

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

**NO ADULT LEARNING
HOUR TODAY**

**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.

For the week of November 14, 2021

Sunday, November 14: 25 Pentecost

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Children's Learning Hour, 10:30am
- ♦ Private Event, 2:00pm (SH/K)

Monday: November 15:

- ♦ Girl Scout Troop 30495, 6:00pm (AR/K)
- ♦ Cub Scouts, 6:30pm (SH)
- ♦ Women's Group Mtg, 6:30 (SC)
- ♦ Men's Tres Dias, 7:00pm (DR)

Tuesday, November 16:

- ♦ Quilters in Bloom, 9:30am (GE)
- ♦ CSIU, 9:45am (LV)
- ♦ Girl Scout Troop 30202, 6:00pm (AR)

Wednesday, November 17:

Thursday, November 18:

- ♦ PEO Mtg., 8:00am (SH/K)
- ♦ **SAWDUST MINISTRY (new day)**
- ♦ Fishing Creek Herb Guild, 6:30pm (SH/K)

Friday, November 19:

- ♦ CSIU, 8:30am (LV)

Saturday, November 20:

- ♦ Vietnamese Bible Study, 11:00am (GE)
- ♦ Youth Group Lunch, 12:00pm (SH/K)

Sunday, November 21: Pentecost 26

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)
- ♦ Children's Learning Hour, 10:30am
- ♦ Youth Group Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, 6:00pm (SH/K)

The Healer

Jon is an 84-year-old gentleman. A retired civil engineer. Tall and lanky of frame. A quiet, gentle personality; a man who smiles warmly in greeting and gratitude. Jon is a resident of an assisted living center, as his Parkinson's Disease has progressed to the point that he is too stiff to do many simple tasks for himself. His mind is still sharp and his thoughts clear, as his conversations make witness, but his body no longer responds as it should. Normally, he can walk with the use of a walker and the help of another person. He can usually feed himself, though it takes a long time; his food is often cold before he can finish it. Dressing independently is beyond him; his rigidity and decreased coordination make that impossible. And so, this once very capable man is now dependent on the help of others. One would think that would make him frustrated and bitter, yet I did not detect anything like that in Jon. I only saw peacefulness and gratitude. The night I encountered Jon, he was in the ER because he was very weakened from an intestinal infection and the results thereof. His illness left him even more dependent than usual. It also stripped away even more dignity, as he required frequent hygiene. Despite this, Jon still smiled.

Leah is a young ER nurse. She only works per-diem, as she is going to school to become a nurse practitioner. She is very smart, quick-witted, and rather funny. She is quite pretty, and has a sassy confidence for all to see. She is a person who has everything going her way. The night I encountered Jon was only the second time that I had worked with Leah. Jon was one of the patients in her assignment. Leah asked for help to clean and reposition Jon.

When I got to Jon's room, I had the opportunity to witness greatness of spirit. Jon needed personal hygiene again. He offered apologies and gratitude, and he smiled gently. Leah was amazing. Gone was the sass and swagger. Instead, she was calm and soothing, speaking to Jon with respect and gentle kindness. Every bit of the care that she delivered was with the same devotion you would see someone give to their dearest loved-one. With sensitivity to Jon's situation, Leah did everything to bolster his dignity. Jon asked if there was any music to listen to, so Leah got her I-phone and found the piece that he wanted. At his request, she played it on a continuous loop for him (she left her phone with him for the duration of the shift). Together, we cleaned him and put him in a more comfortable bed. Leah then turned down the lights, and with words of reassurance that she would be back soon, we left the room. We would be back in there several more times before the end of our shift, and I always witnessed the same gentle kindness.

Jesus tells us to love one another. He taught us about humility by washing the feet of His disciples. He teaches us to honor the dignity of all people as he healed the sick, interacted with those considered "unclean", and raised up women and children as equal and beloved in God's sight. We are surrounded by those who need us to mirror Jesus in these things. How glad I am to have witnessed someone, so blessed with ability, take off the human cloak of pride and do just that, ministering to the body, mind, and spirit of a vulnerable person in need of her care. A true healer.

In Christian Love—

--Mike McCay

YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Youth Group Treefest Collection

Youth Group is collecting toys and/or gifts
to help local families celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Collection box is in the Narthex.

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 19!

Saturday, November 20 at 12:00: Youth group will meet at the
church to enjoy a delicious lunch before departing for

Caldwell Consistory to decorate the tree!

Sunday, November 21 at 6:00pm: Youth Group will
hold a Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner in the
church Social Hall!

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOOD -
YOUTH GROUP FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!**





Prayer List for the Week of November 14, 2021

Not available online

The Orangeville Manor Ministry Committee would like to thank those who have sponsored veterans, but

2 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.



HELP SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

Fill a Shoebox for a child waiting to hear about the hope and salvation that is found in Jesus. Boxes can be found in the Narthex. Filled Shoeboxes are due by Sunday, November 21. A \$9.00 donation will cover the shipping costs and the cost of educational material for one box (see envelopes in the Narthex or give online through our website). If you are unable to fill a whole Shoebox, consider donating toward the shipping and materials or purchase an item from our Wishlist. We will pack boxes on November 21. Please prayerfully consider how you are being called to help children around the world this year.

GREAT NEWS!

THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR MEMBERS, **\$2350.00** HAS BEEN COLLECTED FOR OUR BLANKET MINISTRY! YOUR INCREDIBLE RESPONSE ALLOWED THE MINISTRY TO PURCHASE A TOTAL OF **156 BLANKETS!**



BLANKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED
TO LOCAL SHELTERS ONCE THEY ARRIVE

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED!



A LOOK at the BUDGET

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

YTD Income: \$

*YTD Expense: \$

Net Income: \$

COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE :



11/15/2021: Denny Blewett, Don Goetz, Bill Hargraves, and Teri Meter

11/22/2021: Linda Miller, Nancy Serafin, Lou O'Neil, and Ken Carlson

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

We will be talking openly about prayer and reaching out to the Lord together for better understanding as we request of Him the same as the disciples requested.

No Class 11/14
Will Continue 11/21

Sunday Mornings
From 10/31 to 11/28
(no class 11/14)
St. Luke Social Hall
10:30 to 11:30am



ST. LUKE PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

PRAYER LEADERS FOR 11/14:

CHRIS DAVIS AND MIKE DOUTHIT



Other Prayer Team members include:

Jane Stine, Judy Grabert, Jeff Kluck, Dawn Johnson, Megan Shaffer, LeeAnn Stine, Steve Kistler, Shirley Bodman and Beth Goetz

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!

Join us for a day of fun, food, fellowship and specially-crafted items at St. Luke's annual

“ CHRISTMAS ON THE WAY “

ARTISAN SHOW

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 - 9:00AM TO 4:00PM



What better way to say “Merry Christmas” than by choosing a gift from a wide array of beautiful and unique items hand-crafted with love!

**Volunteers are needed to assist
with the Hospitality Booth!**

Please see Tammy or LeeAnn if you are able to lend a helping hand.

Thank you for your overwhelming response to our food drive for Bloomsburg Food Cupboard! Your donations **GREATLY** exceeded our expectations! Thanks to you, needy families in our area will be having a very happy holiday!