

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

**CHILDREN'S LEARNING HOUR (AGES 4 THRU 12TH GRADE)**  
**10:00am**

*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 October 24, 2021*

**Sunday, October 24: 22 Pentecost**

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Staff Appreciation Celebration, 10:00am (SH)
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)
- ♦ Children's Learning Hour, 10:30am
- ♦ Christian Ed Mtg., after LH (DR)
- ♦ Private Event, 1:00pm (AR)

**Monday, October 25:**

- ♦ CSIU, 1:30pm (LV)
- ♦ Reunion Group Tres Dias, 2:00pm (GE)
- ♦ Cub Scout Pack 20, 6:30pm (SH)

**Tuesday, October 26:**

- ♦ Quilters in Bloom, 9:30am (LV)
- ♦ Sawdust Ministry, 5:30pm
- ♦ Girl Scout Troop 30202, 6:00pm (AR)

**Wednesday, October 27:**

- ♦ Columbia County Conservation Mtg. 8:00am (SH/K)

**Thursday, October 28:**

**Friday, October 29:**

- ♦ CSIU, 8:30am (LV)
- ♦ Trunk or Treat, 6:00pm (entire church)

**Saturday, October 30:**

**Sunday, October 31: Reformation Day/ Halloween**

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)
- ♦ Children's Learning Hour, 10:30am
- ♦ Girl Scouts 30495, 2:00pm (SH/K)

**Reclaiming Wood (from the archives)**

I love working with wood. It is a fascinating material. From wood, one can make countless different things, from functional to beautiful. The only limits are our imaginations. What's more: wood has inherent beauty. The grain patterns, colors, and other characteristics make it one of the most beautiful of all natural mediums. Why? What makes it so special? It is this: the life of the tree is displayed in the wood itself. Every event and occurrence that the tree experiences is made evident in the grain of the wood. If it was a dry year, the growth ring will be narrow and dark. If it was a wet year, the ring will be broader and lighter in color. If the tree was struck by heavy wind that hyper-flexed the tree, the rings will separate from each other at the point of flexion, then the tree will fill in those injuries with sap which will mend the damage, but will leave its mark. If the tree had a nail driven into it, or if it grew in very iron-rich soil, there will be blue or purple stains in the wood. Limb growth creates "knots" and "burly" grain. Other things cause wavy grain, "birds-eye" grain, and other amazing and unique patterns. Damage to the tree from storms, machinery, animals, or other outside forces will certainly leave their marks. The tree will grow-over and fill in these damaged areas. It may not be noticeable from the outside, but the inside shows every event of the life of the tree.

We rescue and reclaim wood. Trees that fall in storms, lumber that has "flaws", and sawmill waste and scrap comprise much of our wood inventory. From this reclaimed material, we make useful and beautiful things. Wooden spoons, trays, boxes, cutting boards, rolling pins, etc. useful, yet beautiful. The wood we start with, however, is often far from pretty to the first glance. Often, it appears to be dirty and rough-looking. Most people would identify it as firewood-worthy, and nothing more. Through experience, we have learned to see past the rough exterior and to see the potential hidden within. To release that potential, however, we must cut, carve, and shape the wood. Some parts will go for purely functional projects. Some will go for projects that we identify as "functional beauty". Other pieces are destined to become artistic in nature. To make any of these, however, results in a certain amount of wood ending up on the floor as sawdust, shavings, or scrap. Even this is useful. Sawdust and shavings are good bedding for our livestock. Scrap and other sweepings are bagged-up and burned in the furnace, producing heat and heating our domestic hot water. So, no matter what it started as, every bit of every piece of wood that goes into our shop comes out as something useful. Some are beautiful, some are functional; nothing is wasted.

I have often heard people despair that they have no idea what God could possibly make from their lives. Like trees, every event of our lives leaves a permanent mark on our hearts, creating a unique pattern and "grain". No two are exactly alike. Every choice, every experience, be it good or bad, makes a mark and affects who we are. Further, the inner beauty and usefulness of our lives is not actualized until we are broken. Just as the beauty of a tree's grain is not revealed until it is cut, so our lives are not made fully useful, nor is our true beauty revealed if we do not allow God to work in our lives. When we do allow Him to work, amazing things happen. He looks at us, just as we are, seeing past the dirt and outward ugliness. He does not relegate us to the burn-pile. Rather, He painstakingly begins to work us and reveal our potential. Parts of our lives that we thought were a waste suddenly become useful. Flaws that we felt were hideous become beautiful when shaped by the Master. Even the parts He carves away serve a purpose; they become a witness to the changing power of God. With God, NOTHING is wasted. He reclaims, and redeems every part of our lives.

In Christian Love—  
--Mike McCay

**YOUTH GROUP**

**VILLAGE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6 at 5:00pm THROUGH SUNDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 7**

**MEETING!**  
TODAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LEARNING HOUR (Drama Room)

**Trunk or Treat FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 6:00PM to 7:30PM**

There's still time to sign up to decorate your car trunk or a church classroom door! Sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin board.

**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND JOIN THE FUN!**  
Candy donations being accepted until October 26  
**STAHL'S STEAKHOUSE will be here, too!!**

**STAFF APPRECIATION CELEBRATION!**

**SAY "THANK YOU" TO THE STAFF OF ST. LUKE AND ENJOY FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND CAKE!! TODAY AFTER WORSHIP**  
*Please join us!*



## Prayer List for the Week of October 24, 2021

*Not available online*

The Orangeville Manor Ministry Committee would like to thank those who have sponsored veterans, but **3 SPONSORS ARE STILL NEEDED!** 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.*

### **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.

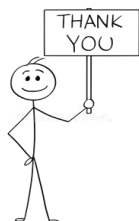


*Local Girl Scout Troop 30495 will be assisting in the Nursery for the next month in order to earn their babysitting badge!*

### **THE ORANGEVILLE MANOR IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**LAUNDRY BASKETS, DEODORANT, BODY WASH,  
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY.  
PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN THE SPECIFIED BOX  
IN THE NARTHEX**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!**



**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH GROUP  
FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN HELPING  
TO FILLOVER 600 TREAT BAGS FOR  
ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT**



*Save the Date*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
IS THE DATE FOR  
ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA!  
MORE DETAILS IN NEXT WEEK'S SNAPSHOT**



### **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*

### **COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE :**



**10/25/2021:** Linda Miller, Nancy Serafin,  
Lou O'Neil, and Ken Carlson

**11/1/2021:** Jill Johnson, Beth Goetz, and  
Linda Cernovsky

## **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.

### **ST. LUKE PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY**

**PRAYER LEADERS FOR 10/24:**

**Jane Stine and Jeff Kluck**



### **Other Prayer Team members include:**

*Chris Davis, Mike Douthit, Judy Grabert,  
Dawn Johnson, Megan Shaffer, LeeAnn Stine,  
Steve Kistler, Shirley Bodman and Beth Goetz*

### **VETERAN'S DAY GIFT BAG PROJECT**



The Orangeville Manor Committee is collecting a variety of items to fill gift bags to deliver to the residents at the Manor on Veteran's Day. If you would like to participate, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Blank cards are available in the Narthex. Please take one or more, write a note to a veteran, sign your name (include you are from St. Luke, and return the completed card to the returned card basket. (Please do not write on the front of the envelope. Resident names will be added later.)

**Gift items are due by 10/31 - Cards are due by 11/7**

*Thank you for spreading a little cheer to our beloved veterans.*

(Contact Tina Kistler or Diane Shultz with questions.)

***Congratulations** to Dallas Olsen who has recently become engaged!*



*We all wish her and her fiancé, Forrest Walker,  
many, many years of happiness!!*



### **BLANKET MINISTRY**

It won't be long and we will be feeling the chill of winter in the air. Are you willing to once again support our area homeless with warm wool blankets? Please visit the table in the Narthex to pick up coin boxes and envelopes for your monetary donations.  
(All checks should note "Blanket Ministry on the memo line.)  
You may contact Diane Shultz with any questions.



**Thank you!**

**SHARING THE WARMTH OF GOD'S LOVE,  
ONE BLANKET AT A TIME**

**FINAL DAY TO DONATE IS OCTOBER 31!**