

# The Good News

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Rt. 73 & Neiffer Road Obelisk, Pennsylvania May 2026  
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**St. Luke's Lutheran**  
A little church with a big mission

Our mission: To know Jesus  
and make Him known.

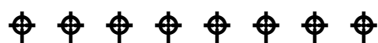


## St. Luke's Worship Schedule

### Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Worship (church building)  
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation

- ✘ Praise Service is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Please take note: the Praise Service is cancelled for the month of May due to the use of Fellowship Hall to set up for the Indoor Flea Market. A regular service will be held in the church on Sunday, May .
- ✘ Weekly services are also offered online via the St. Luke's Obelisk YouTube Channel.



Dear St. Luke's family and friends,

Grace and peace to you as we enter the month of May—a season I am truly looking forward to. The days are growing longer and warmer, the earth is coming alive in bloom, and everywhere we look, there are signs of renewal. It is a beautiful reflection of the Easter season, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection and the promise that new life is always possible through Christ.

In the life of our church, those signs of renewal are evident as well. The Property Committee has been working hard making meaningful improvements. In the Fellowship Building, new ceiling tiles and lighting have been installed in the front hallway, brightening the space considerably. In the coming weeks, the walls will be painted and new carpeting installed, further refreshing and renewing that area. Our annual Spring Clean-up Day was another wonderful example of shared effort, with many hands pitching including helpful support from our neighboring Boy Scout Troop from Schwenksville. Thanks to everyone's work, our grounds and buildings look fresh, welcoming, and well cared for.

As a congregation, we continue to move forward together. Whether we find ourselves in a season of discernment, growth, or steady

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faithfulness, we trust that God is present with us. We don't need to have every step mapped out; instead, we trust that Christ walks alongside us, guiding and renewing us along the way.

This month brings opportunities to gather, serve, and celebrate as a community. I encourage you to take part as you are able and invite a friend to come along. Community is one of God's greatest gifts, and it is often through one another that we most clearly experience God's love.

As we journey through May, may you find moments of beauty, rest, and joy. Julie and I are taking two weeks this month to rest and restore after the difficult events in our family over the past few months. During this season of renewal, may you be reminded that resurrection is not just something we remember—it is something we live, even now. And may that hope take root in your homes, your relationships, and your daily life.

Peace be with you,  
Pastor Amy



The deadline for the June newsletter is May 20<sup>th</sup> 2026. Articles may be placed in the secretary's mailbox or emailed to [office@stlukeslutheran.church](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.church).

## Mission Support

We are excited to announce that the Buckners (Steve & Debbie) will be joining St. Luke's in worship on July 26<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow – stay tuned.



## Indoor Flea Market

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

### The trailer has arrived!

The trailer will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays: May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

### The following items are accepted:

Furniture, 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!

### Save the date for the Annual Golf Outing:

Friday, September 11, 2026

### Save the date for the Women's Retreat:

November 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Brigantine, New Jersey "palace"



Herbert Seddon entered the church triumphant on April 16, 2026. Please keep Herb's family and friends in your prayers.

## 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.

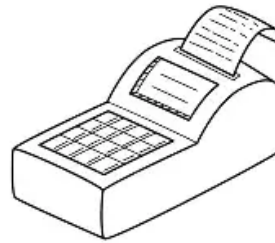
Your donations are welcome to be brought to the sanctuary and placed at the base of the large wooden cross. If you are donating a gift card, please feel free to place it in my mailbox in the mail room.

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

## 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.

## Bugs

"Mom, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his mother replied. After dinner the mother inquired, "Now, baby, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

## Wisdom from Children

Patrick, age 10, said, "Never trust a dog to watch your food."

Michael, 14, said, "When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him."

Michael said, "Never tell your mom her diet's not working."

Susie, age 9, said, "Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time."

Naomi, 15 said, "If you want a kitten, start out by asking for a horse."

Lauren, age 9 said, "Felt markers are not good to use as lipstick."

Joel, 10 years old, said, "Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat."

Eileen, age 8 said, "Never try to baptize a cat."



## Community Dinner

Our next Community Dinner is Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 5:30 PM. The May Community Dinner is cancelled because the Fellowship Hall is needed for the annual Flea Market, which will be held May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, and come enjoy an evening of food and fellowship.



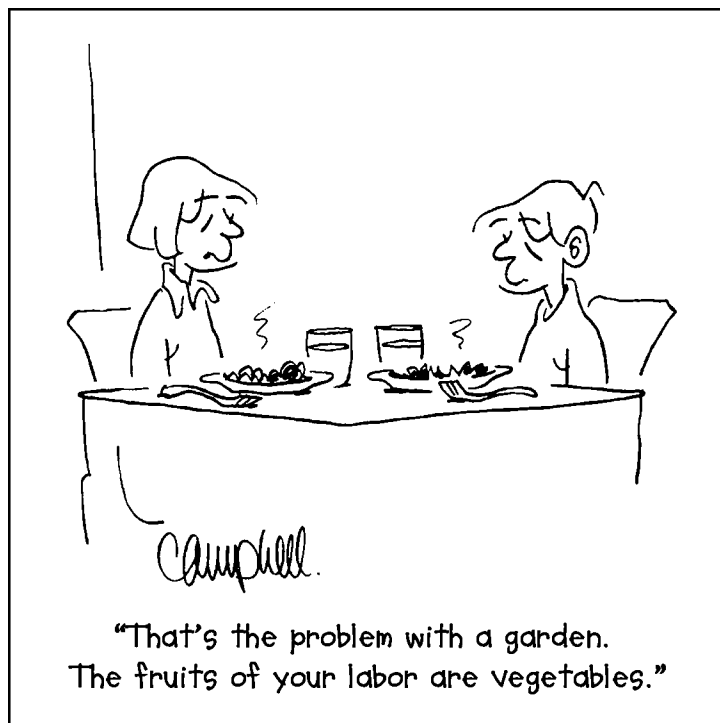
## Welcome Center

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to help with the Welcome Center. The calendar is filled with volunteers until July. If you would like to help, you may sign the volunteer sheet that is on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center.



## Our Graduates

We would like to honor our graduates from high school, college, or technical school, etc., in our next newsletter (June 2026). If you know of anyone who is graduating this year and would like to have them included, please contact the church office with the name of the graduate, the school, honors, and any future plans. You may email the church office at [StLukesObelisk.Office@gmail.com](mailto:StLukesObelisk.Office@gmail.com) or call 610-754-7762.



## A Mother's Love....

- Mom always says she doesn't need expensive gifts — just love and appreciation. Which is great, because love and appreciation are exactly what my budget allows.
- For Mother's Day, I told Mom she could relax while I handled everything. She spent the entire day following me around fixing all the things I handled wrong.
- My mom says raising me took patience, strength, and coffee. Mostly coffee. Actually... almost entirely coffee.
- I asked Mom how she wanted to spend Mother's Day. She said, "I'd love some peace and quiet." So we all sat silently for five minutes before someone asked where the snacks were.

**Financial Report**  
**As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Cash:**

Cash in Bank - Checking	\$ 31,731.82
Designated Funds - savings	\$ 47,371.16
Savings Account	\$ 10,007.21
Investments	<u>\$ 421,962.13</u>
Total cash on Hand	<u>\$ 511,072.32</u>

<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Current Giving	\$ 20,596.48	\$ 44,159.81	\$ 196,300.00
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,000.00
Designated #	\$ 35.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 6,700.00
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 20,631.48</u>	<u>\$ 44,504.81</u>	<u>\$ 266,000.00</u>

<b>Expenses:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual Year to Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Pastor's expenses	\$ 7,209.94	\$ 21,505.82	\$ 86,057.00
Worship & Music Expenses	\$ 1,274.32	\$ 4,311.27	\$ 19,086.00
Faith Formation			\$ 19,950.00
Discipleship	\$ -	\$ 440.55	\$ 3,800.00
Office Expenses	\$ 2,842.41	\$ 7,565.90	\$ 33,763.00
Property Expenses	\$ 9,488.05	\$ 24,356.81	\$ 93,250.00
Fundraisers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,800.00
Designated	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 6,100.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 20,814.72</u>	<u>\$ 58,930.35</u>	<u>\$ 289,806.00</u>

Net Surplus/Deficit	<u>\$ ( 183.24)</u>	<u>\$ (14,425.54)</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. Electronical give through Tithely.com or Paypal.com - select St. Luke's 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

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” – Mother Teresa

# May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00am Property Comm. Mtg. 9:00am-noon Diakonia
<b>3</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Conference Committee mtg. (zoom)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  9:30am Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00am-noon Diakonia
<b>10</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation  <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 2:00pm Worship & Music Committee (zoom)	<b>13</b>  9:30am Bible Study	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Missions/Discipleship Comm. Mtg.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00am Unload Offsite Storage  9:00am-noon Diakonia
<b>17</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation 11:00am Unload Trailer	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>20</b>  9:30am Bible Study	<b>21</b> 5:30-6:30pm Community Dinner	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00am-noon Diakonia
<b>24</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>25</b>  <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  9:30am Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  8:00am-noon Indoor Flea Market	<b>30</b>  8:00am-noon Indoor 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: Dennis & Gail Faust  
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: Merlyn Jordan, Pat Stonerook  
Counters: Randi Rose, Doug & Sharon Killough

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

Greeters: Marty Jordan, Brenda Foose  
Lay Reader: Joyce Brothers

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

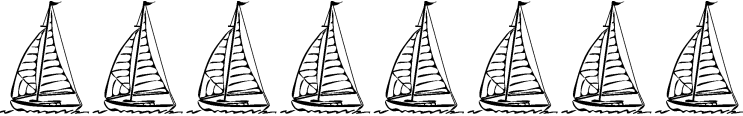
Lay Reader: Rob Bickelman

Altar Guild: Jen Christman

Welcome Center: Julie Kinzel

Counters: Gwen Semmens, Marty Jordan

# June 2026

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<b>21</b> 9:00am Holy Communion- Praise Service 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30am Bible Study	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00am Holy Communion 10:15am Faith Formation	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

## June 7<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>th</sup>

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

## June 21<sup>st</sup>

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

## June 28<sup>th</sup>

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