Financial Report as of September 30, 2026

Cash:	
Cash in Bank - Checking	$ 133,835.51
Designated Funds - savings	$ 54,182.78
Savings Account	$ 10,190.57
Thrivent Money Market	$ 26,856.00
Investments	$ 252,506.13
Total cash on Hand	$ 477,570.99

Revenues:	Actual	Year to Date	Budget
Current Giving	$ 10,744.00	$ 140,080.23	$ 196,300.00
Fundraisers	$ 32,062.74	$ 68,262.48	$ 63,000.00
Designated Funds	$	$	$ 6,700.00
Total Revenues	$ 40,001.64	$ 165,667.69	$266,000.00
Expenses:			
Pastor's expenses	$ 7 ,147.94	$ 65,640.56	$ 86,057.00
Worship & Music Expenses	$ 1 ,242.07	$ 12,838.93	$ 19,086.00
Faith Formation	$	$	$ 19,950.00
Discipleship	$ 250.26	$ 3,356.39	$ 3,800.00
Office Expenses	$ 3,047.84	$ 23,390.72	$ 33,763.00
Property Expenses	$ 2,829.00	$ 54,373.32	$ 93,250.00
Fundraisers	$ 27,727.63	$ 36,247.40	$ 27,800.00
Designated	$ 579.20	$ 3,766.98	$ 6,100.00
Total Expenses	$ 42,823.93	$ 199,614.30	$ 289,806.00
Net Surplus/Deficit:	$ (17.19)	$ 8,728.41	$ (23,806.00)

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.treasuer@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.

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

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Faith Formation	**2** 7PM Conference Committee (ZOOM)	**3**	4 9:30 AM Bible Study 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood	**5**	**6**	**7** 8:00 AM Property Committee Meeting 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood
8 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Faith Formation	**9** 7:00 pm Messenger Practice	**10** 2PM Worship & Music Committee (ZOOM)	**11** 9:30 AM Bible Study 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood	**12** 7PM Discipleship & Missions Committee (ZOOM)	**13**	**14** 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood
15 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Faith Formation	**16**	**17** 7PM Congregational Council MTG Yoga 7:00 PM	**18** 9:30 AM Bible Study 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood 11:00 AM Fiscal Mgmt.	**19** 5:30PM-6:30PM Community Dinner 4 PM – 7 PM The Neighborhood	**20**	**21** 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood
22 9:00 am Praise Service 10:15 am Faith Formation Book Club	**23**	**24**	**25** 9:30 AM Bible Study 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood Thanksgiving Eve Worship- Peace In Zion @ St. Luke's	**26** **Thanksgiving** 	**27**	**28** 9 AM-1 PM The Neighborhood
29 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:15 am Faith Formation	**30**					

November 1
Greeters: Mike Way & Judy Moyer
Lay Reader: Charlotte Christman
Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Pat Stonerook & Peggy Brendlinger

November 8
Greeters: Kevin Christman
Lay Reader: Gwen Semmens
Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Peggy Brendlinger & Judy Hunsberger

November 15
Greeters: Marty Jordan & Eve Gehringer
Lay Reader: Pastor Amy
Altar Guild: Brenda Foose
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Peggy Brendlinger & Pat Stonerook

November 22
Greeters: Paul & Jen Christman
Lay Reader: Brenda Greer
Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Mike Way & Randi Rose

November 25
Greeters: Mike Way & Judy Moyer
Lay Reader: Gwen Semmens
Altar Guild: Jen Christman

November 29
Greeters: Joyce & Spencer Brothers
Lay Reader: Sharon Killough
Altar Guild: Jen Christman
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: D & S Killough, Judy Hunsberger

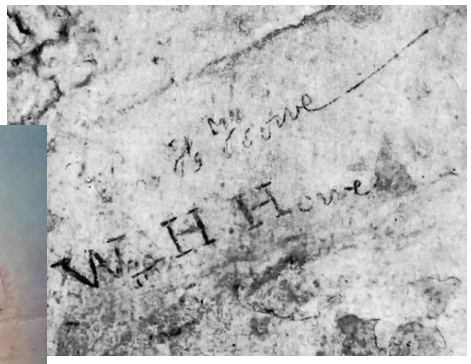
St. Luke's and Fort Mifflin

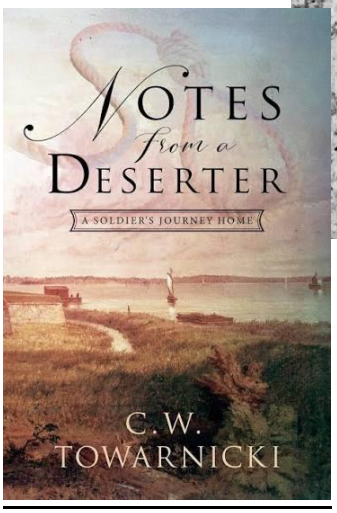
In September St. Luke's was contacted by a volunteer at Fort Mifflin. Beverly McPhail was seeking more information about a gentleman by the name of William H. Howe. We were thrilled to dive into this historical figure connected to our beloved St. Luke's. He worked as a local farmer and cigar roller in what is now Upper Frederick. He and his family were members of the congregation and in August of 1862, he enrolled as a private in Company A of the 116th Pennsylvania Volunteers. As diseases spread in December of 1862, he departed his regiment and sought treatment in Washington D.C. When he was unable to receive care, he returned home. In the eyes of the military, he was a deserter. On June 21, 1863, three officers approached his home to arrest him in the middle of the night. Understandably weary at such an hour and in the dark with his family inside the home, the story goes there was a shot from Howe and one man lost his life.

He would run to Allentown, where he would eventually be arrested on July 13, 1863. He was taken to Fort Mifflin to wait for his Court Martial, there he would carve his name in the wall of his cell, which can still be seen today. Howe was found Guilty and sentenced to death by hanging on August 26, 1864. At the young age of about 24, he is the only person known to have been executed at Fort Mifflin during the Civil War.

St. Luke's, then known as Keelor's Church, would hold the funeral ceremony, but did not permit Howe to be buried in the church cemetery. His final resting place is in a local forest and is still visited by those who know where. His stone simple states "William Howe, a Union Soldier, sent to the gallows."

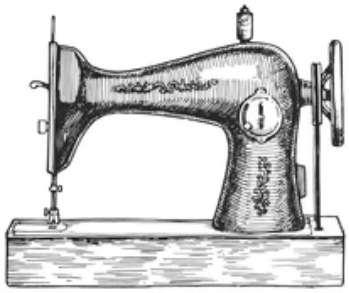
Our research with Beverly revealed that his son was baptized at our church, shortly before he met his fate. His wife would never marry again and would relocate. Our cemetery has several other memorials with his family name, belonging to his father and other relatives. There was a book written by a local author entitled *Notes from a Deserter*, by C.W. Towarnicki. Beverly reached out to us for information as she was researching for her own book that focused on Howe, beyond the headlines of his death. What we discovered was more than a unique piece of our history, it reinvigorated the deeply held ideal that connections matter, whether it is between the past and present, or from person to person.











Quilting and Sewing

The Sewing and Quilting Group is meeting November 18th, from 6:00PM – 8:30PM. The meeting will take place in Fellowship Hall. Keep a look out on social media for the December date as it will be on a Saturday. Anyone who is interested in learning, expanding their skills, or sharing their talents is invited to join us for a joyful evening of sharing and learning.
Please RSVP Gwen
215-872-1046



Yoga Class

Once a month, St. Luke's will be hosting an all-levels evening yoga practice at 7:00 PM in the chapel. Leading the class is Lisa Maida, a registered yoga teacher of 8 years, with experience in both community and private instruction. Lisa aims to give participants a chance to close out the day on a positive note through movement and breath work, while being a part of a welcoming community and having fun. No experience needed.

Each class is $15, per person, per class. Both Venmo and cash are accepted.

Our next classes are:

Tuesday, November 17th, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 15th, 7:00 PM



Book Club

The Book Club is currently reading *The Prayer Box* by Lisa Wingate. They will meet after Worship on November 22, 2026, to discuss this thought-provoking read. If you have any suggestions or would be interested in joining the St. Luke's Book Club, please reach out to Tanya at 610-754-7762.

MUSIC IN MINISTRY

Do you like to sing? Can you play a musical instrument? You are invited to share your musical talent at the 9:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday mornings by providing special music. Please see Audrey Reinhart if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Redner's Tapes

Do you grocery shop at Redner's? Using your "save-a-tape" card and turning in your receipts 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 any questions.

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:30 AM Bible Study 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood	3	4 Breakfast Setup 6:00 – 8:00 Upper Frederick Fire Company	5 Breakfast w/Santa 7:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m. Upper Frederick Fire company (contact Bruce Richard) 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood
6	7 7:00 p.m. Conference Committee (Zoom)	8 7:00PM Worship &Music Committee (ZOOM)	9 9:30 AM Bible Study 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood	10 7:00PM Discipleship/Missions Committee	11	12 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood
13	14 7:00 p.m. Messenger Practice	15 7PM Council MTG	16 9:30 AM Bible Study 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood	17 4PM-7PM The Neighborhood Community Dinner 5:30PM-6:30PM	18	19 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood
20 9:00 a.m. Praise Service 10:15 a.m. Faith Formation	21	22	23 9:30 AM Bible Study 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood
27 9:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols at PEACE IN ZION	28	29	30 9:30 AM Bible Study 9AM-1PM The Neighborhood	31		

December 6
Greeters: Kevin & Charlotte Christman
Lay Reader: Rob Bickleman
Altar Guild: Eve Gerhinger
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Marty Jordan & Mike Way

December 13
Greeters: Mike Way & Judy Moyer
Lay Reader: Jerry Jordan
Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Deneen Kratz & Pat Stonerook

December 20
Greeters: Marty Jordan & Eve Gehringer
Reader: Pastor Amy
Altar Guild: Brenda Foose
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Randi Rose, Sharon & Doug Killough

December 24
Greeters: Joyce and Spencer Brothers
Lay Reader: Dennis Faust
Altar Guild: Jen Christman
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Judy Hunsberger & Peggy Brendlinger

December 27
Greeters: Kevin Christman
Lay Reader: Sharon Killough
Altar Guild: Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center: Volunteer Needed
Counters: Judy Hunsberger & Mike Way

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Sunday Schedule
Online Worship- Facebook Live
Sunday's – 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation
Third Sunday: Praise Worship – Fellowship Hall
Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Third Sunday of the month: Praise Service with Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall



Greetings St. Luke's family and friends,

There has been a wonderful flurry of activity at St. Luke's lately! Everywhere I turn, it seems something is happening. The Neighborhood Thrift Shop is welcoming shoppers and finding new homes for donated treasures. Our Community Dinners continue to bring people together around the table. Our yoga class, book club, sewing and quilting group, and Cub Scout Pack are creating opportunities to connect, learn, and care for one another. And behind the scenes, many faithful hands are tending to our buildings and keeping everything moving.

It is exciting to see the ways God is working through St. Luke's. I am grateful to all who give their time, share their gifts, and welcome our neighbors. Each act of service, whether large or small, helps us live out our mission to know Jesus and make him known.

And yet, amid all this activity, I find myself looking forward to the coming season of Advent. The four-week season of Advent, beginning on November 29, 2026, invites us to slowdown, even if the world around us seems to be speeding up. While the weeks before Christmas can quickly fill with shopping, decorating, gatherings, and long lists of things to do, the church offers us a different rhythm: a time to pause, wait, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. That can be easier said than done! There will still be meals to prepare, gifts to wrap, and responsibilities to tend to. Advent does not ask us to set aside everything that needs our attention. Instead, it invites us to make room, even in the middle of our busy days, to notice that God is already with us.

Perhaps creating that room to notice God comes in a few quiet moments with a cup of coffee in the morning. Perhaps it comes while lighting an Advent candle, reading a few verses of Scripture, or sitting in the stillness before worship begins. Perhaps it comes through a conversation with a friend or a shared meal with a neighbor. However we find those moments, we can trust that we do not have to earn God's presence by accomplishing one more thing. Through Jesus Christ, God comes to us as a gift of grace—meeting us in our busyness, our weariness, our joy, and our waiting.

As we move toward Advent, I hope we can celebrate all that is happening at St. Luke's and also give ourselves permission to pause. The Missions/Discipleship Committee has used some of their funds to purchase Advent Devotionals for everyone. They will be made available and will give you a tool to shape your Advent prayer time. May this season bring us moments of peace, renew our hope, and remind us that the God who calls us into the world also invites us to rest in God's love.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Amy



New Sign for The Neighborhood!



From the Office…

St. Luke's has Joined Instagram!
St. Luke's has expanded its social media footprint and now has an active account on Instagram. If you have Instagram be sure to follow the account and share it with others in the community and beyond. It is linked on our Facebook account in our profile. We look forward to growing and building more connections for St. Luke's.



Community Dinner

The November Community Dinner will be Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Please come out and join us for great food and fellowship. The menu is sloppy joe, cole slaw, baked beans, and desserts. The Neighborhood Thrift Shop will be open 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Invite a friend!

Welcome to
THE NEIGHBORHOOD
THRIFT SHOP

Neighborhood Thrift Shop

Regular operating hours will be Wednesday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Neighborhood Thrift Shop will also be open during our Community Dinners, every third Thursday, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please DO NOT leave any donations outside of the building.

Donations will be accepted through the front entrance Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM. During thrift shop hours, donations can also be accepted at the shop entrance. If you need to drop off donations after office hours, please call 610-754-7762 to make an appointment.

Donations Accepted: Household goods, holiday decorations, outdoor equipment, toys, sports, vintage, small furniture.

Donations NOT Accepted: Clothing, linens, upholstered items, electronics, stuffed animals.

Proceeds from the shop will remain within our community.