

HOUSECALLS



St Luke Lutheran Church
September 2022

From the Pastor

Fall days are swiftly approaching. Crisp cool evenings and mornings, warm drinks and smells and sounds that are distinct to this time of year. For students and those in education, it is a time of exciting new beginnings. It seems a time, much like the new year, for new habits and routines. The lazy days of summer, the slower pace, this is coming to an end for this year. Summer travel is finished.

We see this each Sunday. We have a larger, growing community each week. It is nice to welcome everyone 'back home'. Following covid, all churches, all organizations, are remembering as we reinstate all that used to be even if it is a little different now.

Fall into a new old habit. Make church a priority and renew your relationship with church. Stay after church for refreshments in the hall and let's enjoy being a parish family once again.

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Pastor Susan

Prayer List

For all in need of strength and healing...

Brad Anderson, Kathie Benton, Becky Britt, Erma Byrd, Berenice Dodd, Waldon Dodd, Brian Dorsey, Don Hiltunen, Mark Hoadley, Carolyn Holstein, Annette Jennings, Pat Martin, Debbie May, Charles Moreland, Dorothy Moreland,, Virginia Mow, Linda Nuckols, David Oglesby,

For safekeeping and strength for those who serve in the armed forces, at home and abroad
... Patrick Channell, Chaz Naumann, RJ Perry, Zack Perry, Sam Munchiando, Chris Scott, Joseph

Worship Notes

Worship Assistants

September 4 Billie Bennington
September 11 Michelle Berkey
September 18 Lynn Loetterle
September 25 Ron Moreland



Choir

The choir returns on Sunday, September 11.
There will be an initial practice on September 6

New voices are always welcome in our choir!
Tryouts are not required only a desire to
praise God with music.

Prayer Group

Tuesdays from 11-11:30 at St. Luke, we gather
to pray for the world, our parish and the
weekly list, and other concerns that come up.
Please join us when you can. Please let
Pastor Susan know if you have a special prayer
need beyond the weekly prayer list.

O God, you know us
as intimately as a potter
knows the clay within her hands.
See our paths, behind and before us.
Know our hearts; hear the prayers
that are within us.

We ache for peace.
We yearn for vision and certainty
amidst so much mystery, amidst so much
chaos.
We strain toward you. We collapse. We want
someone to hold this life together.
Have mercy.

Be full of love
in those places & to those people
who are suffering, sick, abused, and dying;
be full of wisdom in the places of decision-
making;
be full of strength in the ties that bind us and
show us the cords that we otherwise
have abandoned.

**Make us
vessels full of love,
receptive to your wisdom,
trusting of your grace so that our
formation - our transformation - in your
hands
will take shape to your glory.
Amen.**

Rachel Hackenberg

Neighbor is not a geographical term. It is a moral concept.

Rabbi Joachim Prinz

Carpenter's Corner

St Luke's monthly lunch service at Carpenter's Corner is scheduled for Saturday, September 24. A hot meal is distributed from 11 AM to 1 PM, but help is also needed for food prep and clean-up. The need continues to grow with over 200 meals being served every month.

See Becky Britt if you can help for all or part of the day

Personal Care Giveaway

We (St Stephens and St Luke's) will host a care product giveaway on September 25th from 5-8. We hope to serve a hotdog, chips and a bottle of water to our clients. The thought is to set up under the shelter on the bike path, with ads going in the two nearest Blessing Boxes. We are thinking two products per person.

We hope to do this every other month or so, as supplies allow. If you want to help with this ministry, please let Pastor Susan know. We still need more products, and will need some food to serve.

Anything you need others need, also

Blessing boxes

The contents of the little boxes with the words "Count Your Blessings Everyday" that we received during Lent will be going to West Virginia University Lutheran Campus Ministry.. The monies, with an additional \$100 from the treasury, will fund the activities of the campus chaplain. If you still have your blessing box, bring it to Church soon.

OCTOBERFEST!

Mark your calendars. St. Luke will be cooking and serving a German feast at Weathered Ground Brewery on October 1st, from noon until the food is gone- and we will sell out! \$10 gets you dinner with water and there are many great refreshing beers and sodas at the brewery for your purchase.

Menu: brat, German potato salad, cinnamon apples, home made Sauer kraut and your choice from the dessert table.

Kid's meals- hot dog, chips and a cookie with water- will be available for \$5.

Proceeds for Disaster Repsonse.

Oktoberfest Help

Dave and Shawn are coordinating desserts for Oktoberfest. If you would like to make something for the dessert table, please contact Dave and Shawn. We are looking for desserts that will not melt on the table if it is a hot, sunny day.

Help will also be needed during set-up and food service. Watch for details and sign-up

Memorial Garden

With the help of Larry Foster, we will be ordering memorial plaques again soon... in particular, one for Sharon Griffiee and one for Gerri Jackson.

Plaques may memorialize anyone who is dear to one of us; that person may not have ever worshipped at Saint Luke. Let Larry, Kris, or Lynn know if you wish to place an order; we ask for a \$45 donation.

news notes - catching up with our church family

Taking the People's Choice Award at the recent Appalachian Treasures Quilt Show is a beautiful quilt in a lovely blend of colors designed and stitched by **Dorothy Albright**.

At home, impatiently awaiting recovery from COVID-19 despite all precautions, has been **Annette Jennings**. She plans to return to us and to be leading the choir again on September 11th.

On Sunday, August 28th **Pastor Susan** shared her multitasking skills at the piano while leading worship.. Similarly **Maraiah** took on **Parr's** struggles with the Saint Luke computer (he returns from Florida on the 7th). Thanks to both!

Postponing her knee replacement surgery, **Billie Bennington** will now singlehandedly handle Oktoberfest sauerkraut making and will be able to attend to October 1st event. For now, she is up to her elbows in beets.

Rachel McAlister left the Church Picnic/Outdoor Service in order to show a million-dollar house, the first of her real estate career.

Courtney and Jeff Yeager have each been selected to teach at new schools, Jeff as an English professor at Bluefield State, and Courtney at Crescent Elementary as a fourth grade teacher, her favorite year.

Also at a new position is **JoAnn Tweeddale**, who is using her teaching and counselling skills at Oak Hill Middle School.

Alexa Bieri acquired a beautiful tan and amazing adventures, among them visiting with sharks, at a weeks-long camp at Catalina off the California coast. Dave and Shawn shared other adventures as part of the trip.

Have you met **Becky Britt's** beautiful grandchildren? They are Christopher's

children: 6 year-old Maddox, 3 year-old Miracle, 2 year-old Maverick, and their little brother, one year-old Major.

Lou and Gazel Serdoz have travelled to Florida for some sun and while there, a special visit to her brother.

With the wonderful help of his great-niece and her son, **Don Hiltunen** was able to join his Church family for worship earlier this month. Don is now at home in Prudence.

Travelling and missing from our midst are **Kris and Larry Foster** and **Jim and Sandy Sheatsley**.

Berniece Dodd remains at Hilltop Center, 152 Saddleshop Road, Hilltop, WV 25855... a visit, a phone call, or a card would certainly bring a smile to her lovely face.

Anticipating a change in their schedules after fifteen years, are sisters **Susan Lozinyak** and **Lynn Loetterle** as they begin closing Antiques at Aides on September 1st.

Our church building is a busy place!

Did you notice the September calendar?! It is a wonderful thing to have our building open and welcoming community.

In addition to the Weight Watchers, the Bierled Girl Scout Troop returns in September.

The newest guests are currently setting up the large classroom for the Marigold School a Montessori-based program for toddlers and their care-givers on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Louis George turns 100 Louis and his wife were very active and involved members of St. Stephen's and Bekley. If you know Louis or the family, please send a card of thanks or congratulations. The following is from the family:

Dear Family & Friends of Louis D George,

On October 3, 2022, our dad & granddad will reach his lifelong goal of living 100 years! It hasn't been an easy journey for him. But in spite of needing fulltime care over the last 10+ years, his mind & sense of humor are still sharp. Because of dad's declining health & physical limitations, we are planning a very small surprise celebration with only his children and grandkids on Saturday, October 1st.

We hope that you will share your love, friendship, fun and other wonderful memories of dad by contributing to our "100 Years' Memory Box". We will fill this box with your letters and cards. We plan to present this big box to him during our private celebration with him on October 1st. With dad's loss of almost all of his eyesight, his family and his caregivers will read every single one of your notes and cards to dad, even though it may take a few days! Please mail a letter or card NO LATER THAN Monday, September 12 to:

(granddaughter) Kelsey George Pirie 2621
Chesterfield Ave. Charlotte, NC 28205

***Loci communes* reading group offered by WV-WMD Synod begins September 12 via Zoom**

Would you like to explore the first major work in the Lutheran dogmatic tradition? We're starting a reading group this coming mid-September on Melancthon's *Loci communes* (1521). Luther thought it should be included in the canon of Holy Scripture. We'll let you judge for yourself. Learn more at the Education for Clergy & Laity page on the WV-WMD Synod website.

Kindling Faith: Center for Sabbath Rest and Formation

The launch of *Kindling Faith: Center for Sabbath Rest and Formation*, is a new approach to continuing education for rostered leaders, all members of the Christian tradition, and the wider public at the United Lutheran Seminary. While some programs are specifically for rostered leaders, many are open to laity as well. Offerings are widely varied and can be attended in person at Gettysburg or on line. Costs are very reasonable. See the fall choices at <https://www.unitedlutheranseminary.edu/community/calendar>

