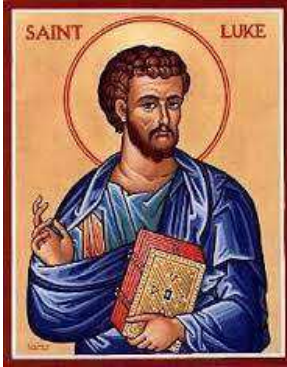


St. Luke's Lutheran Church
News and Announcements
January 7, 2018



Welcome to Saint Luke's Lutheran Church in Obelisk! Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:00 a.m. service and on the first Sunday at 10:15 a.m. On the third Sunday of the month

at 10:15 a.m. our praise band *Messenger* leads worship in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors are invited to take a visitor bag from near the outside door.

**St. Luke's welcomes you
to our weekday events:**

- Monday
- 7:00 p.m. *Messenger* Rehearsal
- Tuesday
- 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Comm.
- Wednesday
- 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday
- 7:00 p.m. LYO
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Comm.
- Saturday
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- Sunday
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal

A **nursery** is available during the 10:15 a.m. worship for children up to 5 years old. Children's bulletins and "busy bags" are also available to keep those little hands occupied during worship.

Vision Statement

Our mission is to know God and make him known. In an effort to make him known to our current generation, but more importantly the next generation, our vision is to reach more people in the community, increase participation in our events by leveraging our past success to create future success and innovate the ways in which we can attract these new members and/or participants.

Our priorities are:

- i. Spiritual Feeding through passionate delivery of the word in any form – discipleship
- ii. Accessibility
- iii. A place for the youth from children to young adults
- iv. Fellowship on every level

As we gather together to worship our Lord, please remember to silence all electronic devices. Thank you.

Please join us in the **Welcome Center** following worship for light refreshments.

Welcome Center - Refreshments Needed

Please consider volunteering to be a regularly scheduled host in 2018. We need 2 hosts to fill out our rotation after the 2nd service. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about what is involved, please contact Irene Sassaman @ 610-473-0810.

Committee Reports – Due Today!

Just a reminder that the Annual Congregational Meeting is fast approaching – January 28, 2018, and that means that the annual reports from committees are due today. You may email your report to office@stlukeslutheran.church, or leave it in the secretary's mailbox here at the church.

Rice and Beans Ministries, Costa Rica Feed a Family (FOOD BAGS)

In February 2018 four St. Luke's members are traveling to Costa Rica to participate in the Rice and Beans Ministry. Dennis and Gail Faust along with Doug and Sharon Killough will be handing out food bags filled with enough food to feed a family of 4 for a week. Each family receives 13 lbs. of dry grains and powdered milk. In addition to the food our members will pray with families and share God's love. How can you help? The Mission's committee would like to send 50 bags with our international missionaries to hand out. To do this we need to raise \$600 (\$12/bag). Would you be willing to help? Donations can be made several ways: a check payable to St. Luke's with Rice and Beans noted in the memo line can be put in the offering plate or mailed into the church. Cash (always a hit) can be placed in the collection jar in the narthex. Donations are needed by January 31, 2018. The bags are being decorated by St. Luke's Youth. If you would like to hear more about this project, check it out at www.riceandbeansministries.com or ask Dennis, Gail, Doug or Sharon.

Piano Available

The piano currently sitting in the Minister of Music's office is being made available to any person who would like it. It is in decent playing condition, and is available for a donation to the church. The person acquiring the piano is responsible for removing and transporting the instrument. For more information, please speak to Pr. Paul.

Help Wanted

The church sexton, Margie Mock, has submitted her resignation, effective January 16th. The Congregation Council will be quickly forming a search committee to advertise the position, accept applications, interview candidates, and make a recommendation to the council. If you are aware of a person who might be both interested and qualified for the position, please give their name to Pr. Paul or Al Fink. A detailed job description is available for review in the church office. In the meantime, we will be in need of volunteers to help with routine cleaning tasks. If you can help, please speak to Pr. Paul or Al Fink as soon as possible.

Council Members Needed

Five members of the Congregation Council have completed their two year terms of office and will not be seeking re-election. We are in need of candidates to fill these five vacancies, for a two year term of office. Candidates must be confirmed, active members of the congregation. The election of new council members takes place during the annual Congregational Meeting on January 28th. If you are interested in running for a council position, please speak to Pr. Paul or Brendan Greer.

Tables

St. Luke's has recently acquired new tables for Fellowship Hall. We would like to offer the old 36" X 96" tables to any congregant who wants one (or several) for a contribution of \$20.00 per table. These tables are in good condition and there are approx. 20 tables to choose from. If interested you may contact Audrey or Al Fink to pick up.

Monthly Women's Breakfast Get-Together

Please come out and join us at 7:30 A.M. on January 20th for the very first St. Luke's Monthly Ladies' Breakfast! We will be meeting at Brookside Family Restaurant at 7:30 A.M. for breakfast. The restaurant's address is: 1338 N Charlotte St, Pottstown, PA 19464. After we're done eating, everyone is invited to head over to the Fellowship Hall to work on the pillowcase project we discussed at the 2017 Women's Retreat. Please feel free to invite any women who you think might enjoy attending our monthly breakfast meeting. We plan to hold monthly breakfast get-togethers every month from January 2018 forward on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Attention All Sewers, Wannabes And Otherwise Interested Ladies:

There will be a sewing workshop held on Saturday, January 20, in the Fellowship Hall, to make pillowcases for the PILLOWS OF LOVE organization. The mission of this organization is to provide hand-made pillowcases, printed with a scripture verse and stuffed with a bible, to be given to women and children in crisis situations. We will spend the day making pillowcases and we need your help! If you can sew, that's great! But if you can't, it's an easy project to learn and there are other ways you can help. If you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it. We also need other supplies such as scissors, thread, seam rippers, irons, ironing boards, tape measures, a rotary cutter, cutting mat and clear ruler. We will work from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM but if you can only come for part of the time there that's great too. If you plan to come or have questions, please contact Irene Sassaman @ 215.527.3538 (irene@stylehangers.com). ordered this particular poinsettia, please let the church office know. Thank you!

Mission Trip Help Needed

We are now in the process of looking for adults to go on the 2018 Mission Trip. Both male and female volunteers are needed, and we are required to have one adult for every 5 youth going. Currently, we have 12 youth committed to going on the Mission Trip. Adults are responsible for driving vans and trucks to the site and back, participating in the work of the trip (mostly basic home repair), supervising youth both from our congregation and from other congregations, and providing a positive, Christian leadership model for all youth. Qualified adults must be over 25 years old, be willing to have background checks done, and be available the week of July 22nd, 2018. If you might be interested, please speak to Pr. Paul as soon as possible.

Blood Drive

Miller-Keystone Blood Drive on Saturday, January 27, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. You may contact Lori Ferguson at ljferg@outlook.com or 215-407-7718 or Miller-Keystone at www.giveapint.org to register for a donation time.

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

Thank you for the food and other household items which you bring for the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. Please leave the food in the counting room. Envelopes are available in both buildings if you want to contribute money to the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry at any time. Thank you!

"Junefest" 2018 Off-Site Storage

Again this year we have an off-site storage area ready and available for your unwanted treasures! Whenever you have items you would like to remove from your home and donate to our yard sale, contact Connie Panepinto 215-234-8301 or Sharon Killough 610-754-7618. Thank-you!

Steve & Debbie Buckner, Missionaries

The Mission Committee, with the approval of Council, is asking the congregation to support Steve & Debbie Buckner, who are serving as missionaries at a Children's residential home in San Buenaventura, Honduras. For 2017 the goal is \$3,000. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and the Mailroom for any size contribution. May those who have been blessed, become blessings to others.

St. Luke's Homebound People

Mary Townsley (610-823-1558) townsley123@aol.com and Gwen Semmens (215-872-1046) hawksmer@comcast.net are working to reestablish providing meals for those members of our church in need (i.e. after surgery, etc.) We are asking for volunteers to make a meal, deliver meals and to notify us of members in need. Please contact one of us with your information. Thank you.

AmazonSmile

Shopping or giving a gift card to someone to Amazon? Shop at AmazonSmile and register St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Zieglerville, PA as your charity....5% of the price of your eligible purchase will go to St. Luke's whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

Redner's Warehouse Save-a-Tape

Thank you to everyone who has been saving Redner's grocery tapes. Please keep saving those tapes.....just remember to use the Save-A-Tape card when you shop at Redner's. If you forget it, just ask the cashier to swipe their card. There is a collection box in the mailroom and the church narthex. If you have any questions, ask Doug Killough at 610-754-7618. Thanks again for your support.

✂ St. Luke's Staff ✂

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Worship attendance for December 31: (9:30 a.m. – 78)

Date	Worship	Other	Total	Weekly budget
December 31	\$4,798.00	\$904.17	\$5,702.17	\$5,979.00

This week's service assistants:

8:00 a.m.

Head Usher – David Semmens
 Greeters – Kevin & Charlotte Christman
 Acolyte – Brooklyn Baum
 Assisting Minister – Irene Sassaman
 Welcome Center – Dennis & Gail Faust

10:15 Holy Communion

Head Usher – Nelson Swartley
 Greeters – Dorothy Richard, Mike Way
 Ushers – Madison Gehringer, Lauren Huffman
 Acolyte – Lucas Famous
 Assisting Minister – Ron Sekellick
 Nursery – Kate Bauer, Allyson Breidor
 Welcome Center – Volunteer
 Counters – Ron Sekellick, Dawn Sekellick, Herman Rose
 Folding Ministry – Stewart & Kathleen Young

Next week's service assistants:

8:00 a.m.

*Head Usher – David Semmens
 Greeters – John Rose, Sr., John Rose, Jr.
 Acolyte – Cheyenne Williams
 Reader – Sharon Killough
 Communion Assistant – Doug Killough
 Welcome Center – Deb & Dave Swank*

10:15 Holy Communion

*Head Usher – Nelson Swartley
 Greeters – Eve Gehringer, Madison Gehringer
 Ushers – Dawn Sekellick, Lauren Huffman
 Acolyte – Nick Gehringer
 Reader – Jerry Jordan
 Nursery – Michelle Bergman
 Welcome Center – Eve Gehringer
 Counters – Al Fink, Cheryl Geiser, Gwen Semmens
 Folding Ministry – Stewart & Kathleen Young*

PRAYER REQUESTS – January 7, 2018

Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Maureen Founds, Barry Isett, Marilyn King, Heather Leneweaver, Betty Mest, Ben Meyers, Jack Quigg, Joseph Reiter, Isabella Samsel, Ken Waszena, Wayne C. Wilkie, Kathleen Young, Jeff Zawada

Friends Of Saint Luke's Church

Rachael Andree <i>daughter of friend of Carol Langton</i>	Hazel <i>sister of Jerry Jordan</i>	Tricia & Jeff <i>Friends of Chris Quigg</i>
Pat Backhaus <i>nephew of Jerry & Merlyn Jordan</i>	Tony Hines <i>Relative of Nancy Beck</i>	Rachel Newby <i>friend of Nancy Beck</i>
Pearl Bauer <i>mother-in-law of Kate Bauer</i>	Perry Hunsberger <i>son of Ken Hunsberger</i>	Richard <i>brother of Judy Hunsberger</i>
Gene Cogdill <i>friend of Allen & Irene Sassaman</i>	Billy Hutt <i>friend of Stewart & Kathleen Young</i>	Debbie Rhoads <i>Sister-in-law of Deneen Rhoads-Kratz</i>
Anne Conner <i>mother of Maureen Founds</i>	Ron Imboden <i>good friend of Rich Townsley</i>	Judy Sanson <i>Friend and former member of St. Luke's</i>
Garrett Coyne <i>Friend of Ian Kratz</i>	Jim <i>brother of Merlyn Jordan</i>	Karen Schodle <i>Daughter of Nancy Schodle</i>
Mother of Deb <i>Friend of Linda Mertz</i>	Jay Kerr <i>brother of friend of a friend of Nancy Beck</i>	John & Thelma Simmon <i>cousins of Pat & Dick Stonerook</i>
Denny <i>nephew of Rocky & Elaine Alderfer</i>	Lila <i>sister of Jerry Jordan</i>	Terry <i>Former co-worker of Nancy Beck</i>
Lisa Derosher <i>Daughter of Laura from L&L Caterers</i>	Doris Little <i>Friend of Nancy Schodle</i>	Verdine family <i>friends of Nancy Beck</i>
Granddaughter – 2 yrs. old <i>Friend of Mark & Mary Knepp</i>	Mary Jane <i>mother of Megan Roth, friend of St. Luke's</i>	Michelle Weiss <i>Friend of Cindy Fields</i>
Tom Greer <i>father of Brendan Greer</i>	Travis McGinnis <i>nephew of Jerry & Merlyn Jordan</i>	Russell Young <i>brother of Stewart Young</i>
Gretha & family <i>Sister-in-law of Paula Bickelman</i>	John Miller <i>father of Gail Faust's friend</i>	Anna Marie Zugay <i>mother of Jen Christman</i>

Experiencing Grief

Family and friends of Irene Reiter who died December 28, 2017

Persons In Military Service

Joseph P. Breidor, John P Carmelo, IV, Lt. Darby Driscoll, Capt. Ian Driscoll, Justin Halter, Ryan Halter, Jared Kirk, JD & his Unit, Trey Knepp, Greg Kunkle, Dan Marchiano, Andrew Matsko, Guy Row, Kevin Row, Preston Schoenly, CWO Steven M. Townsley

Prayer Ministry: Maureen Founds is the Prayer Ministry Coordinator. Please call Maureen (610-310-2948) or send an email (foundsiii@yahoo.com).

