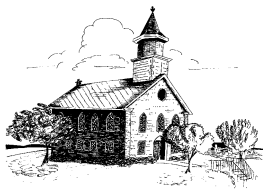


# The Good News

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## St. Luke's Worship Schedule

### Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation

**Maunder Thursday Service** (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) – 7:00 p.m.  
in the church

**Good Friday Prayer Vigil** (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) -12 noon –  
3:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Service** – (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) - 7:00 p.m. in the  
church

**Easter Sunday Holy Communion** – (April 5<sup>th</sup>) 9:00  
a.m. in the church



Dear St. Luke's family  
and friends,

As we entered into April, we found ourselves walking the holiest path of our Christian year—the annual path that takes us through the shadows of the cross and into the light of the resurrection. The season in which we remember not only what God has done, but what God continues to do among us: bringing life out of death, hope out of despair, and bringing new beginnings where we least expect them.

This year, as always, Holy Week invited us to slow down and pay attention. Starting with the branches of Palm Sunday to the quiet of Maunday Thursday, from the darkness and grief of Good Friday to the absolute joy of Easter morning, we are drawn again into the story of our faith. The story that defines our own. It is not merely something we observe; it is something we enter. We carry our own burdens, our own questions, our own longings—and we lay them at the foot of the cross.

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What we know as Christians is that Easter is not just a single day; it is a promise that refuses to fade. It is the declaration that love is stronger than death, that God's mercy is deeper than our failures, and that no darkness can overcome the light of Christ. In a world that often feels uncertain or heavy, the resurrection meets us with a quiet but unshakable truth: God is still at work, renewing all things.

Let all of us strive to live as Easter people. Look for signs of resurrection in your daily life—in acts of kindness, as we pray for peace, in the beauty of springtime appearing around us. Reach out to someone who needs encouragement. Offer forgiveness where it feels difficult. Practice gratitude for the small and ordinary blessings that point to God's extraordinary grace.

As a community, may we continue to be a place where Christ's love is made visible—where all are welcomed, where hope is spoken, and where faith is nurtured. Whether you are joining us in worship in the sanctuary or online, or simply carrying this message into your everyday life, you are part of God's ongoing work of renewal.

May the joy of the resurrection fill your heart and guide your steps in the days ahead.

Christ is risen!

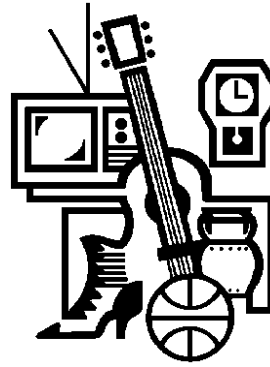
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
Pastor Amy

## Food Needed



Thank you for your generosity by sharing from your abundance, or giving as sacrifice, when you bring food and other household supplies for the Daily Bread

Community Food Pantry.



## Flea Market

It is that time of year to be thinking about our Indoor Flea Market!

The trailer will arrive in the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please let Eve Gehringer know if there is a Saturday you can cover to unlock the trailer, be there for two hours and lock the trailer back up. Saturdays when help is needed are April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and May 9<sup>th</sup>. You are not required to help people move their stuff if you are unable to help.

Audrey is also available during her working hours (Mon. - Thu. 8 a.m. to 12 noon) to unlock the trailer.

### The following items are accepted:

Furniture (gently used and salable), Books, China/Glassware, Antiques, Toys, Puzzles, Games, Household, Kitchenware, Sporting Goods, Gardening and Outdoor, Pictures/Frames, Small Electronics and Appliances, Lamps, Holiday

### The following items are NOT accepted:

Clothing/Shoes, Linens, TVs or TV entertainment centers, Very Large Furniture, Large Appliances, Computers, Baby Car Seats, Cribs, Mattresses, Upholstered furniture, VHS tapes, Tires, Paint, Textbooks

Please be sure to box items, especially breakable things. This makes it much easier to move around and protects the merchandise.

We are looking forward to another very successful indoor flea market!

## Artist Rob Lawlor Shares His Talents and Faith!



Our Wednesday Evening Lenten services offered an opportunity to explore our understanding of biblical passages through paintings by artist Rob Lawlor. Rob and his wife, Pastor Dyan Lawlor, retired ELCA clergy, joined us for four evenings of our usual soup supper, followed by Rob sharing his gifts of faith and artistry. Over the four weeks, we saw paintings Rob completed on Genesis, the crucifixion stories, the discovery of the empty tomb, Doubting Thomas, the Ascension, and Pentecost. It was a wonderful way to explore the Word and imagine in our own minds the details of those events. Thank you, Rob and Dyan!



### Visit to St. Peter's Lutheran Church Thrift Store

A group of St. Luke's volunteers visited St. Peter's in North Wales to learn more about the Thrift Store they have been operating for over 30 years! As St. Luke's contemplates opening our own Thrift Shop, to complement our Flea Market, we are doing all we can to learn from others, and the women at St. Peter's were very generous with their time and knowledge. We are grateful for St. Peter's and looking forward to our own next steps!



### 140<sup>th</sup> Community Dinner

The Community Dinner on April 16, 2026 will be hosted by the Upper Frederick Fire Company. Enjoy dinner and meet your local volunteer firefighters for an evening of pizza, salad, desserts and fellowship starting at 5:30 p.m. See you there!

### Mother's Day Collection for Birthright



Birthright is a charitable organization that offers love, friendship, and support to pregnant women, women who think they are pregnant, and mothers in need. St. Luke's would like to support the local Pottstown branch by collecting diapers and wipes again this year.

Diapers, size 2 and 3 are the most needed sizes, along with wipes. Gift cards are also welcome. The staff takes the gift cards and purchases needed items.

Your donations are welcome to be brought to the sanctuary and placed at the base of the large wooden cross. If you are donating a gift card, please feel free to place it in my mailbox in the mail room.

Donations are being accepted now through Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2026.

Thank you in advance for your donations and also your prayers for the work of this organization on behalf of the many women facing these challenges.

Yours in Christ,  
Judy Hunsberger

## Summary of Cash and Revenue/Expenses for Prior Month and Year-to-Date As of February 28, 2026

**Cash:**

Cash in Bank - Checking	\$ 31,740.59
Designated Funds - savings	\$ 46,856.03
Savings Account	\$ 9,897.57
Investments	<u>\$ 421,962.13</u>
Total cash on Hand	<u>\$ 510,456.32</u>

**Revenues:**

	Actual	Actual Year to Date	Budget
Current Giving	\$ 17,798.33	\$ 23,563.33	\$ 196,300.00
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,000.00
Designated Funds	<u>\$ 310.00</u>	<u>\$ 310.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,700.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 18,108.33</u>	<u>\$ 23,873.33</u>	<u>\$ 266,000.00</u>

**Expenses:**

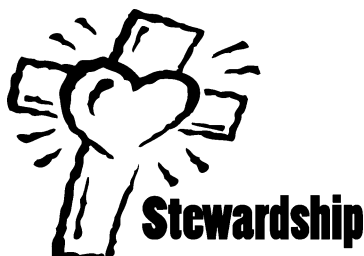
Pastor's expenses	\$ 7,147.94	\$ 14,295.88	\$ 86,057.00
Worship & Music Expenses	\$ 1,492.71	\$ 3,036.95	\$ 19,086.00
Faith Formation			\$ 19,950.00
Discipleship	\$ 440.55	\$ 440.55	\$ 3,800.00
Office Expenses	\$ 2,600.04	\$ 4,723.49	\$ 33,763.00
Property Expenses	\$ 6,882.34	\$ 14,868.76	\$ 93,250.00
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,800.00
Designated	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,100.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 18,563.58</u>	<u>\$ 38,115.63</u>	<u>\$ 289,806.00</u>

<u>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</u>	<u>\$ (455.25)</u>	<u>\$ (14,242.30)</u>	<u>\$ (23,806.00)</u>
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Please remember St. Luke's in your weekly giving. Consistent giving is crucial to meet the mission of our Small Church with a Big Mission. Electronically give through Tithely.com or PayPal.com - Select St. Lukes Lutheran Church, Zieglerville, PA - email [stlukesobelisk.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesobelisk.treasurer@gmail.com)

A detailed copy of the balance sheet and income statement are posted on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's Office. Questions or more information? Contact Penny O'Donnell, Treasurer at [stlukesobelisk.treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesobelisk.treasurer@gmail.com)

“Your gifts meet the needs of God's people. And that's not all. Your gifts also cause many people to thank God.” *2 Corinthians 9:12 NIRV*

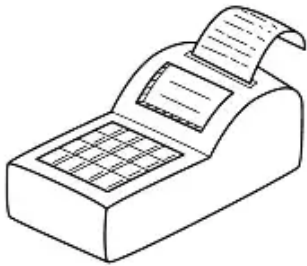




## Welcome Center

Men & Women of St Luke's: We need volunteers for the following dates please: April 12<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, and June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center. Thank you to all who have and will volunteer.

## Redner's Tapes



Do you grocery shop at Redner's? Using your "save-a-tape" card and turning in your receipt at St Luke's earns us 1% of receipt totals. It also earns you gas/food discounts. This is an

easy way to help yourself and St. Luke's missions. All receipts must be originals, not reprints or copies. Contact Doug Killough at 610-390-7127 with questions and concerns.

## Book Club



The book club will meet in the Gathering Room on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00,

to discuss *If a Church Pew Could Talk* by Cindy Carraway Williams. Join us!



## Bible Verses to Inspire:

- “Rejoice always.” — 1 Thessalonians 5:16
- “In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.” — John 1:4
- “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” — Philippians 4:4
- “For nothing will be impossible for God.” — Luke 1:37
- “Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’” — John 20:29
- “Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” — John 11:40
- “Everything is possible for one who believes.” — Mark 9:23
- “Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.” — 1 John 4:11
- “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.” — Isaiah 12:2
- “Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.” — Psalm 31:2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April</h1>			<b>1</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>2</b> 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday service in church  <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>3</b> 12:00 noon-3:00pm Prayer Vigil 7:00pm Good Friday Service in church  <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>4</b> 8:00am Property Comm. Mtg.
<b>5</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation  <b>Easter</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Conference Comm. Mtg. (zoom)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30am Bible Study  11:00am Fiscal Management	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Missions/Discipleship Committee (zoom)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00am-12:00 noon Diakonia Class 9am-6pm – Hall Rental
<b>12</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>13</b> 7:00pm - <i>Messenger</i> Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 2:00pm Worship & Music Committee (zoom)	<b>15</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>16</b> 5:30 – 6:30pm Community Dinner	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00am-12:00 noon Diakonia Class  4-8pm – FH – Gehringer party
<b>19</b> 9:00am Praise Service 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>22</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am-12:00 noon Diakonia Class
<b>26</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30am Bible Study  7-8:30pm FH-Area 51 Dems	<b>30</b>		

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> (Maundy Thursday)**

Greeters: Kevin & Charlotte Christman  
Lay Reader: Bob Gehringer  
Altar Guild: Eve Gehringer

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> (Good Friday)**

Greeters: volunteers

**April 5<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday)**

Greeters: Marty Jordan, Brenda Foose  
Lay Reader: Joyce Brothers  
Altar Guild: Jen Christman  
Welcome Center: Dennis & Gail Faust  
Counters: Randi Rose, Gwen Semmens

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Greeters: Joyce Brothers, Spencer Brothers  
Lay Reader: volunteer

Altar Guild: Brenda Foose

Welcome Center: volunteer needed

Counters: Peggy Brendlinger, Pat Stonerook

**April 19<sup>th</sup> (Praise Service)**

Greeters: Mike Way, Judy Moyer

Reader: Pastor Amy

Altar Guild: Eve Gehringer

Welcome Center: Rob & Paula Bickelman

Counters: Marty Jordan, Mike Way

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**









Greeters: Paul & Jen Christman

Lay Reader: Gwen Semmens

Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers

Welcome Center: Donna Usavage, Gwen Semmens

Counters: Deneen Kratz, Judy Hunsberger

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 48px; margin: 0;">May</h1> 					1	<b>2</b> 8:00am Property Comm. Mtg. 9:00-noon - Diakonia
<b>3</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Conference Committee (zoom)	5	<b>6</b> 9:30am Bible Study	7	8	<b>9</b> 9:00-noon - Diakonia
<b>10</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00pm <i>Messenger</i> Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 2:00pm Worship & Music Committee (zoom)	<b>13</b> 9:30am Bible Study 11am Fiscal Management Comm.	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Missions/Discipleship Committee (zoom)	15	<b>16</b> 8:00am Unload Offsite Storage  9:00-noon - Diakonia
<b>17</b> 9:00am Holy Communion – Praise Service 10:15am Faith Formation 11am Unload Trailer	18	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>20</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>21</b> <b>Community Dinner cancelled due to FH use</b>	22	<b>23</b> 9:00-noon - Diakonia
<b>24</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	25	26	<b>27</b> 9:30am Bible Study  7:00-8:30pm Area 51 Dems	28	<b>29</b> 8am – noon – Flea Market	<b>30</b> 8am – noon – Flea Market
<b>31</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	     					

### May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Greeters: Kevin & Charlotte Christman  
 Lay Reader: Jen Christman  
 Altar Guild: Jen Christman  
 Welcome Center: volunteer needed  
 Counters: Marty Jordan, Jerry Jordan

### May 10<sup>th</sup>

Greeters: Deneen Kratz, Ian Kratz  
 Lay Reader: Brendan Greer  
 Altar Guild: Brenda Foose  
 Welcome Center: volunteer needed  
 Counters: Randi Rose, Doug & Sharon Killough

### May 17<sup>th</sup>

Greeters: Marty Jordan, Brenda Foose  
 Reader: Pr. Amy

Altar Guild: Eve Gehringer

Welcome Center: Charlotte Christman, Jen Christman  
 Counters: Gwen Semmens, Pat Stonerook

### May 24<sup>th</sup>

Greeters: Paul & Jen Christman  
 Lay Reader: Sharon Killough  
 Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers  
 Welcome Center: Gwen Semmens, Donna Usavage  
 Counters: Mike Way, Peggy Brendlinger

### May 31<sup>st</sup>

Greeters: Mike Way, Judy Moyer  
 Lay Reader: volunteer  
 Altar Guild: Jen Christman  
 Welcome Center:  
 Counters: Gwen Semmens, Marty Jordan

