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The people of St. Luke and St.  
Paul

September-May Sunday Worship:  
8:30 AM  
(Holy Communion, bi-weekly)

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

Summer 2024

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(Holy Communion, weekly)



**Together we are doing God's work!**

## *From our Pastor:*

**“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11**

My plans for the summer are this:

I will once again volunteer as the camp staff chaplain, but not live at camp. I will be returning to the Konde Diocese for a month, focusing my time and energy with our companion Lutheran church and relationship building between the diocese and our synod. There are five of us in total making the long trek, two of which are Debbie Korzon and Alice Spencer. I plan to read a few books that have been on my list, take walks with our three dogs, and spend time with my family. These are my hopes and plans – and we all know that our human plans and God’s divine plans rarely coincide.

I know many of you have plans this summer as well; vacations, home projects, some of you are moving. I hope that some of your plans include volunteering at the Penryn food pantry or the community meals at St. Luke. Hopefully your plans involve an evening at The Backyard or maybe at The Franklin House for Beer & Bible. In the thick of summer business, maybe your plans could include sitting in on a bible study or visiting an older member who has not been able to attend to church.

Not all of our plans, however, involve a positive change. Regardless of the plans you are making, the prophet Jeremiah reminds us that God’s plans for each of our lives are in God’s hands (so to speak), and those plans are a future with hope. As we plot along the spring and summer months living into our plans, or adapting to the plans we laid out, we need to remember and hold in prayer those who live on the margins and who are praying for a future with a hope they cannot yet envision.

We all have our plans. We all have our hopes and dreams for the future. Regardless of whether the plans you are making come to fruition or not, I encourage you to hold onto the prophets’ words of wisdom. I often turn to this scripture for an “attitude adjustment” when my plans just don’t go the way I had planned. It often helps me to redirect my mind and my heart.

Whatever your plans are this summer, I pray for your safety, your wellbeing, and spiritual good health. I hope your plans don’t take you too far from the pews this summer because the community is not complete without you!

**“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”**

In Christ’s Service,  
Pastor Angie +

*From the desk of JP Welliver:*

Well, here we are.

The Spring cleaning has been completed, the Easter eggs have been hunted, and the April showers have started to help bring up the May flowers.

In three, two, one...

::Breathe in::

::Breathe out::

Smell that fresh Summer air on the horizon.

The days of pina coladas, lounging by the pool, and AC kicking on are just around the corner!

Get your swimsuits ready and frozen popsicles in the freezer!

AND get ready for combined Summer worship between our faith communities!

While we might now have the pina coladas or frozen popsicles during our morning worship together, we certainly will have the fellowship of joining together to enjoy each other's company while we experience the greatness of our Lord through music, word, and Holy Communion.

I for one cannot wait!

You know...there are multiple times throughout the week that I often think about the world around us and the faith communities that are faltering because the people involved with them can't see the need for adapting to create longevity or struggle to let go of the "we've always done it that way" mentality.

Have any of you experienced that at all?

Well, I did at multiple times in the past during my time at St. Paul Penryn.

There would be moments when I would be on the verge of tears because of the sadness I would feel if we would have to close the doors and all of us would have to find a new place to call home for worship.

The ebb and flow of everything happening in the world still makes me have some of those moments, but they are definitely far less than what they used to be.

The work of our faith communities is IMPORTANT work.

It is GOOD work.

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As I sit here writing, I can only hope and pray that the Summer sun that is about to come out of the clouds continues to show the light that both St. Luke and Penryn are.

And I hope you have the courage and power to help tell the people around you in life how good the work we are doing is. And to have passion, love, and energy when you do talk about everything we are doing together!

A few weeks ago, I saw the musical 9 to 5 at the Fulton in Lancaster. And some of the lyrics from the song "Shine Like the Sun" came to mind while I wrote these words for your newsletter-reading eyes!

*You've hurt and embarrassed me, proven you don't give a damn.  
And I'm tired of men like you who make me feel less than I am.  
I'm gonna shine like the sun when these clouds roll away from my door!  
When it's all said and done I won't be at your mercy no more!  
I am taking what's mine, I'll be fine, I am second to none!  
And when the losing's all done, I'm gonna shine like the sun!*

I'm tired of the world trying to make our faith communities feel less than we are.

We're gonna shine like the sun.

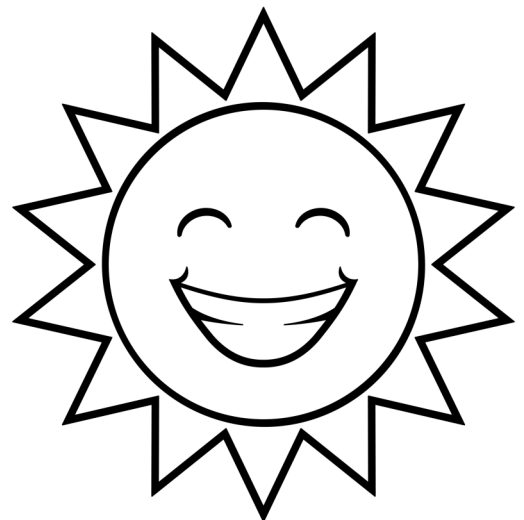
Actually correction.

We ARE shining like the sun.

Thank you for believing in the good work our faith communities are doing TOGETHER.

I look forward to worshipping with you and shining like the sun with you even more.

Peace, love, and kindness,  
JP Welliver



## Worship and Arts

### Worship and Sunday School

Sunday, May 5—Easter 6  
8:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Luke  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, May 12—Easter 7  
8:30 AM Service of the Word—St. Luke  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, May 19—Pentecost  
8:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Luke  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

Sunday, May 26—Holy Trinity  
8:30 AM Service of Word and Music St. Luke  
9:30 AM Sunday School / Palm Parade  
10:30 AM Holy Communion—St. Paul

A recent survey of both congregations indicated that both St. Luke and St. Paul favor worshipping together over the summer months.

We will have one combined worship service at 9:00am beginning on Sunday, June 2.

Please see next page for summer worship schedule

### Welcome Miriam Gregová

Joining us this summer will be a student from Slovakia, Miriam Gregová. Miriam worked at Camp Kirchenwald in 2022, during that time my family acted as her host family. Miriam has been invited back to serve as a camp counselor. She is studying Lutheran Theology and has asked to help with leading worship as part of her learning experience. You can learn a little more about her below.

Hello! My name is Miriam Gregová and I am from Slovakia, from a small village called Opiná. I live there with my parents and sister. My dad is a pastor and mum is an elementary school teacher. My sister is at grammar school and trying to choose what she wants to do next. She is very interested in studying psychology, however, being a journalist is alluring for her as well. I love the place I live in, especially the nature- the hills, meadows, and fields where I can go for a walk with my dog. However, most of the year I spend in our capital city Bratislava, where I study. My major is evangelical Lutheran theology and it's my first year. My job after the school is unclear, I trust God that He will lead me right where He needs me. The reason I am coming back to the US this year is because I will be a counselor at Camp Kirchenwald. I spent the summer there once in my life and it was such a great experience that I want it do it again. I miss the camp environment, kids, the stuff and people who helped me while I was in the US, especially the Hammer's family who hosted me for the whole summer. I will be glad to share my faith, culture and a helping hand with everyone who is interested.

I am very excited to see and get to know you all!

## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning June 2, our summer worship schedule will be  
one service at 9:00 AM  
with both congregations, alternating between the two churches:

June 2 – St. Luke, Schaefferstown  
June 9 - St. Paul, Penryn  
June 16 – St. Luke, Schaefferstown  
June 23 - St. Paul, Penryn  
June 30 – St. Luke, Schaefferstown

July 7 - St. Paul, Penryn  
July 14 – St. Luke, Schaefferstown  
July 21 – St. Paul, Penryn – Guest Preacher (student from Slovakia)  
July 28 – St. Luke, Schaefferstown – Rev. Cliff Eshbach

August 4 – St. Paul, Penryn – Rev. Cliff Eshbach  
August 11 – St. Luke, Schaefferstown – Hymn Sing Sunday  
August 18 - St. Paul, Penryn  
August 25 – St. Luke, Schaefferstown

On September 1—return to normal schedule  
8:30 AM—St. Luke, Schaefferstown  
10:30 AM— St. Paul, Penryn

St. Luke is located at: 1432 Heidelberg Avenue—Schaefferstown  
St. Paul is located at: 1258 Newport Road—Penryn

### Ride shares for worship

If you would like to create or organize  
a ride share/carpool,  
please check with your  
fellow faith community members.



## Assisting in Worship

### Summer Lectors/Lay Readers

June 2	Faith Thunberg (St. Luke)
June 9	Sheri Garman (St. Paul)
June 16	Nicholas Kneller (St. Luke)
June 23	Shelly Gochnauer (St. Paul)
June 30	Anna Mae Grubb (St. Luke)
July 7	Anne Beegle (St. Paul)
July 14	Richelle Deysher (St. Luke)
July 21	Eli Rothenberger (St. Paul)
July 28	Dolly Fasnacht (St. Luke)
August 4	Eldon Witmer (St. Paul)
August 11	Richelle Deysher (St. Luke)
August 18	Kristen Brandau (St. Paul)
August 25	Sue DeLong (St. Luke)

### St. Luke Lay Readers

May

5/5	Dolly Fasnacht
5/12	Richelle Deysher
5/19	Donna Moyer
5/26	Anna Mae Grubb

### St. Paul Lectors

May

5/5	Sheri Garman
5/12	Gil Welliver
5/19	Scott Reed
5/26	Dawn Subyak

### St. Luke Worship Assistants

5/5	Karen Stump	June 2	Karen Stump	July 28	Karen Stump
5/12	Mike DeLong	June 16	Jake Werner	August 11	Jake Werner
5/19	Sarah Kneller	June 30	Sarah Kneller	August 25	Sarah Kneller
5/26	Jake Werner	July 14	Mike DeLong		

## 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](http://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).

### Newsletter Update:

Welcome to the second edition of the new joint newsletter. We are trying something new by combining the St. Luke and St. Paul newsletters. 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.

The next newsletter will be published in August and cover September and October. All submission need to be sent to the St. Luke office by Thursday, August 22.

## 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.



**Sunday School**  
**MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

## 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 May 23, June 13, July 11, and August 15.

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: May 9, May 24, June 6, June 27, July 11, August 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.





## Events and Ministries

### Mother and Child Breakfast Buffet:

Saturday, May 11 at 9:30 AM at the Country Fare Restaurant. Please join us for fun, fellowship, games, and door prizes. This is an all you can eat buffet sponsored by St. Luke Women of the ELCA. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Adults \$12.50 (Gratuity is included), Children (4-12) \$8.00, Children 3 and under are free. Menu is a Fresh Fruit Cup, Scrambled Eggs, English Muffins, Home Fried Potatoes, Pancakes, Assorted Breakfast Pastries, Bacon, Sausage, Coffee, Hot Tea, Water, and O.J. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 5th. Contact Faith Thunberg at 717-949-2869 or 717-202-9860 to purchase tickets or put your name on the sign-up in the chapel.

### St. Luke Band Together

Bands exercise classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 -11 AM in the chapel. Please contact Sue DeLong for additional information.

### St. Luke Coffee Hour

In May, Coffee Hour is the 2nd and 4th Sunday's. For the summer Sunday's at St. Luke, it will be announced. Please sign-up sheet in the narthex.



### 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. Summer musicians are welcome for over the summer, please contact Betsy Nolt.

### St. Luke Book Club



Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, June 13th in Miller chapel. We will be discussing *The Echo of Old Books: A Novel*, by Barbara Davis. All are welcome to come and join the discussion.



### 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!



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

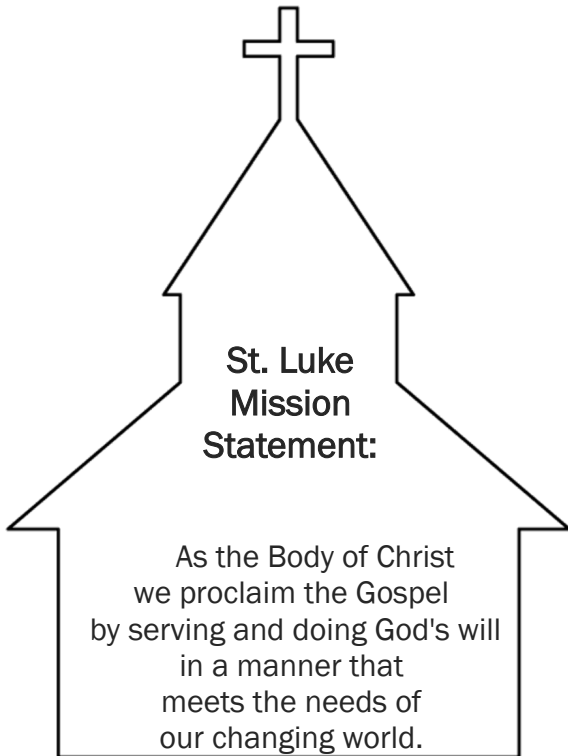


## **Ministries**

### 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. Dates are: May 28, June 11, July 16, August 20.

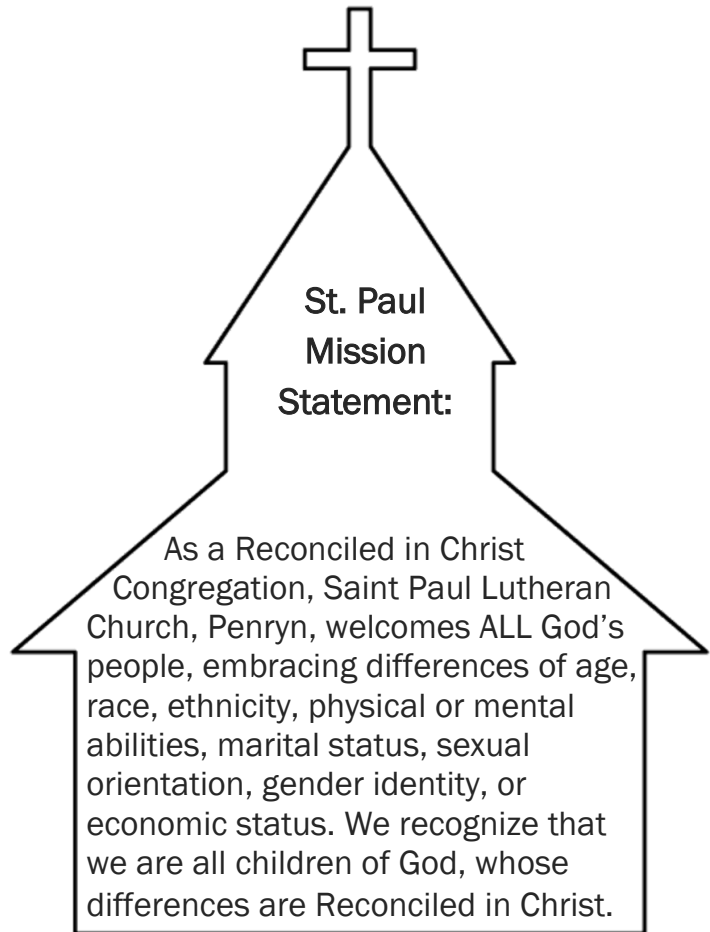
# Mission and Ministry



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**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.



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**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. 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. 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:

May—Lebanon Rescue Mission      July-Guatemala (Tree 4 Hope)  
June—Spang Crest      August—Hoina (Homes of he Indian Nation)

## Anniversary Blessings!

### St. Luke Anniversaries

Michael and Sharon Reber	May 4
David and Lor Boltz	May 5
David and Richelle Deysher	May 7
Dean and Susan Hettinger II	May 23
Joan and Edward Miller	June 2
Michael and Susan DeLong	June 3
Carl and Robin Bucher	June 18
Andy and Kelly Bakke	June 22
Harold Jr. and Joyce Moore	June 25
Ronald and Nancy Flory	July 5
Vince and Darlene Athorn	July 28

### St. Paul Anniversaries

Jon & Kristen Brandau	May 3
Gordan & Carol Toburen	May 3
Scott & Susan Reed	May 26
Gary & Brenda Landis	June 10
Dylan & Elizabeth Ruhl	June 13
Rob & Ruth Iosue	June 16
Duke and Anita Ennis	June 28
Paul & Liz Shaffer	July 9
Eldon & Sheri Witmer	July 12
Will and Mindy Welliver	July 26
Lenny & Deb Korzon	August 4



## Birthday Blessings!

### St. Luke Birthdays

\*Indicates "Golden Aged" members

Courtney Ahnert	May 2
*BJ Kupp	May 6
Shawn Stickler	May 7
*James Martin	May 19
*Hop Moore	May 22
*William Hoffman, Sr.	May 25
Michael Grubb	May 30
Adam Hentz	May 30
Addelynn Shirey	May 31
David Boltz	June 3
Jessica Bord	June 3
Jonelle Zartman	June 3
Heath Hentz	June 7
*Mike DeLong	June 9
*Donna Rhodes	June 16
Alexander Kramer	June 18
*Peg Griffe	June 23
*Diane Reedy	June 23
Linda Kramer	June 29
*Susan DeLong	July 2
Robin Bucher	July 5
Kaitlyn Moyer	July 5
Hillary Rights	July 6
Meredith Rights	July 9
Jackson Halys, II	July 15
*Douglas Stump	July 16
*Steven Bord	July 21
Wayne Bonkowski	July 25
Daniel Moyer	July 27
*Ronald Flory	July 28
*John Zartman	July 28
*Debra Eisenhauer	July 29
Andy Bakke	July 29
*Jake Werner	August 2
*Phyllis Bakke	August 2
*John Zimmerman	August 4
*Scott Rights	August 7
*Katie Ellis	August 7
Evan Hollinger	August 7
*Bonita Boyer	August 9
Kelly Bakke	August 21
*Linda Hollinger	August 29
*Richelle Deyscher	August 10
*Gary Simmers	August 12
*Karen Stump	August 13

*Connie Davis	August 15
John Snyder	August 18
*Brenda Boyer	August 19
*Suzanne Kimm	August 19
Stacy Stahl	August 20
Edward Miller	August 21

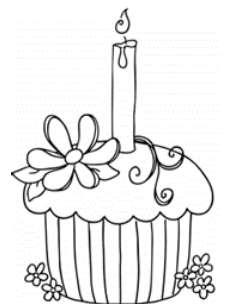
### St. Paul Birthdays

Sheri Garman	May 9
Brian Reed	May 15
Nathan Subyak	May 21
Tim Bartsch	June 3
John Schrieber	June 4
Ruth Iosue and Bradlee Garman	June 7
Clair Sprout	June 8
Lucy Hammer	June 18
Sheri Witmer	June 21
Bonnie Stangl	June 22
Bea Carlton	June 28
Chandler Kurtz	June 30
Kisten Reed	July 14
Dawn Subyak	July 14
Brenda Landis	July 16
Eldon Witmer	July 23

### AUGUST

Taylor Seppi	August 10
John Stangl	August 15
Scott Reed	August 25
Avery Schreiber	August 26

Happy Birthday!



## Camping Events



### The Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania Kirchenwald, Nawakwa, & The Wittel Farm

Kirchenwald Work Day—May 4—9:00 –5:00 PM.

Help us get our sites ready for the summer season. Jobs available for all skill levels.  
Complimentary lunch for all volunteers.

Lutheran Camping Night—May 17

The Lutheran Camping Corporation and the Harrisburg Senators invite your church family to a night of fun and fellowship at FNB Field for our annual Lutheran Camping Night!

Summer Camp Kick-Off Worship and Picnic—May 19—3:30-6:00 at Kirchenwald

Join friends, volunteers, and staff of The Lutheran Camping Corporation to celebrate the opening of the 2024 Summer Camping Season.

Dinner Church—June 2, July 7, and August 4 5:00 PM      The Wittel Farm

Dinner Church is a community gathered around a shared meal to listen, connect, sing, pray, eat, drink, and be with God in creation. Bring some food to share.

Summer Eco-Education Days—June 8, July 6 and August 10 11:00-1:00 PM      The Wittel Farm

We will explore the practices and benefits of ecological farming. Lunch included in the \$10 registration fee.

Elder Camp—July 7-12      Nawakwa

This week is specially designed for adults 55 and older. It runs alongside, and sometimes runs circles around, our youth camp.

Family Camp - July 14-19      Nawakwa

Families of all sorts of shapes and sizes have been coming to Nawakwa for over forty years! For two weeks each summer, family units move into Nawakwa's cabins and lodges.

Kirchenwald Camp-K-tion (Family Camp) - August 4-9

Camp Kirchenwald proudly presents the family vacation everyone can enjoy! Celebrate your family (whatever its form – grandparents, children, niece, second cousin twice removed...) in this unique camp experience.

The above descriptions are brief summaries.

For more information:      Phone: 717-677-8211      [lcc@lutherancamping.org](mailto:lcc@lutherancamping.org)

## *Thank you sharing*

We would like to thank all of you for the cards, flowers, visits, food and prayers during the time George was in the hospital and the short time he was at home.

Also thank you for all the sympathy cards and donations to the church in memory of George. A special thanks to Pastor Angie for being with the family from the beginning to the end. George is now at peace and free of pain.

God Bless,

Sandy and the McAllister family

A big thank-you from the food ministry goes out to The 3-Chord Pickers, a local Bluegrass gospel group, that has been providing great music at the Community Free Meals the second Sunday of every month. The group will be on board Sunday evening, May 12, and then off during the summer months. Thanks to the group members – Connie and Doc Davis and Eleanor Sweeney—for sharing their musical talents and adding to the conviviality of the Sunday meals. The group will continue playing the second Sunday of each month through the summer. As Connie put it, “We’re having fun with everyone, and that’s what we were hoping for.”



## Summer Happenings

### Community Meals at St. Luke

July and August will be St. Luke's turn to staff the Community Free Meals served on Thursdays at noon. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the chapel where you can volunteer for any or all of the following dates:

July 4 (yes, we will be roasting hot dogs on the Fourth of July!), 11, 18, 25  
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

The meal is served from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Meal preparation starts by 10:00 AM. If you are interested in the workings of the meal program but not able to commit to one of the ongoing Sunday teams, this is a good opportunity to participate on a one-off basis. Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers!



### Penryn Faith Community's annual picnic

Come one, come all! Saturday, August 17th will be the Penryn Faith Community's annual picnic in the Penryn Picnic Grove and you're invited! The Malta Band will provide music entertainment from 5-7pm. There will be drinks and ice cream available for purchase along with a food truck! There will also be a traditional cake walk as well! Bring your lawn chair, blankets, and friends and family to enjoy this tradition that allows all one last hurrah for Summer! Donations of cakes are welcome for the cake walk (can be brought the day of)! Hope to see you there!

### St. Luke Secretary away this summer

Please note that during the months of June-August, the secretary at St. Luke will be taking a seminary training course known as Clinical Pastoral Education. Phone messages and emails will be monitored a few days each week. Please contact the St. Paul Church office or Pastor Hammer directly for emergencies and high priority concerns.

## *St. Paul Financial and Penryn Food Pantry Reports*

### St. Paul Financial Report:

The financial contributions of each and every one of you is incredibly important. Consistent giving is incredibly important. The ministries we provide to our community are possible because of the giving of gifts--time, talent, energy, and financial that you all give. We can't falter. Our world needs us. Our community needs us. Please remember that faithful giving is crucial to what we do. Set up online giving or give it a chance if you haven't already. Think about giving up that extra drive-thru cup of coffee. Open your hearts.

### St. Paul Penryn Food Pantry Update:

As the relationship between St Luke's food ministry and Penryn's food ministry continues to grow and connect, we want to share some exciting volunteer opportunities with you.

Before I share those opportunities, I would like to present a brief recap of the history of Penryn's food ministry. As I reflected on the growth of Penryn's food ministry, it reminded me of one of Pastor Angie's recent sermons.

Penryn's food ministry began during COVID, when a member of the congregation approached Pastor Angie. The member of the congregation was concerned that people must be struggling and maybe the church could help. From this concern grew a small wooden box that sat on the side of the road and was filled with food for those in need. Although it seems like the time of no toilet paper, learning when to wear masks and how to social distance feels like a decade ago, it was a mere four years ago. That humble wooden box that was placed in front of the church only four years ago to help people in the community was never about us; it was God's work.

After things began to open up after COVID, it was clear that the need for help in the community was not going away. So, we moved the food pantry into the hall located next to the church. At that point, the pantry was open every other Saturday and served a few families every month. We were not in the hall long before we encountered zoning issues. Because of the zoning issues, the food pantry was relocated to the basement of the church. The hurdle of zoning and the move into the church basement did not end our work with the food ministry because it was never about us; it was God's work.

Shortly after the pantry moved into the church basement, St. Paul Penryn developed a relationship with Lititz Chooses Love, a LGBTQ+ affirming organization. With that relationship, Lititz Chooses Love's leadership and their volunteers, the food pantry grew to include a gender affirming clothing bank and grew to be open two days a week instead of twice a month! Additionally, Lititz Chooses Love established a relationship with PA Food Bank allowing us to get a huge amount of food very cheap. This all happened because it was never about us; it was God's work.

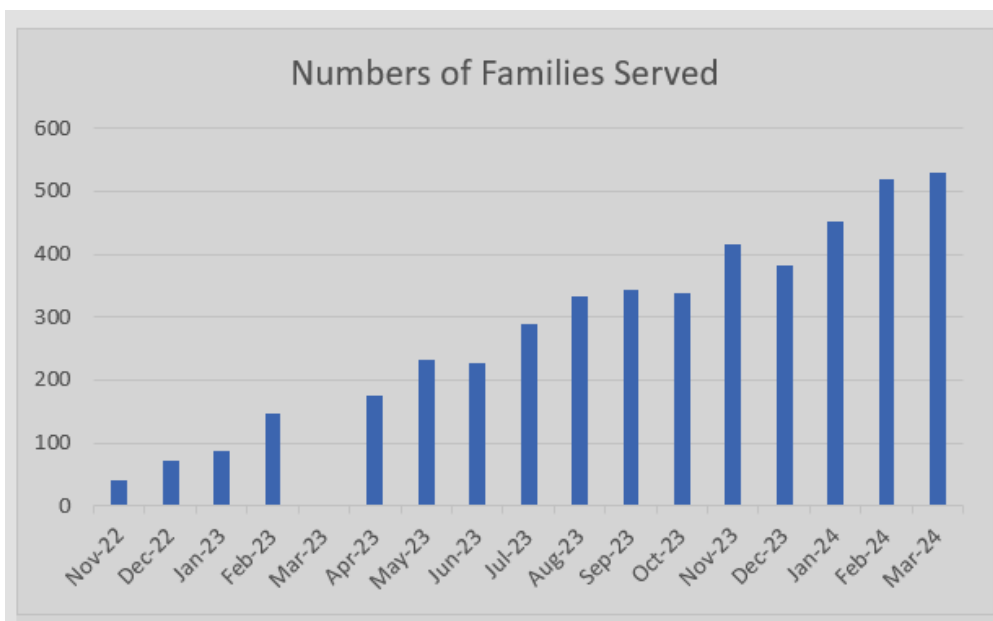
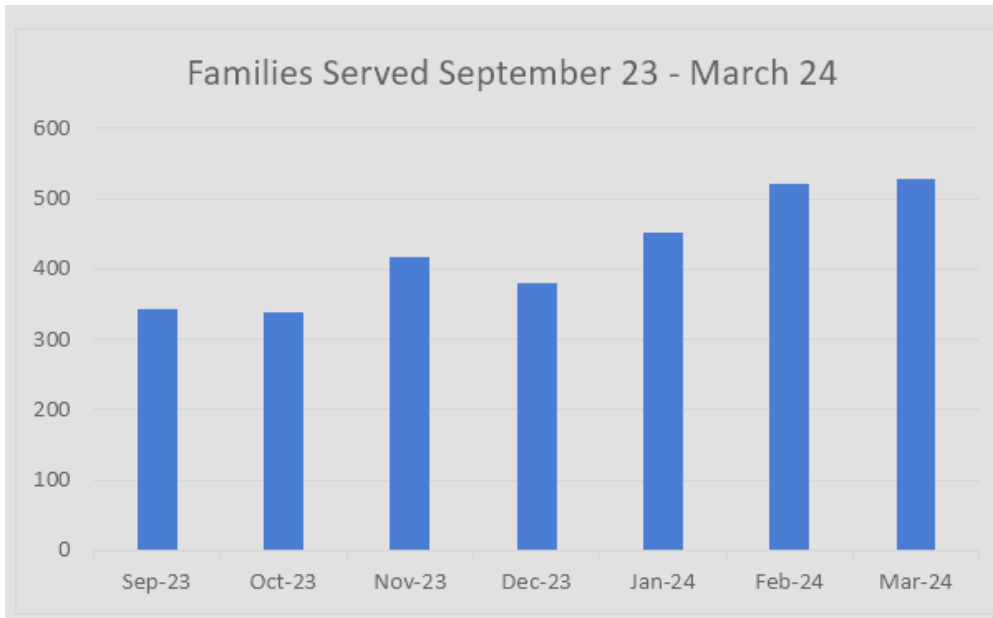
Never would we have imagined only four short years ago that the small wooden box that was placed in front of the church in Penryn would grow into a food pantry and clothing bank that serves hundreds of people every single week. That truly is God's work!

Submitted by Alice Spencer

*Love* YOUR  
neighbor  
*as* yourself.  
MATTHEW 22:39



# Penryn Food Pantry Service Charts



## 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](http://elca.org/resources/prayer-ventures)

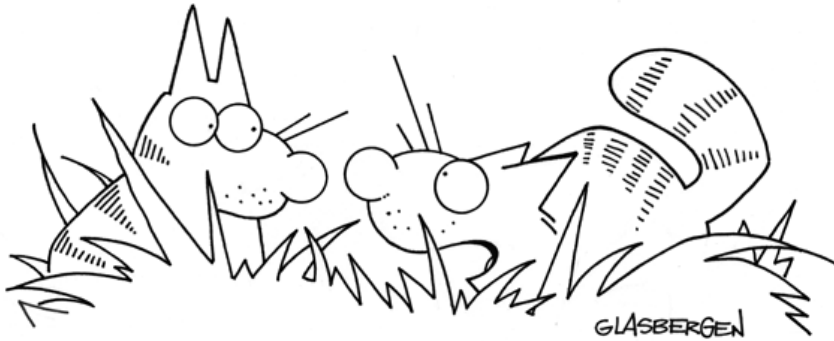


Great  
are the  
works  
of the  
Lord.



# Lutheran Laughter

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**"The Lord causes me to lie down in green pastures because that's where all the fattest mice are!"**



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**"Welcome to our church... I hope you're blessed by the worshipful atmosphere, the inspiring message, and the comfortable pew my family has been occupying for 5 generations."**

**"If I send my prayer as a text message, will I get a faster reply?"**

