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Sunday Worship:

8:30 AM
(Holy Communion)

Ministers:

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St. Luke and St. Paul

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

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We are doing God's work...together!

Worship

We Worship Together!

St. Luke and St. Paul worship together on the 4th Sunday of every month at St. Luke. A time of learning and fellowship follows the service. Anytime there is a 5th Sunday, the service will be a combined service at St. Paul in Penryn.

Worship and Sunday School

9:00 AM Summer Worship and Music

August

July

3—Pentecost 8
St. Paul—Penryn

6—Pentecost 4
St. Paul—Penryn

10—Pentecost 9
St. Luke—Schaefferstown
Music: Lilly Zimmerman - cello

13—Pentecost 5
St. Luke—Schaefferstown
Music: Wyatt Hammer, banjo &
guitar

17—Pentecost 10
St. Paul—Penryn

20—Pentecost 6
St. Paul—Penryn

24—Pentecost 11
St. Luke—Schaefferstown
Music: Sam and Sarah Kneller,
violin and soloist

27—Pentecost 7
St. Luke—Schaefferstown
Music: Karey Getz, soloist

31—Pentecost 12
St. Paul—Penryn
Brunch after worship

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).

From Our Pastor:

“Therefor, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.

The old has gone, the new is here!” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear Community,

As I write this, we're in the second week of the camping season and quite possibly the hottest week in Central Pennsylvania for the summer! I've seen one really big snake, lots of frogs, deer in the early mornings, turtles, more spiders that I'd like, and one of the camp dogs ate a frog! Aside from the Holy beauty of this space, one of the things I really enjoy about the camp community is the people. To see the staff again and learn about their lives and how much they've grown over the year. The kids who return year after year as campers; to see their growth, their continued love of the camp community, their faith formation. I guess what I am realizing is, I love seeing how God has worked in the lives of the people who make up this community. It's life-giving, renewing, exciting. It is a new creation!

There is a new creation happening (well, it's always happening, it's just sometimes hard to recognize) within our St. Paul, Penryn and St. Luke, Schaefferstown communities. Our music ministry is changing and growing with the addition of JP Welliver. John, our Administrative Assistant (and my right hand, sometimes left hand, at St. Luke) is entering into his final year of seminary and leaving St. Luke for his internship. With that, we are excited to welcome Andrea McCallister to the role of Administrative Assistant! The high school kids from St. Luke are working with me to be more engaged with youth in the Schaefferstown/Myerstown area and with our social media presence. The younger ones from Penryn are learning more ways to be worship assistants. Volunteers from BOTH congregations have been working beautifully together in the renewal of the food pantry at St. Paul, Penryn. Sunday worship has been so joyful and meaningful as we gather together to hear the word, are fed, are refilled and renewed by the Holy Spirit! Everywhere I look, I see and FEEL a new creation!

I continue to be blessed serving as your pastor. I am energized by the ministry, the faithfulness, the relationships between and among the two congregations. I have noticed the vocabulary switch in conversation: Many of you say “we” when talking about the other. It is no longer “they/us”.

We are community. We are a new creation.

“Therefor, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.

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In Christ's Service,

Pastor Angie +



St. Paul, Penryn Food Pantry Update

God's work continues to be evident and beautifully seen at the food pantry every week. We continue to welcome new families every Saturday, as well as grow and strengthen relationships between our volunteers and the folks in our community. The work continues, and I invite you to consider becoming a part of this amazing ministry!

Since the reopening of our pantry, the number of families that visit the pantry weekly continues to grow. In March, we served 49 families, which included 139 individuals. In April, we served 63 families, which included 208 individuals. In May, we served 106 families, which included 312 individuals. Folks are being fed every week, both physically and emotionally.

As the number of individuals utilizing the pantry grows, we continue to connect with more local partners for donations. In the past few months, in addition to the Kelloggs donation of cereal and Speedway donation of pizzas, we received donations from Wegmans and Giant. Both of those donations allowed us to provide meat for the folks who visit our pantry. We are currently in the process of connecting with the PA Central Food Bank to create a partnership with a local grocery store with the potential of providing weekly donations of meats, dairy products, and bakery items. We also continue to utilize the generous grant money awarded by our synod hunger committee to purchase food at very discounted rate (and sometimes free) through the PA Central Food Bank.

If you are interested in supporting the food pantry, there are several ways to become involved. Volunteers are needed every Saturday from 9 – 12. Consider coming in and helping to hand out food, carry food to the cars of our elderly visitors, or just get to know our neighbors. A behind the scenes volunteer opportunity is unloading and stocking shelves when the PA Food Bank food delivery arrives. This usually occurs on the second Wednesday of each month. Many hands make light work! Finally, if you are at the grocery store, consider adding a few items to your cart to support this ministry. Pastor Angie always includes pantry needs in her weekly email, if you are looking for specifics. If you forget, we can ALWAYS use paper products and personal hygiene items, such as paper towels, toilet paper, women's hygiene items, soap, detergent, shampoo, conditioner, etc.

Alice Spencer



From the desk of J.P. Welliver, Music Director

The sunshine is blazing, the beach blankets are out of storage, and the adult beverage seltzers are ready to be placed in the hands of anxious individuals with their toes in the sand.

Ah, yes. Summer is here.

And with that comes the excitement of new journeys, fellowships, and elements of our Summer worship together.

I hope anyone that was able to attend our first Summer worship service at St. Luke on June 1st felt the emotions and energy that exuded from the pews and walls of all of us gathering together.

It was truly electric.

And the tears of emotion that fell from my eyes during the children's message as I prayed were raw and real.

For those who may not know, I'm excited to say that I've accepted the Music Director position at St. Luke to work in tandem with the ministry that I currently do at St. Paul.

It is an opportunity I'm super excited for (and also a bit nervous about) because I haven't stepped into a new job like this in forever.

And for those of you who love to make music, I would encourage and prayerfully ask you to consider sharing your voice with the choir. (An official rehearsal schedule will be posted in an upcoming bulletin with more details).

Each Sunday morning when I'm at St. Luke, I take a few minutes before worship to walk through the cemetery. It is a peaceful moment of meditation to help center myself and just be.

It is clear God has put me in the right place at the right time.

And I hope all of you are as excited as I am for the future ahead of us.

Kindness for all,
JP

Music Ministry update:

We are excited to welcome JP Welliver as the new Director of Music for St. Luke. His official start date is July 1. We give thanks for his many gifts and talents and his willingness to become part of the St. Luke family. Welcome, JP!



Worship Assistants

St. Luke Lay Readers/Worship Asst.

	L.R.	W.A.
7/6	at St. Paul	
7/13	Faith Thunberg	Betsy Rights
7/20	at St. Paul	
7/27	Donna Moyer	Karen Stump
8/3	at St. Paul	
8/10	Richelle Deysher	Betsy Rights
8/17	at St. Paul	
8/24	Sarah Kneller	Andrea McAllister
8/31	at St. Paul	

St. Paul Lectors

7/6	Anne Beegle
7/13	at St. Luke
7/20	Gil Welliver
7/27	at St. Luke
8/3	Eldon Witmer
8/10	at St. Luke
8/17	Jon Brandau
8/24	at St. Luke
8/31	Shelly Gochnauer

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

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

Committees and Council	Community Meal Volunteers
Gardeners Lay Readers/Lectors Musicians Quilters	
Backyard Staff Staff Members Food Pantry donators	
Acolytes Sunday School Teachers Worship Assistants	



Moving/Have moved? New email?

Please let each respective church office know.
If we do not have your correct information,
you might be missing out on everything going on.



New Administrative Assistant at St. Luke

Welcome Andrea!

New Office Hours beginning August 4.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00-1:00 PM

HELLO, I'M

**Andrea
McAllister**

Administrative Assistant
at St. Luke Lutheran
Church, Schaefferstown

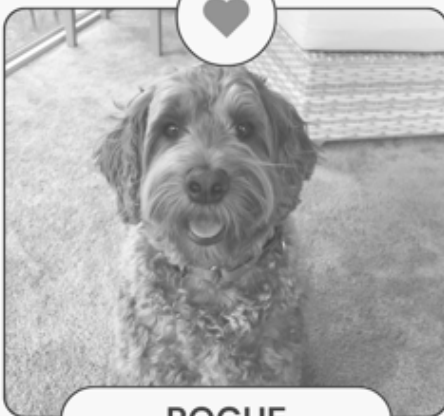


ABOUT ME

I've attended St. Luke Lutheran Church since the age of 4, was confirmed and married here. I'm also a Real Estate agent with Howard Hanna Krall Real Estate In Lebanon.

MY HOBBIES

- Reading
- Crazy Quilts
- Cross stitch
- Gardening



ROGUE

THINGS I LOVE

- My family
- Helping people
- Music
- Cooking/Baking
- Traveling

Ministries

St. Luke Women of the ELCA:

Meetings are on the second Monday of every month (excluding summer months) at 7:00 PM in Miller Chapel. Everyone is welcome to attend! Next date is September 8.

St. Luke Book Club

Book Club will be meeting on Thursday, July 31st at 7:00PM in the Chapel. We will be discussing *The Collective Regrets of Clover*, by Mikki Brammer. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion. Please call Richelle Deysher with any questions.

St. Luke History Books

Available for \$20.00
Please contact the St. Luke church office or purchase in narthex.

St. Luke Band Together

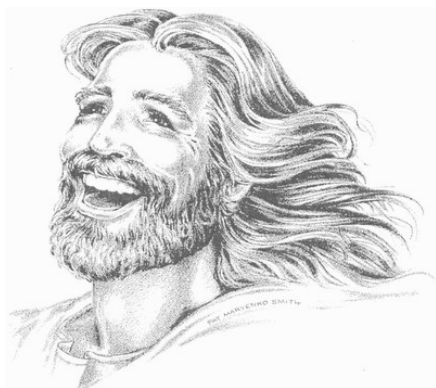
Bands exercise classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 -11 AM in the chapel. This is a free strength training program. Although, the program is aimed at adults over 50, anyone and any age from the church and the community is welcome to attend, and please invite a friend. See Sue DeLong for additional information.

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— Town Square North apartment # 2326 Pleasant View. 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 one Tuesday each month at 5:30 PM in the church kitchen. Upcoming dates will be announced.



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Christian Education for Adults and Children

Sunday School at St. Luke

Thank you teachers!

Classes will resume in September.



Bible Study Opportunities

Beer and Bible: A Thursday evening monthly meeting for dinner, drinks, and conversation. Join us on Thursday, July 24 and August 14 at 6:30PM. The location will be announced.

Bible Study—Thursday morning ZOOM: Join Pastor Angie online on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM to 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.

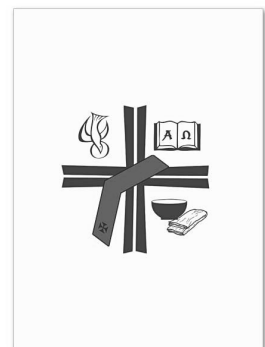
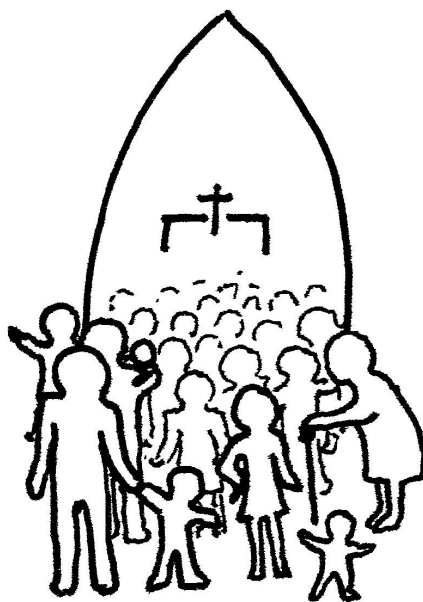
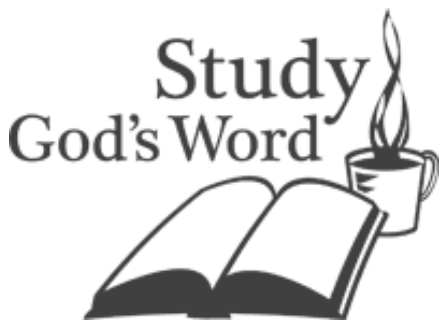
Upcoming dates are:

July 10: Luke 10:25-37

August 7: Luke 12:32-40

July 24: Luke 11:1-13

August 28: Luke 14:1,7-14



Food Ministries

St. Paul Food Pantry at Penryn

The food pantry at Penryn is open on Saturday mornings from 9:00-12:00PM

How can you support?

Make a donation designated to the food pantry.

Volunteer on Saturday morning.

Volunteer on a Wednesday to help with the food delivery and stocking of shelves (this is NOT an every Wednesday task. Delivery days will be announced).

Donate milk, eggs, butter.

If you'd like to be involved with the feeding ministry or learn more, see Alice Spencer or Pastor Angie.



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, and new reusable plastic containers.



Lutheran

Laughter



Konde Diocese Support

Iwambi Orphanage—Building Effort

We are helping to support the building of a new boy's dorm at the Iwambi Orphanage. If you feel called to help with the fundraising of this project, please contact Pastor Angie. A meeting will be scheduled in mid-July.



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,
physically and mentally.”*

Love your
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39



News and Events



Synod Assembly Update:

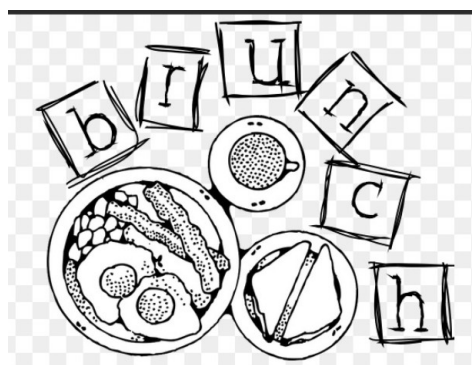
Please plan to attend coffee hour at St. Luke on Sunday, July 13. The delegates from St. Luke and St. Paul, along with Pastor Angie, will give brief overview of highlights from the assembly.

Cornhole Tournament: Penryn's annual cornhole tournament fundraiser benefitting the food pantry has been rained out twice so far this summer! No new date has been set but keep an eye and ear out for our third attempt sometime this summer!

Brunch after worship on August 31:

Plan to stay for brunch and fellowship after the service on August 31. This will be the last Sunday for our summer schedule. Bring a food item to share.

The church will supply coffee and drinks.



Giving Matters

Food for Thought: St. Luke plate offerings are running approximately \$4,000 below our budget for 2025 and I would think this is also the case for St. Paul - Penryn. Please keep in mind that during the summer months the 2 churches worship together alternating the site each week. With this in mind, both churches lose a plate offering every other week which totals 7 weeks for both churches. I am not one to usually ask for money from our church communities, but if you are so inclined to give during the off Sundays that there is not a service at your church, you would have 2 options. Option 1 would be to include more in your offering, either in your church envelope or loose offering, on the Sunday the services are held at your home church. Option 2 would be to consider using either churches on-giving platform. Both churches use VANCO as their platform and a link can be found on the website of each church. If you would like to use this option & not sure how to proceed, please contact me and I will walk you through the procedure. Thanks for your consideration. Mike DeLong, St. Luke Treasurer

Camping Events



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

<u>Tuesday Morning Work Day at Nawakwa</u>	July 1 and August 5	9:00 AM
<u>Elder Camp</u>	July 6 - July 11	Nawakwa
<u>Dinner Church</u>	July 6 and August 3 5:00-7:00 PM	Wittel Farm
<u>Saturday Eco-Education</u>	July 12 and August 9 10:00-11:00 AM	Wittel Farm
<u>July Family Camp</u>	July 13 - July 18	Nawakwa
<u>Leadership Training Camp (Synod Event)</u>	July 20 - July 26	Nawakwa
<u>Kirchenwald Camp-K-tion (Family Camp)</u>	August 3 - August 8	Kirchenwald
<u>August Family Camp</u>	August 3 - August 8	Nawakwa
<u>Lower Susquehanna Synod: A Picnic to Celebrate Bishop Dunlop</u>		
August 23, 2025	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Nawakwa

For more information about these events...

lcc@lutherancamping.org

717-677-8211

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:

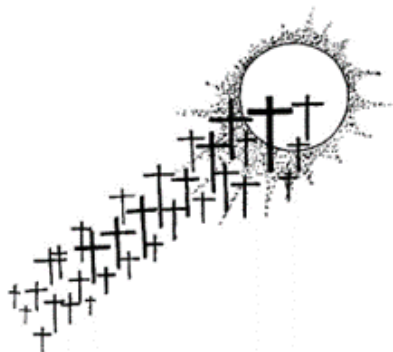
The congregations and pastors of the Heidelberg Ministerium and Lebanon Conference, Agape House, Lebanon Co. Christian Ministries, Women's Shelter, Lancaster/Lebanon Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon Rescue Mission, Support Connections of Lebanon County, St. Paul's Penryn, Penryn Food Bank, Our Bishops: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

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



Great
are the
works
of the
Lord.

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. Luke

Monthly Ministry Emphasis:

July:

Iwambi Orphanage - Tanzania

August:

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Homes of the Indian Nation

Thank you
for your support!

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.

