

# ST. LUKE SNAPSHOT

## St. Luke Lutheran Church

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## "Living in Faith... Linking Hearts and Hands"

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE:

Join us in our sanctuary, parking  
lot, on FB, St. Luke website, or  
tune in to 88.3FM

**9:00am**

### ADULT LEARNING HOUR:

**10:15am-11:15am**

CHILDREN'S LEARNING  
HOUR HAS CONCLUDED.  
IT WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN THE  
FALL

We welcome you as you join us  
in worship this morning! We  
would enjoy meeting you and  
learning how we can minister  
to your family.

The Café is now open.

We kindly ask that you  
refrain from bringing food or  
beverages into the  
Sanctuary.

At St. Luke Lutheran Church,  
we use photographs and/or  
video to record our events and  
ministry. These are used to  
help promote our ministry, and  
for archival purposes such as  
on our website, or the Press  
Enterprise.

If you DO NOT want your  
image or your child's image  
used in this manner, please  
contact the church office at  
570-784-5035 to make us  
aware of your wishes.

Thank you!

### For the week of August 1, 2021

#### Sunday, August 1: 10 Pentecost

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)

#### Monday, August 2:

- ♦ Reunion Tres Dias Group, 10:00am (GE)

#### Tuesday, August 3:

- ♦ Sawdust Ministry, 5:30pm
- ♦ Machine Quilters, 6:00pm (SH)

#### Wednesday, August 4:

#### Thursday, August 5:

#### Friday, August 6:

#### Saturday, August 7:

#### Sunday, August 8: 11 Pentecost

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)

### Tangibly Defining Love

In today's Gospel lesson, Jesus tells us, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus also says, "I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last..."

We live in a culture of superlatives. "Nice" and "good" are stated as "awesome" and "amazing". Sadly, when we need to describe something that is truly awe-inspiring and causes amazement, we no longer have adequate words to do so, since we have diluted down the meaning of those words. Likewise, if something is appealing, people say they "love it". "I love chocolate cake". "I love that dress." In using the word "love" as a superlative, it loses its value and meaning. How sad. "Love" is a wonderful word that genuinely has rich meaning.

Bible scholars speak of three words for love; eros (romantic love), phileo (brotherly love), and agape (God-like love). Other than to mention these, I will say nothing more. Instead, I will speak of more tangible things.

Jesus says, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Here, Jesus is telling us that love is sacrificial. That is truly the best, down-to-earth explanation of what love is. Love is sacrificial. To love someone is to consciously put their needs ahead of our own. It means that we give up something valuable to accommodate another person or persons. It implies that we will give of ourselves to help someone else. Give what? Whatever is needed. Our sincere interest and attention. Our money or resources. Our talents. Our time. These are gifts of our selves and our lives. To wholeheartedly give our time and attention to someone else is to give them a part of our life. That is an important gift. We can never get that time back. To give it freely is a sacrifice; it is an expression of love.

Jesus calls us friends, and He calls us to love one another, as He has loved us. His love was expressed through ultimate sacrifice; His very life. His call to us is just as intense, but He is not calling us to die for each other. Instead, He calls us to live our lives as a living sacrifice to Him, expressed through our love and sacrifice for each other. "Love one another." Jesus tells us that in answering this call to love one another, intentionally and sacrificially, we fulfill all of the commandments, and we extend the grace of God to the world around us.

Are we willing to die for Jesus? Many have. Here's a more important question: Are we ready to live for Jesus? Are we ready to love for Jesus?

"Love one another."

In Christian Love—  
Mike McCay

### NURSERY HELPER NEEDED!

PLEASE CONTACT KELLY OLSEN  
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN  
THE NURSERY DURING  
WORSHIP

[stlukebloss@gmail.com](mailto:stlukebloss@gmail.com)

your assistance is very much  
appreciated!



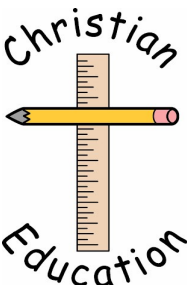
AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING WILL  
TAKE PLACE  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 9 AT 6:00PM.**

PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING TO  
KEEP UPDATED ON ALL THE CURRENT  
AND UPCOMING EVENTS TAKING  
PLACE AT ST. LUKE!

### Christian Education Meeting

August 22 immediately  
following Adult Learning  
Hour

Anyone interested in  
becoming involved,  
please attend this meeting!  
**LUNCHEON PROVIDED!!**



### Our Communications

#### Coordinator, Kelly Olsen



is currently updating the  
Church website, Facebook  
page and bulletin boards.

If you have good news to  
share: (i.e. newspaper article  
and/or snapshot of someone  
or something that you would  
like to have posted, please  
see Kelly.  
Thank you!



## Prayer List for the Week of August 1, 2021

*Not available online*



### A LOOK at the BUDGET

YTD Income: \$ n/a  
\*YTD Expense: \$ n/a  
Net Income: \$ n/a

*Please call Tammy Polstra with any questions  
during her office hours: Monday and Friday 9am to 12pm*

## Just a reminder

Pastor Brian will be arriving at St. Luke each Sunday morning at 7:30am to spend time praying for the protection and safety of our church and its members. free to Please feel come early and join him in this time of prayer and petition.



### THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE:

CAFÉ: SEE ROB FRUIT  
NEWS REPORTERS/NURSERY: SEE KELLY OLSEN

### CALLING ALL ABLE-BODIED FRIENDS!!

HELP IS NEEDED FRIDAY, AUGUST 13 TO MOVE TRASH FROM THE CHURCH TO THE DUMPSTER!

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE DAY.  
IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT  
LEEANN OR ROB!



KELLY OLSEN IS ORGANIZING A FALL VENDOR EVENT FOR SEPTEMBER 18 AT ST. LUKE CHURCH! SHE IS LOOKING FOR CHURCH MEMBERS WHO ARE CRAFTERS OR ARTISANS, OR THOSE INVOLVED IN DIRECT SALES.

AFTER JULY 31 SHE WILL BE EXPANDING THE SEARCH TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR PARTICIPATION. If you have any questions, or would like to sign up PLEASE CONTACT KELLY AT [stlukeblooms@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeblooms@gmail.com)

IN ORDER TO KEEP BETTER INFORMED, WE ARE ASKING THAT ANY CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, ETC. BE FORWARDED TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL 570-784-5035 OR EMAIL [stlukelc@ptd.net](mailto:stlukelc@ptd.net)



### BLOOMSBURG TOWN PARK



is looking for anyone who would like to bake and donate cakes for their

### CAKE AND ICE CREAM FESTIVAL

which takes place

Thursday, August 5 from 5pm 'til dark

for more information, please see the flyer on the church bulletin board

DO YOU HAVE A SPECIAL EVENT IN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?



**BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, ENGAGEMENTS, GRADUATIONS? TELL US ABOUT ANY EVENT THAT HAS BROUGHT JOY INTO YOUR LIVES!**



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR IT SO WE CAN SHARE IT WITH OUR CHURCH MEMBERS AND GIVE A SMILE TO THEM TOO!

CONTACT HOLLY AT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 570-784-5035 OR EMAIL THE INFORMATION (ALONG WITH ANY PICS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE) to: [stlukelc@ptd.net](mailto:stlukelc@ptd.net)

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN A COUNTING TEAM!**



A member of our congregation is currently in the hospital, recovering from injuries sustained while working at home. His injuries will require extensive rehabilitation, and will keep him from work for an unknown amount of time. A meal train has been established for the family and donations are being accepted. If you would like to help, please go to the St. Luke private Facebook page or see LeeAnn Stine.

Please join us as we send healing thoughts and prayers to him and his family, as we ask God to watch over them and give them strength to carry on, and to know that we, as a church family, are always here to offer a loving hand.