

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

9:00 am

ADULT LEARNING HOUR:

10:15-11:15 am

CHILDREN'S LEARNING
HOUR HAS CONCLUDED.
IT WILL RESUME ONCE
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!



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 18
BEGINNING AT
8:00am
Buckhorn Perkins

JOIN US AND
BRING A FRIEND!

For the week of September 12, 2021

Sunday, September 12: 16 Pentecost National Grandparents Day

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)
- ♦ Fall Bazaar Mtg, 10:15am (AR)
- ♦ Girl Scouts 30495, 2:00pm (SH/K)
- ♦ Youth Group Fall Kick-Off, 4:00pm (on premises)

Monday, September 13:

- ♦ Tres Dias Reunion Group, 1:00pm (GE)
- ♦ Reunion Group, 5:00pm (AR)
- ♦ Council Meeting, 6:00pm (SH)
- ♦ Cub Scout Pack 20, 6:30pm (PV)

Tuesday, September 14

- ♦ Sawdust Ministry, 5:30
- ♦ Women's Civic Club, 5:30pm (SH/K)

Wednesday, September 15

Thursday, September 16

- ♦ PEO Mtg, 8:00am (SH/K)
- ♦ Fishing Creek Herb Guild, 6:30pm (SH/K)

Friday, September 17

Saturday, September 18

- ♦ Fall Vendor Event, 9:00am (entire church)
- ♦ Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00am (offsite)

Sunday, September 19: 17 Pentecost

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



Monday, September 13
6:00pm
in the Social Hall

Youth Group Fall Kick-Off

Cookout

TODAY 4-7 PM



There will be a bonfire, tie-dying (please
wear old clothes), water balloons
and LOTS of fun!

ALL Youth - grades 6 thru 12

Welcome!

Please Note: Lock-in has been canceled

WEATHERING THE STORMS

Storms are part of life. Nowhere are we promised perfect weather every day. Even "tropical paradises" have storms. For that matter, they usually experience the most violent storms of all. We have certainly seen that of late. Regardless of geography or season, however, storms are a part of life on earth. They range from mild to severe, and so do their consequences in aftermath. Snow can be pretty; a mild inconvenience to sweep off walks and cars. It can also come as a blizzard, crippling a region, leaving death and destruction in its wake. Rain can be gentle and nurturing, or it can be torrential and threatening, causing floods that erode soil and devastate lives and property. There are seemingly endless weather combinations, many of which are concerning to us. These weather scenarios are very influential in our lives, but we need not be controlled by them. Rather, we can use these storms to better ourselves.

What a strange thought: bettering ourselves through storms. We usually think of prosperity as something that happens when everything is going well. Lack-of-storms would indicate prosperity to most people. Here's the difference: we are not "most people". We are different. We are children of God. He perfects us through difficulties. He builds us through adversity. One does not become strong by lack of resistance. Instead, struggling against resistance is what makes our muscles strong. Likewise, dealing with difficulty makes our character strong. Dealing with adversity builds our spirit. Only by struggling will we grow into useful, resilient, capable servants. Does this make storms less terrible? No. But it does change us for the better.

Another good part about storms is that we are forced to take shelter. We are compelled to stop. In doing so, we can look around and better understand our place in the scheme of life. Blizzards, floods, tornados, and hurricanes have a way of helping us achieve perspective. The most significant good that comes out of storms, whether they are atmospheric, social, emotional, or spiritual, is that we are driven to our knees in prayer to God. Sometimes it takes a storm to help us be closer to God. The storms in my life have changed me. God has often spoken to me and redirected me through storms, probably because I was not listening to His gentle voice-- I guess He has to shout at me sometimes. Out of these, however, I became much closer to our Lord, because I had nowhere else to take shelter. *"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by."* --Psalm 57:1

I think, however, that storms also serve as instruments of ministry. They are opportunities for us to help others in a very real way. Whether it is to encourage, support, and pray with someone going through a personal disaster, or assisting in clean-up following a natural disaster, these are ways for us to minister the grace of God to others. Gifts of sacrificed time and energy; gifts of love and peace. Such gifts only come from a heart that overflows with God's love. Giving these sacrificial gifts to others is a form of worship to God. With such worship comes blessing: a blessing of joy, knowing that someone is a little better off than they were before. Through your efforts, someone is safer, warmer, fed, cared-for, reassured, encouraged, and reminded that God loves them.

Storms of life happen; God does not send them. What does He send? He sends us.

In Christian Love--
--Mike McCay



Prayer List for the Week of September 12, 2021

Not Available online



A LOOK at the BUDGET

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

YTD Income: \$ n/a

*YTD Expense: \$ n/a

Net Income: \$ n/a

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. Please feel free to come early and join him in this time of prayer and petition.

A CARD SHOWER

A card shower has been organized for Tom Markowski who is currently residing at:



Nottingham Village

Please call church for address



PLEASE LET TOM KNOW YOU'RE THINKING OF HIM

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
stlukecl@ptd.net

JOIN US SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT ST. LUKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR OUR

FALL BAZAAR!

9:00AM TO 2:00PM

Enjoy a variety of vendors, a dessert truck, and our Youth Group will be selling hoagies

PLEASE CONTACT KELLY WITH QUESTIONS AT
stlukeblooms@gmail.com

CELEBRATORY BRICKS

We are once again taking orders for celebratory bricks. Honor your loved ones with a custom engraved brick which will be placed in our Memorial Garden Path. Order forms can be found in the Narthex. Call Holly at the church office if you have any questions.



Disaster Response

2021 Atlantic Mission Region Convocation Project

With current disaster response supplies depleted, your tangible donations of health kits, school kits, diapers, Bibles (in English or Spanish), quilts, flood buckets, and gift cards from Home Depot, Lowe's, and Walmart are urgently needed.

(See insert or bulletin board for full list)

Help us STUFF THE TRUCK!

Our goal is to have at least 5 complete school kits and 5 complete Health Care kits to assemble at 2021 Atlantic Mission Region Convocation.

All supplies due OCT 17



St. Luke PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

PRAYER LEADERS:

9/12: **JEFF KLUCK AND BETH GOETZ**

9/19: **STEVE KISTLER AND JUDY GRABERT**



Other Prayer Team members include: Chris Davis, Mike Douthit, Judy Grabert, Dawn Johnson, Megan Shaffer, Jane Stine, LeeAnn Stine

URGENT!!

NURSERY HELPER NEEDED!

PLEASE CONTACT KELLY OLSEN
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN
THE NURSERY DURING
WORSHIP
stlukeblooms@gmail.com

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.



All Learning Hour classes PreK thru High School will begin

Sunday, September 19 at 10:30am

Sign up for classes or to volunteer
at the Christian Ed table TODAY!

The Orangeville Manor Ministry Committee is looking for volunteers to sponsor 6 new veterans.

Sponsoring a vet can bring so much joy, to not only the vet, but to the sponsor as well.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact Tina Kistler.