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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

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

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**St. Paul Evangelical
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Together we are doing God's work!

From our Pastor:

Dear Community,

It's been one week since our delegation returned from Konde Diocese, Tanzania and I'm still processing all that we experienced and pouring over my photos and notes. I continue to feel overwhelmed by the beauty and love of our companions and humbled to serve God's people in such a profound way. Between the two congregations, you gave \$1,500 as gift money for our companions. Your gifts were shared with medical clinics, schools, congregations, the orphanage, tuition support, just to name a few. One of the highlights of our time was meeting with a delegation of female pastors. Their established circle is called "The Abigail Group," rooted in a story from 1 Samuel, where Abigail pleads with King David for her husband's life (you can read the full story at 1 Samuel 25:2-42). The story speaks to Abigail's strength, courage, and integrity; strength, courage, and integrity that her husband failed to display. Those characteristics are strongly present in the female pastors and leaders that we had the privilege of meeting in the Konde.

Strength. Courage. Integrity.

Hearing their stories, witnessing their faith, feeling their tight bonds of friendship and sisterhood, learning of their struggles as female pastors in a part of the world where female leaders are slowly beginning to be recognized and celebrated, in a church with very little resources but a faith stronger than you could ever imagine – again – overwhelmed and humbled to be in their presence.

This day spent with the Abigail Group stirred up a few things within me. First, I'd like to acknowledge how deeply privileged and thankful I am to be called as your Pastor. It is a gift that I do not take for granted. Second, witnessing what a group of thirty women can do with very limited resources and support is incredibly inspiring. It has rekindled in me a fire to imagine all we can do, not what we can't do. Finally, my heart swells at the gift of relationship. Penryn and St. Luke have been growing a genuine relationship rooted in Christian faith and discipleship. The whole, "it takes a village" saying is absolutely true. We've got a blessed village between the two congregations!

If you know me well, you know that I could talk endlessly about the Konde, but there's other things to read in this newsletter that share all the good you're doing!

Thank you again for supporting our global partnership, for supporting me and my call to serve God's people beyond Penryn and St. Luke.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Angie +

Pastor Angie will be in Chicago at the ELCA national offices for a training October 2-5

From the desk of JP Welliver:

A New Season Is Ahead

Well, folks. Here we are. Almost at the end of Summer.

It feels like it was just yesterday that we were enjoying picnic food and kicking of the dog days of heat with Memorial Day celebrations in our backyards.

And now, it is time to see everything pumpkin as we change over to a new season of cooler weather, brisk winds, and sweatshirts.

As I look back on the last few months, one of the things that I enjoyed thoroughly about this Summer was our decision to combine together as faith communities for our Sunday morning worship once again.

I will admit a 9am start time is a challenge for me (regardless of whether I indulge in adult beverages the night before or not), but seeing the pews full, the fellowship shared, and the infectious energy between those that come out to worship is priceless.

Most recently, during our August 4th service at Penryn, I felt such a renewed sense of happiness and joy while we all stood to sing the last hymn, "I Love To Tell The Story."

Everyone was singing. The energy could be felt everywhere in the sanctuary. It was electric and something I couldn't stop smiling about as I played from the organ bench.

God was present and the moment felt like one of those times in life where the stars align.

Our faith communities have continued to become stronger together and create connections that are energetic, loving, and supportive.

My only hope is that as we head into this new season, that we will continue that trend.

Thank you for being open to the call of the Spirit as our faith journey continues to evolve together.

Thank you for showing up in whatever capacity you can to celebrate and foster our ministries.

Thank you for sharing your gifts that the Lord has provided.

Thank you for being you.

Onward and upward into the new season ahead!

Be kind to all kinds,
JP Welliver

Worship and Arts

We Worship Together!

Beginning this fall, Penryn and St. Luke will worship together on the 4th Sunday of every month at St. Luke. After worship, coffee hour and a time for fellowship and learning will be offered at the chapel. The 5th Sunday of the month will be a combined service at Penryn. The schedule is below.

Worship and Sunday School

September 1—Pentecost 15		October 6—Pentecost 20	
8:30 AM	St. Luke	8:30 AM	St. Luke
10:30 AM	St. Paul	9:30 AM	Sunday School
September 8—Pentecost 16		10:30 AM	St. Paul
8:30 AM	St. Luke	October 13—Pentecost 21	
9:30 AM	Sunday School	8:30 AM	St. Luke
10:30 AM	St. Paul	9:30 AM	Sunday School
September 15—Pentecost 17		10:30 AM	St. Paul
8:30 AM	St. Luke	October 20—Pentecost 22	
10:30 AM	St. Paul	8:30 AM	St. Luke
September 22—Pentecost 18		9:30 AM	Sunday School
8:30 AM	Combined Worship—St. Luke	10:30 AM	St. Paul
9:30 AM	Sunday School	October 27—Reformation	
September 29—Pentecost 19		8:30 AM	Combined Worship—St. Luke
10:30—	Combined Worship—St. Paul	9:30 AM	Sunday School
Pet Blessing in the Grove			



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>.

Worship Assistant Schedule and Book Club

St. Paul Lectors

9/1 Anne Beegle
 9/8 Shelly Gochnauer
 9/15 Gil Welliver
 9/22 Service at St. Luke
 9/29 Sheri Garman

10/6 Scott Reed
 10/13 Sheri Garman
 10/20 Jon Brandau
 10/27 Service at St Luke

If you would like to be a Lector,
 please contact the St. Paul Office.



St. Luke Lay Readers/Worship Asst.

	LR	WA
9/1	Donna Moyer	Mike DeLong
9/8	Richelle Deysher	Sarah Kneller
9/15	Nicholas Kneller	Jake Werner
9/22	Missy Gettler	Karen Stump
9/29	Service at St. Paul in Penryn	

10/6	Steffi Gettler	Jake Werner
10/13	Richelle Deysher	Karen Stump
10/20	Dolly Fasnacht	Sarah Kneller
10/27	Faith Thunberg	Mike DeLong

11/3	Donna Moyer	Jake Werner
11/10	Richelle Deysher	Karen Stump

If you would like to be a Lay Reader,
 please contact the St. Luke Office.

St. Luke History Books

Available for \$20.00

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



St. Luke Book Club

The book club recently met on August 29.

Please check the bulletins for the next meeting and the next book.

Contact Richelle Deysher for additional information.



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

Committees and Council

Gardeners

Lay Readers/Lectors

Backyard Staff

Acolytes Sunday School Teachers

Community Meal Volunteers

Musicians

Quilters

Staff Members

Food Pantry donators

Worship Assistants

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 on a Thursday at the Franklin House in Schaefferstown. If you have not participated in this social gathering/text study, give it a try. We meet at 6:30 PM for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us and bring a friend on September 26 and October 17.

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: Join Pastor Angie online on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. You will explore 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:

September 5, Mark 7:24-37

September 19, Mark 9:30-37

October 10, Mark 10:17-31

October 24, mark 10:46-52

BIBLE STUDY AT PLEASANT VIEW

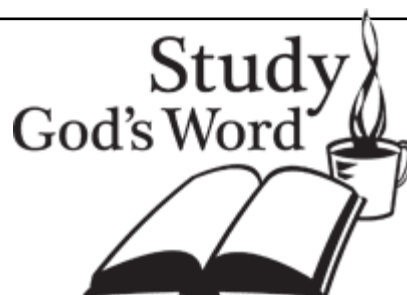
Thursday, September 12—10:00 AM in the Activities Room

Thursday, October 17— 10:00 AM—in the Activities Room

BIBLE STUDY AT LUTHER ACRES

Wednesday, September 4—10:00 AM—Chapel

Wednesday, October 9 —10:00 AM—Chapel



Ministries

Ingathering for World Relief

We have over 125 quilts to pack into boxes, then label and tape securely. To ensure that our quilts and other supplies from Lebanon County get to those most in need in the United States and abroad, volunteer help would be appreciated on the following dates:

Sunday, Oct. 6th - carry quilts from church to chapel.

Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 11AM - pack the quilts into boxes at the chapel.

Friday, Oct. 11th, 12:00 to 2 PM - load boxes from St. Luke, Salem Lutheran, and St. Mark into the truck. Meet at the St. Luke chapel at noon.

Saturday, Oct. 12th, 7:15 AM-10 AM - Load boxes from our truck to the large truck at Bergstrasse. Meet at the Plain and Fancy parking lot at 7:15 AM.

We also need 15 more cardboard boxes (about 18-in W x 16-in H x 18-in D).

Thank you for any help that you offer in this effort to aid others.

Sue DeLong

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



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 information.



Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39

St. Paul Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl group meets on the third Monday of each month at 1:30PM at Pleasant View. The group will meet at Ilene Landis' apartment. The group always welcomes new people. No experience is necessary! If you know someone who could benefit from a prayer shawl, please see Pastor Angie or Shelly Gochenaur.

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.

Upcoming dates are September 17 and October 15

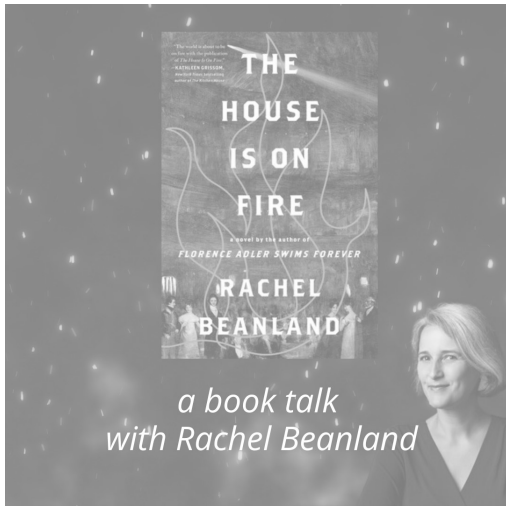
Ministries

Events

Spang Crest Kauffman's barbecue chicken:

September 6 2 PM - 5:30PM pickup.

One-half chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter. \$11.00. Baked goods available for sale. Contact Linda Hollinger at 717-808-7338 for tickets. Tickets also available the day of the sale.



*a book talk
with Rachel Beanland*

Rachel Beanland, the author of *The House Is On Fire*, will be speaking on Tuesday, September 10th at 8:00PM at the Congregation Beth Israel Synagogue, Lebanon. This is the 2024 selection of The Lebanon County Library system's Lebanon County Reads program. Tickets are \$20 for General Admission. Richelle Deysher be getting tickets or you can purchase them at the library. If you would like to attend a 7:00PM pre-lecture reception to meet the author tickets are \$100. Please let me know if you would like me to get you a ticket or if you have any questions. Richelle Deysher (717)926-2026

Party for the Food Pantry: Saturday, September 21

Enjoy an evening under the lights at Penryn's Backyard. Cost is \$20 per person which includes a chicken dinner.

Silent auction will begin at 5:30 PM and conclude at 7:00 PM.

Auction items include a Solo stove fire pit, one night stay at The Bear's Den, pottery from Tanzania, gift baskets, artwork, and more!



Live music by Rudy Turnstone. Buy your tickets ahead of time by placing your registration in the offering plate or by Venmo.

Checks are to be made payable to St. Paul Penryn. Make sure to include the name of each person attending.



Events Continued

Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, October 12—4:00 PM

Benefit the orphanage in the Konde Diocese.

Join us for an evening of cornhole for a cause! \$30 per team, double elimination. Beer and soft pretzels will be available by donation. Put a team together and enjoy a fun evening of friendly competition and fellowship. Kids and dogs welcome. All proceeds benefit the Iwambi orphanage in the Konde Diocese. To register, call or email the St. Paul church office at 717-665-6093 office at stpaulpen@gmail.com.

Vision statement of the
Konde Diocese:

*"Good news and better life for all people
without discrimination of any kind."*

Mission Statement:

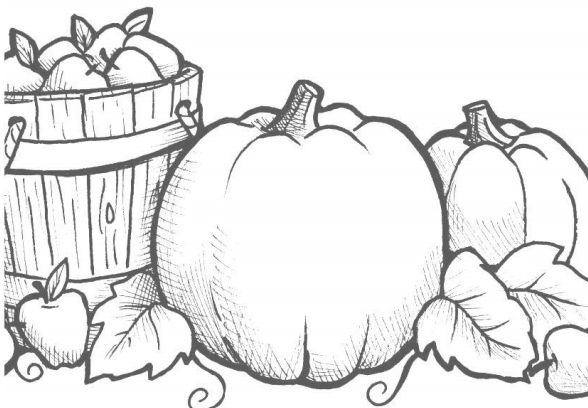
*"To serve humankind holistically, spiritually, physi-
cally and mentally."*



Annual Fall Fest at Penryn

Saturday, October 26 from 4:00-7:00 PM

This is a family friendly event will feature pumpkin decorating, tractor rides, Halloween costume contest, trick or treating, lawn games and more!



Birthday and Anniversary Blessings!

St. Paul Birthdays

Gil Welliver	9/3
Sue Reed	9/4
Lorraine Wike	9/13
Lois Bomberger	9/14
Robbie Iosue	9/17
Molly Iosue	9/18
Fern Dull	9/24
Mindy Welliver	9/28

Greta Bomberger	10/2
Glenn Bartsch	10/6
Benjamin Brandau	10/9
Jack Iosue	10/14
Debbie Korzon	10/16
Angela Hammer	10/16
Abigail Miller	10/31

St. Paul Anniversaries

John & Vonnie Schreiber	9/10
Scott & Sheri Garman	9/20
Pastor Angie and Andrew Hammer	10/27

Happy Birthday!

Happy Anniversary

St. Luke Birthdays

*Indicates "Golden Aged" members

Lori Boltz	9/03
Julia Gettler	9/03
*Todd Snyder	9/8
Bria Shirey	9/15
*Linda Simmers	9/17
Riley Halye, II	9/18
*Nancy Flory	9/23
*Bob Enck	9/25
Rebecca Hentz	9/25
Jennifer Rhodes	9/26
Matthew Hentz	9/27
Emily Reedy	9/28
*Dolly Fasnacht	9/28
*Judy Plummer	10/1
Evan Gettler	10/3
*Carole Gundrum	10/3
*Joyce Moore	10/3
Shane Gettler	10/4
*Anna Mae Grubb	10/6
*Rebecca Snyder	10/16
Lance Rhodes	10/17
William Hoffman, Jr.	10/17
*Sandra Smith	10/17
Landon Rhodes	10/19
Carl Bucher	10/27
Melissa Gettler	10/27
*Timothy Reedy	10/19
*Glenn Hibshman	10/21

St. Luke Anniversaries

Snap and Laura Zimmerman	9/6
Marshall and Linda Kramer	9/21
Douglas and Karen Stump	10/15
John and Beverly Zartman	10/14
Shane and Melissa Gettler	10/17
Jeffrey II and Mary Halye	10/18
Timothy and Diane Reedy	10/29
Kirk and Ann Pearson	10/30

Council and Christmas Eve Requests



Attention St. Paul members:

It is time to start thinking about the 2025 church year and church Council! There is always room for new blood and volunteers. For the upcoming year, we will be looking for some new members! Meetings are typically the second Thursday of every month at 7 PM and last for about an hour (depending on the subject matter). Being on church Council is a great way to share some love, faith, and perspective to help the church grow in its ministry and service toward the community and each other. Prayerfully consider this request and see Pastor Angie or JP with any questions!

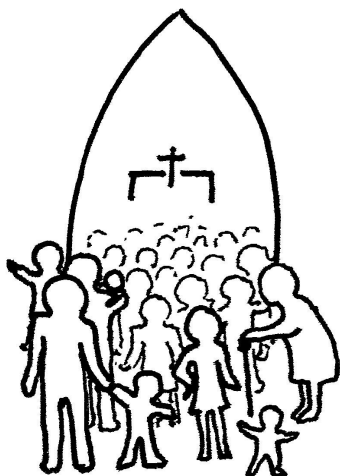
Musicians for Christmas Eve:

It is hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about Christmas Eve! Mark your calendars for our candlelight services...

St. Paul 7:00 PM Service Preludes begin at 6:30 PM.
St. Luke 11:00 PM Service Preludes begin at 10:30 PM

If you are interested in participating or sharing some musical talent that evening as a prelude or during the service, please contact our talented parish musicians:

JP Welliver St. Paul
Linda Holt St. Luke



With Thanks

Reflections from a member:

So I was never opposed to combining and alternating Sunday services with the St Luke congregation. But I must say, I wasn't expecting things to go the way they did and still are. From the first visit to St Luke I felt at home. Not at all like a visitor. We've come together in many ways (Thursday morning zoom bible study, beer and bible—just to name two) and I have to believe this was God's plan not only for the two congregations, but for each of us individually. I've struggled for a bit trying to figure out my place and my job in the church.



I finally figured out I don't have one job, one specific place but to jump in where needed. This conclusion came from watching others work and do what's not always comfortable but they do it with happy hearts. A few weeks ago two families from St Luke stayed after church to help with the food pantry at St Paul. Not only did they help but they stayed after the pantry closed to help clean up the kitchen. I was reminded that teamwork makes every job easier.

Thank you Betsy!

THANK YOU!

So many of you work behind the scenes, making sure our various ministries are working, ensuring our buildings are well kept and functioning, preparing the altar every Sunday, visiting members and prayer for the community, and so much more. A quick shout out to some of our folks:

Thank you to our younger people... Eli and James from Penryn and Samuel and Nicholas from St. Luke for volunteering at our food pantry.

Thank you to our property people, Scott from Penryn who's been making updates and changes to the building, including updating our lower-level bathrooms. And to Mike from St. Luke who scrapes, paints, fixes doors, plumbing projects, and takes care of snakes in the basement!

Thank you to our prayer team... Shelly from Penryn and Betsy Nolt from St. Luke who send out messages for prayer for those in need.

Thank you to our technical crews... Beverly and Bill at St. Luke who make sure our livestream gets up and running weekly, and to JP, Eldon, and Dylan who make sure Penryn's weekly worship accessible online.

THANK YOU to every single person in our combined community that lives into being body of Christ for all people!

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:

September—Domestic Violence

October—Lutheran World Relief

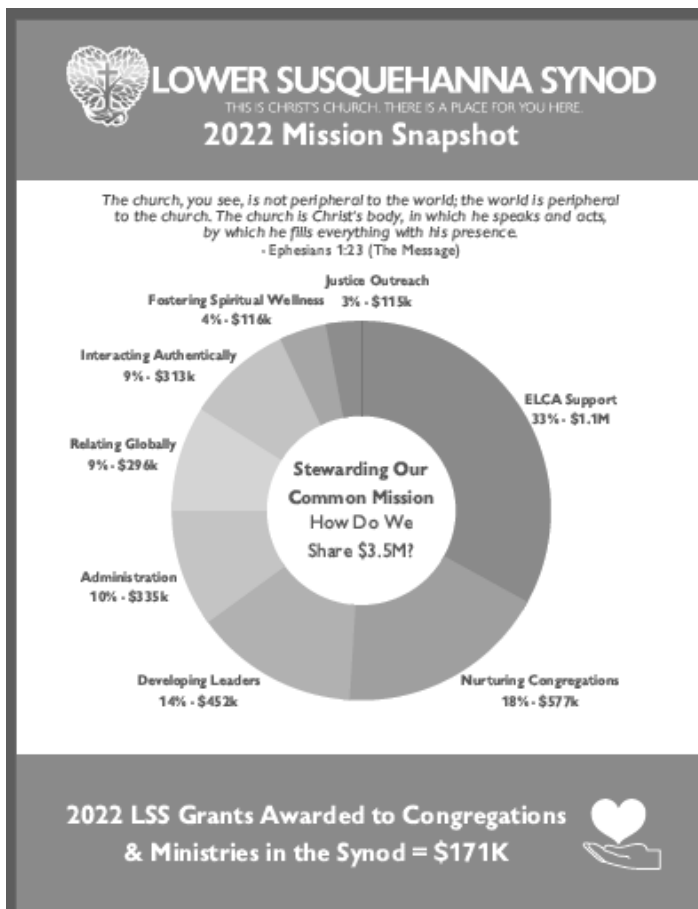
Synod News

Lower Susquehanna Synod 2025 Bishop's Election

In the Lower Susquehanna Synod, we equip leaders, encourage cooperation, and engage new mission, all for the sake of sharing God's love in the world; our bishop serves as the spiritual and administrative leader in this work. In June 2025, we will elect a new bishop as Bishop Dunlop wraps up his second term and steps into retirement. Electing a bishop is one of the most important responsibilities in the life of a synod. As such, it involves discernment, from the perspective of individual potential nominees and the synod as a whole. Thus, engaging in prayerful reflection and seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit are critical aspects of the process of nomination and election.

Enclosed are two documents to help gain a better, more complete understanding of our synod's mission support and commitment throughout the LSS, and a timeline of the bishop's election.

Pastor Angie, as a member of synod council, serves on the Mission Committee, which is in part responsible for communicating and overseeing the election process. Please contact her if you have questions about the process.



DEVELOPING LEADERS

We are committed to equipping leaders who understand, practice, and live the Gospel. Our called leadership includes 454 Rostered Ministers, of which 220 are retired. Additionally, ministry with children, youth and their families has long been a priority in our synod.

- We make comprehensive stewardship teaching available through trained coaches and programs like Building a Culture of Generosity.
- We provide resources, events, and consult with congregations as they accompany young people who are growing into disciples of Christ in today's world.
- We prepare and accompany leaders of all ages in their discernment of church vocations, including pastor ordination candidacy, first call and mobility processes.

FOSTERING SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

We are committed to encouraging individuals and congregations to discover deeper connections with Jesus Christ, to find renewed inspiration and purpose in the Gospel, and to become faithful disciples of Christ by:

- Offering spiritual wellness programs like Soul Care, Soul Feast and other spiritual practices via online and in-person workshops and retreats.
- Curating wellness, medical benefits, and financial resources that support the overall health of our leaders.
- Offer trauma and resilience workshops that address the current realities of our leaders.

INTERACTING AUTHENTICALLY

We seek to align our actions with our Christian values. Practicing what we preach, in other words. We promote Gospel-centered hospitality and encourage loving, Christian relationships by:

- Providing quarterly mandatory Racial Justice and RJC/LGBTQIA+ Affirming training for congregation leaders and rostered ministers.
- Offering Mental Health First Aid and Disability Ministry training.

CARING FOR CONGREGATIONS

We help churches more fully participate in the mission of Christ's church and connect more deeply with the communities and individuals they serve. As part of Region 8, we are one of the largest of the 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America organized into 13 conferences, and have 227 congregations and worshiping communities.

- We walk with congregations in their call process for new rostered ministers.
- Programs like Hybrid Church, RJC, and Congregation Vitality Training provide new models for congregation life together and help us nurture deeper connections with God, one another, and the world.

GROWING JUSTICE OUTREACH

Living out our commitment to care for all people regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, cultural differences, or socioeconomic status, we seek justice for all by:

- Elevating the issue of human services at local, regional and national levels.
- Training our synod's decision-making administrative body in the areas of Racial Justice, LGBTQIA+, Immigration, and Disability Accompaniment, including Synod Staff, Synod Council, Candidacy Committee, Conference Clergy, Seminarians, youth and young adult leaders, camp and social service agency staff.
- Creating systems of intentional support and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ youth and young adults.

BUILDING GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS

As one of the top World Hunger financial supporters in the ELCA, we work zealously to address poverty, hunger and food insecurity, fight disease, strengthen communities and spread the word of the Gospel around the world.

- We partner with the Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and Three Hope in Guatemala.
- We support Lutheran World Relief and sponsor international missionaries.

Timeline for Bishop's Election

LOWER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD 2025 BISHOP'S ELECTION TIMELINE



Camping Events



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

Dinner Church	September 8 and October 6	5:00 PM	Wittel Farm
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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.

ALIVE	September 7-September 29	Nawakwa
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ALiVE is the Lower Susquehanna Synod's annual middle-school retreat. Our annual fall retreat is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at Camp Nawakwa.

Adult Study Retreat	October 1-October 3	Nawakwa
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A Book Study Retreat at Nawakwa. Books can be found on the website. All meals (7) are included in the price and served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. This retreat is led by Sister Marianne Brock

Party with a Purpose	October 5	5:00-8:00 PM	Kirchenwald
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Please join us for a night of fun and fundraising! A Party with a Purpose! Dinner, Silent & Live Auctions, Live Music, & Giveaways, Benefiting Kirchenwald!

Capture the Flag Spectacular	October 6	3:00-5:00 PM	Kirchenwald
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Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow.

Night at Nawakwa	October 19	5:00-9:00 PM	Nawakwa
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Please join us for a night of fun and fundraising, celebrating Nawakwa's 95th Anniversary! Dinner, Drinks, Games and Giveaways, Trivia, Life Music.

Fall Foliage Day	October 27	1:00-6:00	Kirchenwald and Nawakwa
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Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included.

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

Penryn Food Pantry and Financial Reports

Penryn Food Pantry Update:

Our food pantry has been extremely busy over the summer months. We continue to get 4,000-6,000 pounds of food, including fresh produce, delivered weekly. In cooperation with St. Luke, we've been able to transport untaken produce to the Scheafferstown community where participants in their weekly free meal program are able to take what they need. We've opened up the pantry every other Sunday during the summer to help meet the increasing need for those who are food insecure. Volunteers from both Penryn and St. Luke have worked together on these Sunday mornings distributing food, organizing shelves, and cleaning the pantry area. A HUGE thank you to everyone from St. Luke and Penryn who have stepped up and have been working together supporting this ministry. A volunteer from Penryn said the following of working with St. Luke folks; *"I used to think of us as two congregations but now I believe we're one flock."*

A few changes are in the works: Lititz Chooses Love continues to partner with us for the feeding ministry, however their presence will be less felt in the coming weeks. They will be moving their operations to another location, freeing up some of our space which allows us to expand upon some new ministries. The LCL board is creating an operational committee for the food pantry, better defining volunteer roles to support our ministry. Once completed, we will share how you can get involved with more "behind the scenes" jobs. For now, volunteers are always welcome in the following ways: unloading and stocking of food on Wednesday mornings and early afternoons, food distribution during pantry hours, breaking down and removal of cardboard boxes weekly, donating to the food pantry box in front of the church – just to name a few.

Mark your calendars for our food pantry fundraiser dinner and silent auction on Saturday, September 21, 5:00 PM at The Backyard in Penryn. See Events page for more

St. Paul Penryn Financial Notes as of July 31st

Offering needed to support budget through July 31st	\$	50,677.34		
Offering collected through July 31st	\$	38,252.80		
Deficit - needed vs. collected		(\$12,424.54)		
	2024 Budget	Spent YTD	% of Budget	
Benevolence	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,400	47%	
Facilities	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,149	77%	
Parish Ministry	\$ 3,925	\$ 2,976	76%	
Personnel	\$ 105,895	\$ 59,597	56%	
Program Ministry	\$ 5,650	\$ 1,602	28%	
	\$ 143,470	\$ 84,724		

Prayer Page

Prayer Circle: St. Luke and St. Paul work 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 church offices.

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

*Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.*



Lutheran Laughter

If you have seen these before, it might be time to laugh about them again...

Due to the pastor's illness, healing services will be discontinued until further notice.

Bertha Belch is a missionary from Africa. She will be speaking tonight. You are invited to come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

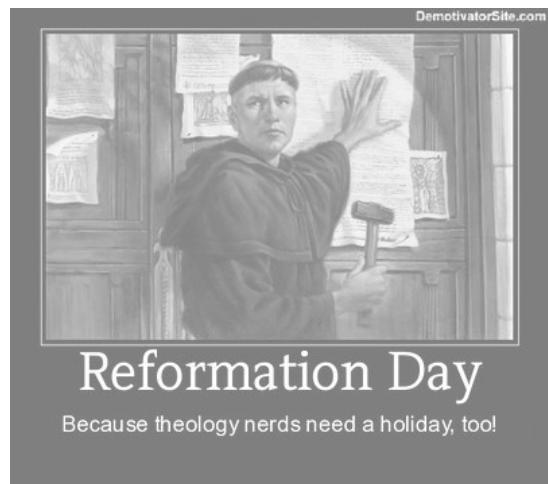
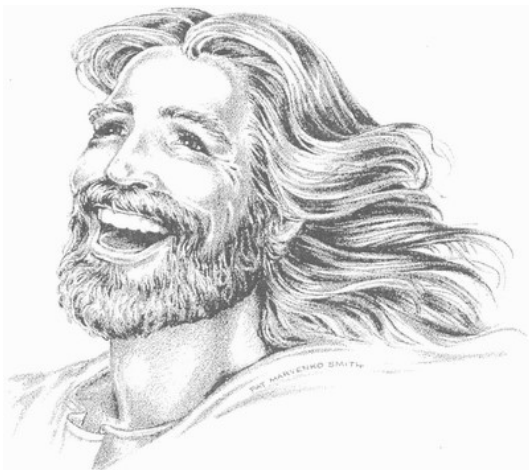
We continue to pray for Barbara, who is in the hospital. Due to having trouble sleeping, she requested recordings of the sermons.

While our pastor is on vacation, we will enjoy the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon from our supply pastor.

The Low Self-Esteem Group will meet Thursday evening, please use the back basement door.

Remember to pray for the many who are sick of our church and community.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.





Welcome

