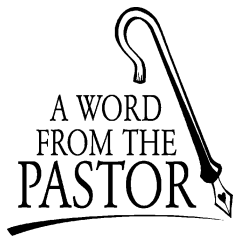


The Good News

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Rt. 73 & Neiffer Road Obelisk, Pennsylvania June 2026
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Holy Communion – every Sunday – 9:00 a.m.
Praise Service – June 21



Dear St. Luke's Family and Friends,

As I write this, summer is beginning to settle in around us. The days are longer,

gardens are growing, and many of us are looking forward to vacations, family gatherings, and time spent outdoors. June often feels like a season of possibility—a time to slow down, catch our breath, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Even as we move into what is typically a slower season of the year, much has been happening at St. Luke's. As I write this article, we are still cleaning up after the most successful Flea Market in our congregation's history! For months, generous donations filled every corner of the Fellowship Building and even spilled out into the parking lot. When the sale finally arrived, shoppers came in droves. After just two days, we recorded our highest sales ever—and still had plenty of treasures left to help launch our new Thrift Store this fall.

Speaking of the Thrift Store, stay tuned for more information as we prepare for our September opening. In many ways, this ministry is a natural extension of the values that have made our Flea Market such a success. It allows us to care for God's creation by keeping useful items out of landfills while also loving our neighbors by making quality goods available at affordable prices. We have spent time learning from other congregations that operate successful thrift stores, and we are excited to begin this new chapter of ministry. We ask for your prayers as we seek new ways to be Christ's hands and feet in our community.

On June 14, 2026, a Congregational Meeting has been called to consider replacing the roof and installing solar panels on the Fellowship Building. As stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us—both our property and our financial resources—it is important that we think not only about present needs but also about the future. I encourage you to attend, learn more about the proposal, and participate in this important decision-making process. As the pastor of this church family, I am continually blessed to witness the many ways Christ's love is brought to life in this place. Thank you for all the ways you help make St. Luke's a congregation where faith is nurtured, neighbors are welcomed, and God's love is shared. Whether you worship with us each week, volunteer in ministry, support our outreach efforts, or faithfully pray for our

church family, your presence and participation matter.

May this season bring you rest, renewal, and a deeper awareness of God's abiding presence. Wherever your summer takes you, remember that you are held in God's grace and sent into the world to share Christ's love.

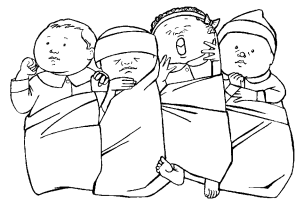
Grace and peace,
Pastor Amy



In Sympathy

In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead, a funeral service was held June 6, 2026, in the church, for Barry Mertz, who died May 27, 2026. Please keep Barry's family and friends in your prayers.

Mother's Day Collection for Birthright



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The congregation generously responded to a request for donations of diapers, wipes and

miscellaneous items for Birthright in Pottstown. Our members donated a total of 961 diapers (21 packages) and 2,092 wipes (14 packages). Teething rings and baby shampoo were also donated. **THANK YOU !!**

The donations were delivered on May 11, 2026. The staff were most appreciative and thankful for the donated items.

Again, thank you to everyone who donated. And if you couldn't donate, your continuing prayers for those in need and those assisting those in need are very much appreciated.



Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held on **June 14, 2026**, immediately following our regular Sunday service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the use of St. Luke's investments to fund the solar energy and roofing project. Please plan to attend, as we need full involvement to achieve a quorum and ensure an accurate representation of the congregation's wishes.



Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

Father's Day Food Drive

To honor Fathers, the Missions/Discipleship Committee is holding a Father's Day Food Drive until June 21st. Please bring any non-perishable food supplies and leave them at the foot of the cross in the Sanctuary. The food will then be delivered to our friends at the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry. If you are looking for suggestions for items to donate, here is a list of what is in short supply.

Cream soups	Broth
Skillet dinners	Canned tomatoes
Jelly	Rice
Juice	Canned Peas
Baked beans	Canned Pasta
Pasta sauce	Shelf Stable Meat
Misc. canned veggies	Rice
Baking needs	Canned potatoes
Boxed potatoes	Pancake Mix
Oatmeal	Pancake Syrup
Breakfast Bars	Coffee

Thanks for your support of this Food Drive!

As of April 30, 2026, the church finances are:

Cash:

Cash in Bank - Checking	\$ 25,476.75
Designated Funds - savings	\$ 48,027.16
Savings Account	\$ 10,007.21
Investments	<u>\$421,962.13</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<u>\$505,473.25</u>

Revenues:	Actual	Actual Year to Date	Budget
Current Giving	\$13,615.00	\$57,774.81	\$196,300.00
Fundraisers	0	0	\$ 63,000.00
Designated #	\$ 200.00	\$ 545.00	\$ 6,700.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$13,815.00</u>	<u>\$58,319.81</u>	<u>\$266,000.00</u>

Expenses:			
Pastor's expenses	\$7,147.94	\$28,653.76	\$ 86,057.00
Worship & Music Expenses	\$1,492.25	\$ 6,103.52	\$ 19,086.00
Faith Formation			\$ 19,950.00
Discipleship	\$ -	\$ 989.55	\$ 3,800.00
Office Expenses	\$2,069.74	\$ 10,072.64	\$ 33,763.00
Property Expenses	\$4,990.35	\$ 29,367.28	\$ 93,250.00
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,800.00
Designated	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 6,100.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$16,200.28</u>	<u>\$76,436.75</u>	<u>\$289,806.00</u>

Net Surplus/Deficit	(\$2,385.28)	(\$18,116.94)	(\$23,806.00)
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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. Luke's Lutheran Church, Zieglerville, PA. email: 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, contact Penny Odonnell, Treasurer at 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

Mission Support

We are excited to announce that the Buckners (Steve & Debbie) will be joining St. Luke's in worship on July 26th. We would like to collect any of the following for them to take back to Honduras: 1. One yard lengths of material (Debbie has sewing classes and they make pillow cases, aprons, and quilts) 2. Kids socks - varying sizes (she suggested the funny ones at Dollar Tree) 3. Beanie Babies for Christmas stocking stuffers 4. Individual numbers candles for birthday cakes 5. Small puzzles or board games to be used for birthday presents. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Conference Committee Mtg. (zoom)	2	3 9:00am Green Drop pick-up 9:30am Bible Study	4	5	6 FH – 8am-8pm Jim Charles Art Show 9:00am-12 noon Diakonia
7 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	8	9	10 9:30am Bible Study 11:00am Fiscal Management	11 7:00pm Discipleship/Missions Committee Mtg. (zoom)	12	13 8:00am Property Committee Mtg.
14 9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Congregational meeting	15 7:00pm Messenger Rehearsal	16 7:00pm Congregational Council	17 9:30am Bible Study	18 5:30-6:30pm Community Dinner	19	20 FH – 10am-7pm Hall Rental S. Reed Grad Party
21 9:00am Holy Communion – Praise Service 10:15am Faith Formation	22	23	24 9:30am Bible Study FH 7--8:30pm Area 15 Dems	25	26	27
28 9:00am Holy Communion – 10:15am Faith Formation	29	30	June			

June 7

Greeters: Kevin & Charlotte Christman
Lay Reader: Charlotte Christman
Altar Guild: Brenda Foose
Welcome Center: Merlyn Jordan, Pat Stonerook
Counters: Jerry Jordan, Randi Rose

June 14

Greeters: volunteers
Lay Reader: Dennis Faust
Altar Guild: Eve Gehringer
Welcome Center: Charlotte Christman, Jen Christman
Counters: Peggy Brendlinger, Deneen Kratz

June 21

Greeters: Marty Jordan, Brenda Foose
Reader: Pastor Amy
Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center: Rob & Paula Bickelman
Counters: Judy Hunsberger, Gwen Semmens

June 28

Greeters: Paul & Jen Christman
Lay Reader: Logan Greer
Altar Guild: Jen Christman
Welcome Center: Gwen Semmens, Donna Usavage
Counters: Sharon & Doug Killough, Peggy Brendlinger

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July</h1>			1 9:30am Bible Study	2 FH – Troop 73 - 5:30-7:30pm	3	4 8:00am Property Committee Mtg. FH - 3-10pm BD Party (Kratz) if it rains 
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26 9:00am Holy Communion – Buckners visit St. Luke's 10:15am Faith Formation	27	28	29 9:30am Bible Study	30 FH – Troop 73 - 5:30-7:30pm	31	

July 5

Greeters: Mike Way, Judy Hunsberger
Lay Reader: Jerry Jordan
Altar Guild: Brenda Foose
Welcome Center: volunteer needed
Counters: Judy Hunsberger, Randi Rose

July 12

Greeters: Joyce Brothers, Spencer Brothers
Lay Reader: Joyce Brothers
Altar Guild: Eve Gehringer
Welcome Center: Dennis & Gail Faust
Counters: Pat Stonerook, Gwen Semmens

July 19

Greeters: Deneen Kratz, Ian Kratz
Reader: Pr. Amy
Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center: Charlotte Christman, Jen Christman
Counters: Jerry Jordan, Doug & Sharon Killough

July 26

Greeters: Paul & Jen Christman
Lay Reader: Jen Christman
Altar Guild: Jen Christman
Welcome Center: Gwen Semmens, Donna Usavage
Counters: Randi Rose, Mike Way