

### **First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8**

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the Lord does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.*

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.  
<sup>7</sup>Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.  
<sup>8</sup>Do not fear, or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

### **Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17**

*Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth. (Ps. 86:11)*

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.  
<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- | evermore. R**  
<sup>13</sup>For great is your | love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.  
<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my  
life; they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**  
<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.  
<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.**  
<sup>17</sup>**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put  
to  
shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me. R**

### **Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25**

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.  
<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with



## Service Announcements – July 23, 2023

**Welcome Center** - If you would like to serve as a Welcome Center host, please reach out to Linda Mertz ([lindamertz@aol.com](mailto:lindamertz@aol.com) and 484-447-2024) to get on the list. We are now scheduling for the fall Welcome Center hosts, starting with September 3, 2023, through the end of the year.

**Missions Committee** - On Sunday, August 20, our missionaries from Honduras, Debbie & Steve Buckner, will be visiting us during the Praise service. The mission committee has collected a suitcase full of “Beanie Babies” for them to take back with them for the children at “God’s littlest lambs” children center. Steve has advised us that they could also use toothbrushes, toothpaste and multi-vitamins for the kids. We are asking for congregational help in providing these items. There is a collection box located in the old counting room for you to place your donated items. We thank you all for your generosity and support of our Missionaries.

**Altar Guild:** St. Luke’s is creating a new Altar Guild. They will help prepare the altar for communion, now that we are gathering again at the altar rail. They will be preparing the bread and wine and cleaning and resetting the altar ware after each communion service. If you would be willing to serve, please reach out to Dennis Faust or Pastor Amy.

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Back to School Swapping** will be held in the Fellowship Hall on August 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Bring new or gently used school items to help lower back to school costs or come and shop/swap. Items needed are clothes (pre-school through high school), school bags, lunch bags, ear buds, folders/notebooks, pens/pencils, crayons, markers, calculators and highlighters. Please reach out to Dr. Candice Love ([stlukesfaithformation23@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesfaithformation23@gmail.com)) or Allyson Breidor ([awelch307@yahoo.com](mailto:awelch307@yahoo.com)) with questions.

**Community Dinner:** The next Community Dinner is August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. It remains takeout only and the line forms early. The menu this month is oven baked chicken, mac & cheese, applesauce, with chocolate chip cookies for dessert. There are hands on the bulletin board in the narthex if you’d like to contribute some of the ingredients to help make the meal. We are trying to bring the Community Dinner back into the Fellowship Hall in September. That will require about 10 extra volunteers. If you would be willing to help, please reach out to Marty Jordan.

**Thank you** for your continuous, weekly/monthly, tithes and offerings for St. Luke’s and Christ’s Ministry. Your steady giving provides financial support for the church to care for the members and reach out to the community. Please remember that our expenses continue even if you are on vacation.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS – July 23, 2023

### Members Of Saint Luke's Church

Spencer Brothers, John & Maureen Founds, Lily Greer, Kristiana Heintz, Judy Hunsberger, David Imes, Greg Incollingo, Sharon Killough & family, Candice Love, Barry & Linda Mertz, Merrill Mest, Robert Pulcher, Chris Quigg, Jack Quigg, Joseph Reiter, Roger Rhoads, Fern Richard, Al Sassaman, Nancy Schodle, Sharyn & Herb Seddon, Ron Sekellick, David Semmens, Gwen Semmens, Jeff & Julene Steigelmann, Henry Stetler, Debbie Swank, Ken Waszena, Carol Welch, Stewart Young

### Friends Of Saint Luke's Church

Barbara Adams  
*Friend of Judy Moyer*  
Gen Adams  
*Great-grandson of Judy Hunsberger*  
Dan Bair  
*Friend of Marty & Laurie Jordan*  
Matt Beam & family  
*Friends of Sharon Killough*  
Matt Brady  
*Caterer for BBQ fundraiser for Daily Bread Food Pantry*  
Rose Brendlinger  
*Friend of Merlyn Jordan*  
Lorie Carroll  
*Mother of Paula Bickelman*  
Charlotte Cody  
*Friend of Ron & Dawn Sekellick*  
Collette's brother  
*Collette is a close friend of Nicole Greer*  
Garrett Coyne  
*Friend of Ian Kratz*  
Crawford family  
*Family of sister of Connie Panepinto*  
Tim Davidheiser  
*Friend of Ron and Dawn Sekellick*

Mike Fili  
*Friend of Marty & Laurie Jordan*  
Geri & Cathy  
*Friends of Christ Quigg*  
Heidi  
*Friend of Mary & David Imes*  
Marie Hunsberger  
*Daughter-in-law of Judy Hunsberger*  
Art Hunter  
*Friend of Cars, Coffee, & Christ visitor (Karl McClelland)*  
John & Cindy  
*Friends of St. Luke's*  
Ken & Carolyn  
*Friends of Mike Way*  
Lucy Kern  
*Friend of Nancy Schodle*  
Linda Keyser  
*Former member of St. Luke's*  
Bob Kotanchik  
*Cousin of Michelle Bergman*  
Lila  
*sister of Jerry Jordan*  
Marilyn  
*Friend of David and Mary Imes*  
Aunt Mary  
*Aunt of Mike Way*  
Linda McLaughlin  
*Friend of Carol Langton*

Maverick  
*Friend of Founds family*  
Melanie Melle  
*Friend of Cindy Fields*  
Marsha Montgomery  
*Sister of Linda Mertz grieving loss of partner Frank Montgomery*  
Cindy Naile  
*Friend of Michelle Bergman*  
Emily Neeld  
*Daughter of Allison Neeld, friend of Nancy Schodle*  
John N.  
*Co-worker of Cindy Field*  
Galen Smith Perseco  
*Friend of Judy Moyer*  
Robert Quigg  
*Brother of Jack Quigg*  
Marlene Richard  
*Sister-in-law of Bruce Richard*  
Barbara Rowland  
*Aunt of John Founds*  
Calvin Dietrich Savage  
*Grandson of Dennis & Gail Faust*  
Tina  
*Friend of Pat & Dick Stonerook*  
Mary Tumelty  
*Family friend of Founds family*  
Allison Vigliotti  
*Daughter of Al Flnk*

### Those Experiencing Grief

The family of Michelle Bergman, whose stepmother passed away on July 8

### Persons In Military Service

*Joseph P. Breidor, John P Carmelo, IV, Lt. Darby Driscol, Capt. Ian Driscoll, Ens. Leah Duff, Jared Kirk, JD & his Unit, Trey Knepp, Greg Kunkle, Dan Marchiano, Andrew Matsko, Guy Row, Kevin Row, Preston Schoenly*  
Person in Peace Corps – *Jonathan King (nephew of Cindy Fields)*

Prayer Ministry: Gwen Semmens is the Prayer Ministry Coordinator. Please call Gwen (215-872-1046) or send an email (hawksmer@comcast).