Camping: I will be living at Camp Kirchenwald for most of the summer, as I will be serving as the staff chaplain. I will have modified office hours during the week. Our regular ministries such as Beer & Bible and Thursday morning bible study will continue as normal and of course, and I will be present to lead worship on Sunday mornings.

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Guatemala: I will be traveling to Guatemala June 21-24 to visit Tree4Hope. The goal of the trip is to learn firsthand about the ministry; the orphanage, the school, the Chica Bean Coffee Company, and to share with you upon my return ways in which our community can help support this ministry.

St. Luke and Penryn: Our efforts continue to work in faith and ministry to jointly strengthen our relationship and ministries or the future. This is a joint effort that requires all of our discernment and faithful listening and discussion.

The work never ends, and that is a good thing! So, regardless of the season, always make time to rest, to pray, to be present with God.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”

In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Angie +



Congregational updates

May 14th - Good Will Offering for Pastor Angie's trip to Guatemala in June. There will be a basket in the Narthex or you may include it in your church envelope.

June 4th - Temple Talk during the church service led by our advisory committee (Scott, Elaine, & Sarah) explaining a new agreement between St. Paul's (Penryn) & St. Luke. There will be copies of the new agreement available for pick-up after church services on May 21st & 28th.

July 9—9:00 AM - St. Luke will be hosting a combined church service & a special congregational meeting with St. Paul's (Penryn) for the purpose of voting on the new agreement. Each congregation will vote separately before adjournment of the meeting. A brunch will follow the service. More information to follow. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.



*Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.*

Community Ministries

Food Bank Donations

Please provide: Canned Vegetables, Spaghetti and Sauce, Pasta/Stuffing and Rice, Canned Fruits, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Reusable Plastic Containers.



Ministry Emphasis for May and June:

May: Lebanon Rescue Mission

June: Spang Crest

Worship & Christian Education Calendar and Information

Lay Readers for May:

May Worship Assistant: Donna Rhodes
5/7 Elaine Matternas
5/14 Richelle Deysher
5/21 Donna Moyer
5/28 Faith Thunberg

Lay Readers for June:

June Worship Assistant: Mike DeLong
6/4 Dollie Fasnacht
6/11 Richelle Deysher
6/18 Anna Mae Grubb
6/25 Linda Holt

Our worship attendance:

	In person	Online
3/26	35	37
4/2	31	50
4/9 (7:00)	26	42
4/9 (8:30)	64	51
4/16	34	38
4/23	28	45

Summer Music at St. Luke

If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts over the summer, please contact Betsy Nolt or Linda Holt.

Pentecost (May 28)

Geraniums

Orders are due

Thursday, May 4

\$7.00 for a 6" pot

Envelopes are available in the narthex or contact the church office.

Worship and Christian Education

Sunday, May 7—Easter 5
8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children and Adults)

May 14—Easter 6
8:30 AM Service of the Word
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)

May 21—Easter 7
8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children and Adults)

May 28—Pentecost Sunday
8:30 AM Contemporary Service and Holy Communion
9:30 AM Coffee Hour
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children)

June 4—Trinity Sunday
8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:30 AM Sunday School (Children and Adults)

June 11—Pentecost 2
8:30 AM Service of the Word
9:30 AM Coffee Hour

June 18—Pentecost 3
8:30 AM Holy Communion

June 25—Pentecost 4
8:30 AM Contemporary Service
9:30 AM Coffee Hour

Join us in person or online: The service is livestreamed weekly on our Facebook page: at <https://www.facebook.com/StLukeEvangelicalLutheran>, or on YouTube using the following link: www.youtube.com/@stlukeschaefferstownpa. Bulletins are emails weekly.

Birthdays and Events

Happy Birthday to our "Golden Aged" members

Betty Jane Kupp 5/6
Leon Boyer 5/13
James Martin 5/19
George Smith 5/20
Howard Moore 5/22
Mike DeLong 6/9
Donna Rhodes 6/16
Margaret Griffe 6/23
Diane Reedy 6/23

Band Together

Bands exercise classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM-11 AM in the chapel. Social distancing is normal and masking as needed. Please contact Sue DeLong for information.

St. Luke History Books

Available for \$20.00

Please contact Anna Mae Grubb:
717-273-7035 mrgrubby@comcast.net

Coffee Hour is held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9:30 AM. Sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Bethany Childrens Home

Celebrating 160 years!

One of many upcoming events is on May 20:
Splash Pad for Davy, Vendor & Craft Show
11:00-6:00 PM

Friends of Spang Crest Spring Chicken BBQ by Kauffmans

Date: Friday, May 5, 2023
Time: 2:30 - 6:00 P.M.
Spang Crest, 945 Duke St., Lebanon

Cost: \$10.00 includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, roll and applesauce

Desserts available at bake sale.

If anyone would like to donate items for bake sale, they would be appreciated.

Please contact Linda Hollinger
for tickets at 717-808-7338



Mother and Child Breakfast Buffet

Saturday, May 6 at 9:30
Country Fare Restaurant
Myerstown.

Adults: \$12.50/Age 4-12 \$8.00

Menu: Fruit, eggs, muffins, home fries, pancakes, pastries, bacon, sausage and drinks.

Order tickets by contacting
Faith Thunberg
717-949-2869/717-202-9860

Stellar Vacation Bible School
Friedens Lutheran in Myerstown



July 9-12—6-8PM
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Book Club

Next meeting is on Thursday, June 1 at 7:00PM in the Chapel.
We will be discussing *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.
All are welcome, please contact Richelle Deysher for additional information.



Christian Education and Mission

Children's Class: Led by Faith Thunberg, Richelle Deysher, & Sarah Kneller and meets every Sunday at 9:30.

Adult Class: Led by Scott Rights and meets the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays at 9:30.



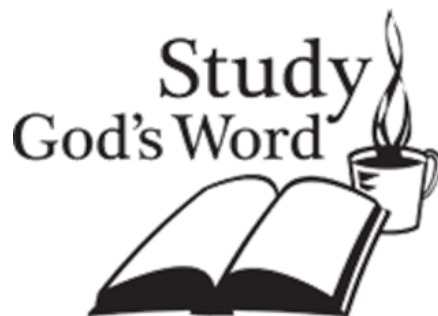
Bible Study Opportunities

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM: Meet online with Pastor Angie to take a look at the texts coming up for the Sunday lectionary. A ZOOM link will be emailed out the week of each study. Contact the church office to be added to the email invitation.

Join us at 10:00 AM on: May 4 – John 14:1-14; May 11 – John 14:15-21
June 8 – Matthew 9:9-13,18-26;b June 29 – Romans 6:12-23

BEER & BIBLE: meets once a month at a local pub. If you have not participated in this social gathering/text study, give it a try. We meet at 6:30 for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us on:

Thursday, May 25 at The Backyard at St. Paul, Penryn. BYOB, some food to share, and a lawn chair. Thursday, June 8 at the Franklin House.



29th Annual LCCM Golf Outing— Friday, May 12—8:00 AM

This year's outing is a 4-person scramble format with a shotgun start at 8 AM. Registration and breakfast begin at 7am. Lunch will be served following golf with awards and prizes during lunch. Registration and/or sponsor at www.lccm.us/golf-outing.

LCCM serves thousands of families each year in need of food, clothing, shelter and utility assistance. In 2022, LCCM distributed over 399,000 pounds of food, provided more than 350 families clothing vouchers, served over 63,000 meals, and provided 130 guests a night of stay at our FRESH Start Emergency Shelter and Resource Center.

Should you have any questions regarding the golf outing, please contact Dan Trimble at 717-272-4400 ext. 240; or email dant@lccm.us The deadline to enter is Friday May 5.

Camping Events

Kirchenwald Work Day—Saturday, May 6 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Help us get our sites ready for the summer season by joining us for Work Day! Jobs available for all skill levels. Complimentary lunch for all volunteers.

Please RSVP so that enough projects & food can be prepared for the day.

Lutheran Camping Night at Harrisburg Senators at FNB Park—Friday, May 12—7:00PM

The Lutheran Camping Corporation and the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team invite your church family to a night of fun and fellowship at FNB Field for our annual Lutheran Camping Night! A portion of each Advance Sale Ticket will benefit the Lutheran Camping Corporation's Campership Fund. Harrisburg Senators vs Bowie Baysox.

The Wittel Farm Growing Project Planting Day— Saturday, May 13 and May 20

9:00 AM -12:00 PM Volunteers needed to help prepare for The Wittel Farm Growing Project by planting the garden. The Growing Project is dedicated to growing fresh vegetables to help feed hungry people in Lancaster County. Free Event

Summer Camp Kick-off Worship and Picnic—Sunday, May 21—3:30 -6:00 PM

Join friends, volunteers, and staff of The Lutheran Camping Corporation (Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, and The Wittel Farm) to celebrate the opening of the 2023 Summer Camping Season with worship, fellowship, and fabulous food. For 2023, this event will take place at Nawakwa.

For more information on these events:

Email: lcc@lutherancamping.org

Phone: 717-677-8211



**The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania**

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Cornhole Tournament

Fundraiser benefitting the Lutheran Camping Corporation
and The Penryn Food Pantry

Saturday, May 20 at 4:00 PM

St. Paul Church—1258 Newport Road—Penryn

\$30 registration fee per team

Food truck and beer / Dogs welcome

Call 717-665-6093 or email stpaulpen@gmail.com