

**St. Luke Evangelical
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Minister of Music

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Linda Holt

Contemporary Worship Team

Linda Holt, Todd Snyder, and
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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 Assistant:

William Hoffman

Sunday Worship:

8:30 AM

(Holy Communion, bi-weekly)

Ministers:

The people of St. Luke
and St. Paul

Newsletter
of
St. Luke
and
St. Paul
Evangelical
Lutheran Church

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Together we are doing God's work!

From our Pastor:

**“For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”**

1 Corinthians 12:12

Dear St. Luke & Penryn Families,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. As I write this greeting in the middle of December, the Penryn church is FREEZING COLD! Our 65 year-old boiler has run the good race, but alas, her time has come to finish her work of keeping Penryn warm for six decades. The new heating system is being installed as I type, and I keep thinking about all of the people who kept her going over the years. Some are still with us, some have gone home. It took a small village of committed, knowledgeable, skilled, faithful people to keep her running, and for that I am grateful! This old boiler (and the Holy Spirit) have me thinking about Paul's letter to the Corinthian community; **“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”** Knowing that we all come together with our varied gifts and talents to be the church, I think we can sometimes underestimate what a small group of people can actually do and what a large impact a small church can have on a community. I wonder how negatively impacted the Penryn and Schaefferstown communities would be if either church failed to exist or failed to do God's work. Like the boiler, I never gave it much thought until I sat in my freezing cold office.

Since our commitment to be bound together by a called pastor in July, St. Luke and Penryn have come together in many different ways. Our gifts and talents have been pulled together to further God's mission in community. We share a prayer circle, food ministries are working together to share volunteers and resources, church members have been pulling resources to support community members in crisis, the ministry of music is being expanded... All of these varied parts with different gifts are being shared to glorify God! It is a beautiful and life-giving thing to witness!

As we begin a new year, I invite you all to consider what your part is within the church. There are no insignificant parts – they all matter, and they are all needed. If your gift is math, engineering, management, teaching, music, or holding people in prayer – the church needs you! We wouldn't be who we are without you. Each and every one of us makes us complete. We collectively are the body of Christ.

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.”

It is a joy and privilege to be your Pastor and I look with excitement and hope to the new year.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Angie +

From the desk of JP Welliver:

Dear Members and Friends of the Penryn & St. Luke Faith Community,

Happy 2024! Isn't it crazy that we just finished celebrating the birth of a Savior and relishing in great news of light and joy while also singing all the best Christmas hymns?! It also feels like it was just yesterday that we were ringing in the New Year and watching the ball drop in Times Square (or snoozing on the couch because midnight is just a wee bit too late). Regardless of where you are in your life or the darkness that you might have gone through or are currently going through, we are here. Together. Among the light.

Every day, we are faced with scenarios of darkness that test our faith. Shootings, death, war, and bullying just to name a few. Opening up the newspaper or checking out the headlines online these days is usually both saddening and heartbreaking. Personally, for me, darkness comes in life because of who I am. Do you ever feel unsafe walking out your front door because you are judged by society due to the people you love? Have you ever had thoughts about hurting yourself? These questions are actual realities that I have lived. They are actual realities that I continue to live in the 21st century.

However, among all of this, there are moments of light that take away these feelings of darkness and fill my soul with joy. One of those moments is the fact that our congregations have had the opportunity to join together in fellowship, ministry, and love with Pastor Angie at the forefront. What a blessing to have that energy around us, especially given the fact that so many churches this day in age are struggling or even coming to the point of shutting their doors.

But we are here. We are strong. And we've got so many wonderful talents and love to give to the community around us.

And that is something that fills me with an overwhelming energy of joy and brightness. And I hope that it fills you up too.

God gave us his son to be the light to the world and to us. And we must continue to be that light for each other and for all of those in our community regardless of their skin color, ethnicity, religious beliefs, social status, or sexual identity. We must be the light that spreads hope and kindness with every passing day.

Let us continue to work together as a great big faith community family to be that light.

Our world needs it. Our community needs it.
Someone that sits with us in the pews needs it.

Sprinkle sunshine always,
JP Welliver

P.S.--If you need more sunshine and positive energy, check out my weekly blog posts released every Monday at mrsunshinesmiles.com.

Don't forget to find St. Paul Penryn on Instagram by following [@stpaulpenryn](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulpenryn)

Worship and Arts

Worship and Sunday School

Sunday, January 7—Baptism of Our Lord
8:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, January 14—Epiphany 2
8:30 AM Service of the Word—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, January 21—Epiphany 3
8:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, January 28—Epiphany 4
8:30 AM Contemporary Service—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Congregation Meeting—St. Luke
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, February 4—Epiphany 5
8:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, February 11—Transfiguration
8:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Wednesday, February 14—Ash Wednesday
7:00 PM—Service at St. Luke
Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 18—Lent 1
8:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, February 25—Lent 2
8:30 AM Contemporary Service—St. Luke
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Worship with us in person or online

St. Luke

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 emailed weekly.

St. Paul

Sunday morning worship is available online through ZOOM every week. The ZOOM link is sent via email and posted on the Facebook page—[https://www.facebook.com/St. Paul Penryn](https://www.facebook.com/St.PaulPenryn).

St. Luke Contemporary Service: Beginning in January, the “contemporary service” will look and feel different. A new liturgy is being developed along with new music. We hope that enhancing the service will make our time together more meaningful. Your feedback is important! As we experiment and try new things, it is important to know how you feel about the service. You are encouraged to speak with Pastor Angie or any member of the worship and music committee to share your thoughts! If you or someone you know plays an instrument and would like to join the musicians, please contact Linda Holt at St. Luke.

Worship Assistant Schedule/Recent Attendance

St. Paul Lectors

1/7 Eli Rothenberger
 1/14 Chanda Galebach
 1/21 Anne Beegle
 1/28 Scott Reed

2/4 Sheri Garman
 2/11 Jon Brandau
 2/18 Shelly Gochnauer
 2/25 Deb Korzon

3/3 Eldon Witmer
 3/10 Dawn Subyak
 3/17 Sheri Garman
 3/24 Palm Sunday—TBD
 3/28 Maundy Thursday—TBD
 3/31 Gil Welliver

St. Luke Lay Readers

1/7 Melissa Gettler
 1/14 Richelle Deysher
 1/21 Faith Thunberg
 1/28 Sue DeLong

2/4 Dolly Fasnacht
 2/11 Richelle Deysher
 2/14 Ash Wednesday—TBD
 2/18 Donna Moyer
 2/25 Elain Matternas

3/3 Steffi Gettler
 3/10 Richelle Deysher
 3/17 Nicholas Kneller
 3/24 Palm Sunday—TBD
 3/28 Maundy Thursday—TBD
 3/31 Donna Moyer

Many Thanks to all who are doing God's work!

Committees and Council

Community Meal Volunteers

Gardeners Lay Readers/Lectors

Musicians Quilters Staff Members

Acolytes Sunday School Teachers

Worship Assistants

St. Luke worship attendance

| | In person | Online |
|-------|-----------|--------|
| 11/19 | 48 | 49 |
| 11/26 | 32 | 48 |
| 12/3 | 38 | 41 |
| 12/10 | 43 | 41 |

St. Paul average worship attendance

In person: 35 Zoom: 2



Newsletter Update:

Welcome to the first edition of the new joint newsletter. We are trying something new by combining the St. Luke and St. Paul newsletters. The once-a-month publication will now be prepared and printed every other month, making each newsletter two months' worth of information. You can still get your newsletter the same way – it will just have more news! We hope this helps to keep the two congregations better informed of what each community is doing and how we can be involved with more ministries.

Christian Education for Adults and Children

Sunday School at St. Luke

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

BEER & BIBLE: meets once a month at the Franklin House in Schaefferstown. If you have not participated in this social gathering/text study, give it a try. We meet for dinner, drinks, and conversation at the Franklin House in Schaefferstown. Join us and bring a friend on Thursday, January 18 and February 15 at 6:30 PM.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Meet online at 10:00 AM 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. Upcoming dates are:

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| Thursday—January 11 - John 1:43-51 | Friday—January 26 - Mark 1:21-28 |
| Thursday—February 8 - Mark 9:2-9 | Thursday—February 29 - John 2:13-22 |

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Meets once a month at 9:00 AM on the first Saturday alternating between St. Paul in Penryn and St. Luke. This is a combined time of learning and discussion with members of both congregations.

January 9 at St. Luke – A Talk About Epiphany
February 3 at St. Paul - A Talk About Love & Grace

LENTEN EVENING BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM: Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 PM.
Join Pastor Angie and members of both Penryn and St. Luke as we journey through Lent together, looking at different texts that guide us to cross. The study material will be emailed out in a PDF format.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDIES:

Pleasant View, 10:00 AM January 25 and February 22

Luther Acres, 10:00 AM January 4 and February 1

Events and Ministries

Save the date

St. Luke Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, January 28 at 9:30.

St. Luke Band Together

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

St. Luke History Books

Available for \$20.00

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

Musical Arts at St. Luke

If you are interested in becoming involved in the musical arts at St. Luke, please see Linda Holt. Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

St. Luke Coffee Hour

You are invited to join us on the on the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 9:30 AM. Please sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would be willing to host.



**God's work.
Our hands.**

St. Luke Book Club



Book Club will be meeting on January 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *Beyond That*, *The Sea* by: Laura Spence-Ash. Please join us for an evening of lively discussion, all are welcome. Any questions please contact Richelle Deysher.

St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group meets on the third Monday of each month at 1:30PM at Pleasant View. If you would like to come and be part of the prayer shawl community and to learn more about this ministry, contact Dolly Bomberger at 717-664-6661. The group always welcomes new people. No experience is necessary!



*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*

KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.



Ministries

St. Paul Family Ministry

Once a month families gather for a time of fellowship, prayer, and dinner. We play games, we pray, we take walks, we share where we see and experience God in our lives. We meet the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM in the church kitchen.

Mission and Ministry

St. Luke 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.



St. Paul Food Ministry:

Donations can be dropped off
anytime that the church is open.
Please call the church office to
make sure someone is available
to receive your donations.

St. Paul Mission Statement:

As a Reconciled in Christ
Congregation, Saint Paul Lutheran
Church, Penryn, welcomes ALL God's
people, embracing differences of age,
race, ethnicity, physical or mental
abilities, marital status, sexual
orientation, gender identity, or
economic status. We recognize that
we are all children of God, whose
differences are Reconciled in Christ.



St. Luke Food Ministry:

Food Bank Sunday is held the first Sunday of
each month. Please provide: Canned
Vegetables, Spaghetti and Sauce, Pasta/
Stuffing and Rice, Canned Fruits, Canned
Soups, Peanut Butter and Jelly, New reusable
Plastic Containers.

St. Luke Monthly Ministry Emphasis:

January—William Miller Seminary Scholarship Fund

February—Family Assistance Discretionary Fund

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings!

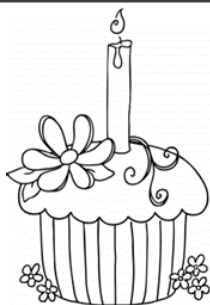
St. Paul

January 1 – Christina Roeting
 January 4 – Chanda Galebach
 January 7 – Duke Enis
 January 10 – Ilene Landis
 January 17 – Bud Brown
 January 22 – Carol Wellier
 January 24—Thomas Kozon
 January 28— Floy Ubel
 January 28—Jackie Bartsch
 January 31 - Guinevere Prevot

February 4 – Beckie Kurtz
 February 6 – Len Korzon
 February 7 – Dylan Ruhl
 February 13 – Anita Ennis
 February 20 –Liz Shaffer
 February 21 – Emily Schreiber
 February 24 - Sophia Iosue
 February 24 - Izzy Rothenberger
 February 28 – Olivia Roeting

St. Paul Anniversaries

1/5 – John and Bonnie Stangl



St. Luke

*Indicates “Golden Aged” members

January 3—Xandra Moyer
 January 8—*Michael Reber
 January 9—Kyah Bord
 January 12—Abigail Boltz
 January 13—*Carol Lebo
 January 13—Amber Bakke
 January 13—*Sharon Reber
 January 20—*Carl Bakke
 January 20—*Diane Kurtz
 January 20—Carly Glassmoyer
 January 21—*Lee Leshner
 January 21—*Beverly Zartman
 January 25—Kit Ahnert
 January 27—*Tresia Matthews
 January 31—Nathan Deysher

February 1—*Lorraine Krall
 February 11—*Doris Moore
 February 12— *Donna Moyer
 February 13— *Donna Lehman
 February 15— *James Christman
 February 21— *Harold Moore, Jr.
 February 21— *Marylouise Sholly
 February 23— Darlene Athorn
 February 25— Slade Hartranft
 February 25— Tanya Shirey
 February 26— *Joan Miller

St. Luke Anniversaries

1/11 - Dolly and Henry Fasnacht
 1/12 - Phyllis & Carl Bakke

Happy Anniversary

Happy Birthday!

Camping Events



The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Winter Youth Retreat—January 5-7—Kirchenwald—1 Cut Off Rd, Lebanon

Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates. \$170

Chicken and Waffles—January 14—12:00PM-2:00PM—Nawakwa

1033 Nawakwa Rd, Biglerville. Spend a Sunday at camp with a delicious home-made chicken and waffles dinner. Bring your sleds (if there's snow) to work off the calories, as if camp food actually has calories!

Winter Fun Days—January 14 and February 18—Kirchenwald - 1 Cut Off Rd, Lebanon.

Bring your family or youth group and enjoy an afternoon on Kirchenwald's award-winning toboggan run, ice-skating on the lake, or drinking hot chocolate in the lodge.

Lenten Day Apart—February 24—9:00 AM-3:00PM—The Wittel Farm 1753 Mill Rd, Elizabethtown.

Begin your Lenten journey to Easter by joining us for a day apart. \$15

Quilting Weekend—March 15—7:00 PM - March 17 2:00 PM—Kirchenwald 1 Cut Off Rd, Lebanon.

Bring your own projects or learn techniques from experienced quilters. Enjoy a weekend apart. \$180

For more information: Phone: 717-677-8211 lcc@lutherancamping.org



St. Paul Financial and Penryn Food Pantry Reports

Financial Report:

2023 has been a challenging year for our congregation. Despite economic pressure on every household, our members continued to support the ministries at St. Paul. Through the end of November, it looked like expenses for the year would be below budgeted figures despite higher-than-expected utility and insurance costs. On December 4, we found ourselves needing to replace a furnace at a cost of \$15,471. Within a week we received donations of \$3,000 for this unbudgeted, unplanned expense. This initial response to a need is what defines the St. Paul congregation. On November 19, the congregation approved the 2024 budget of \$143,470, which represents a 2 % increase from 2023. We expect to receive 40%, or \$56,595 in income to support this budget from St. Luke, the Breittegan Trust, the Backyard, and pension contributions from Pastor Angie. That leaves \$86,875 to be raised to meet the adopted budget, which translates to \$1,671 a week or \$7,240 a month in offering. Regular giving from members and friends of the congregation is vital to meeting these goals.

During the past year more members and community members have taken the opportunity to give online. This option benefits St. Paul with a more consistent flow of funds. Contributors benefit from less checks to write, trying to “catch up” when missing a worship service. Depending on how they set up online giving (credit card or bank draft), donors could possibly receive rewards from their financial institution. Anyone interested in donating online on a recurring or one-time basis can find a link on St. Paul’s website, stpaulpenryn.org.

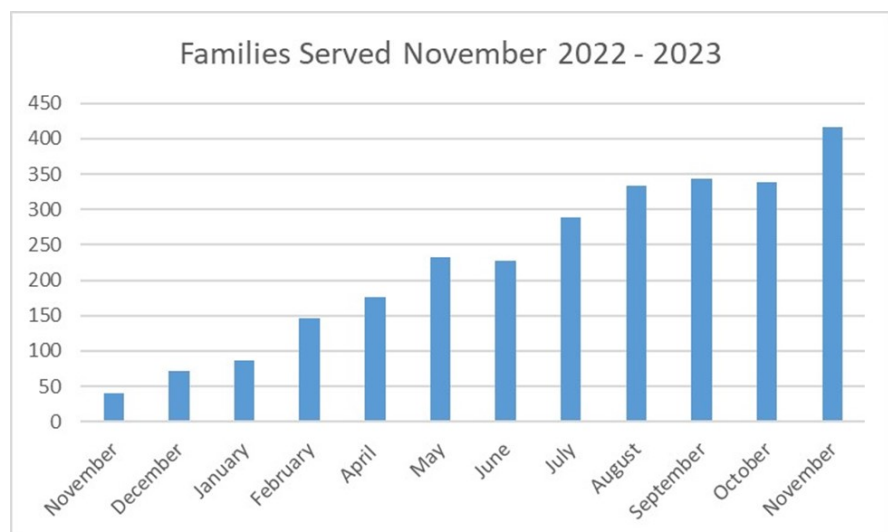
Penryn Food Pantry Update:

In November, we served 270 seniors (folks 60+) and 471 children (kids 0 - 17 years old). In the past four months (Aug 23 - Nov 23), we served 94 NEW families.

The community we serve proves to be grateful. It is not uncommon for folks who use the pantry to offer something back, whether it is a couple of cans of beans or some extra Tylenol that they got with a medication card or a twenty-dollar bill, which they say isn't much but they just want to give back something.

Please consider volunteering on Wednesday evenings anytime between 5:00-8:00 PM, and on Saturday morning anytime between 9:00am-12:00 PM. A few extra people make a BIG difference!

Love your
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39



Prayer Page

Prayer Circle: St. Luke and St. Paul are working together as one to lift up the community in prayer. If you have need for prayer, please contact Betsy Nolt (St. Luke) or Shelly Gochenaur (St. Paul) with your prayer request and they will share it within the prayer circle composed of folks from both congregations. If you would like to be part of the prayer circle, please let Pastor Angie know.

Please remember to pray for those*....

that are ill, recovering, or shut-in.

who are serving in the military

The Vision to Mission Team

Congregations and ministries with whom we share mutual ministry:

The congregations and pastors of the Heidelberg Ministerium and Lebanon Conference, Agape House, Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries, Women's Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, St. Paul's Penryn, Penryn Food Bank, Our Bishops: James S. Dunlop and Elizabeth Eaton and their staff.

For pastoral care & emergencies, please contact either church office.

*Names are not listed above for the purpose of confidentiality.

If you would like a list of the names published in the weekly bulletin at St. Luke, please contact the St. Luke office.

Prayer Ventures for each month can be accessed at: elca.org/resources/prayer-ventures



Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.



Lutheran Laughter

