

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

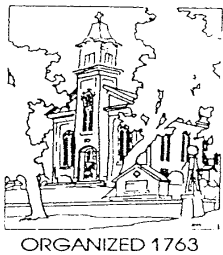
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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church
To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. Timothy

February 2025



Mission & Vision Statement

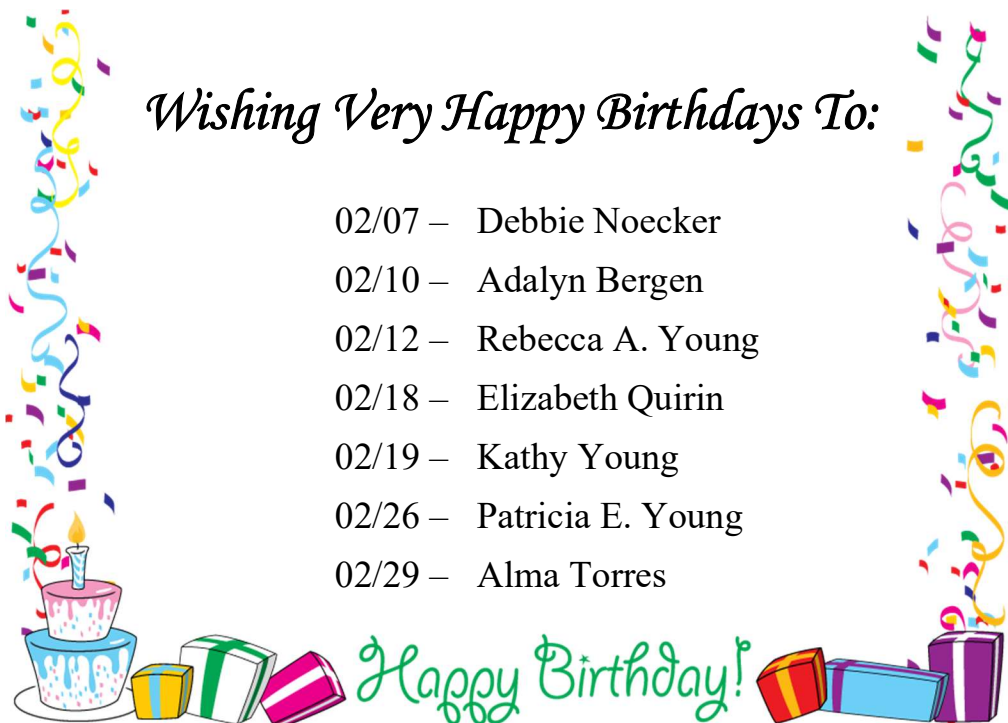
The Purpose and Mission of St. Luke
Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are to be “Christ Centered Servants”.

We are dedicated to glorifying our Lord through worship, learning and outreach ministry: serving and caring for the individual, the family, the community and the world. With the help of God, we will attempt to fulfill this mission through our work to serve Him in the following ministry areas: Witness, Support, Learning, Service and Worship.

Wishing Very Happy Birthdays To:

02/07 – Debbie Noecker
02/10 – Adalyn Bergen
02/12 – Rebecca A. Young
02/18 – Elizabeth Quirin
02/19 – Kathy Young
02/26 – Patricia E. Young
02/29 – Alma Torres





*Special wedding anniversary wishes to
Rich & Donna Nast on February 21st*

**Our congratulations and best wishes
to all those celebrating special days in February!**



Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ. I pray that everyone is staying warm this winter and the cold hasn't been keeping you down. I remember when I was younger, I used to love the cold and the snow, now when you must be responsible in the cold and snow it's not as much fun. Taking responsibility is an important part of faith, and an important part of the walk we travel here. With our faith we have a responsibility to the world around us, our responsibility is to live in that faith. I am reminded of a little section from the Epistle of St. James that terrifies Lutherans, and really shouldn't, but St. James tells us that "faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead" (James 2:17) And you know, St. James is right. St. James is correcting those who would wander around thinking that since they have been saved in Christ Jesus that they have been set free and there is nothing they need to do. Yes, as Lutherans we believe we are saved by grace alone. But as Lutherans we also believe that incomprehensible gift of grace frees us to live out our faith. No, God does not need your good works, for by faith you are saved, but since you are saved by faith good works flow forward. Being freed by faith we have been called to take responsibility for one another. One of those responsibilities is to be there when our neighbor is in need. One place where we are seeking to meet those needs is in our youth group. I am very proud of the work our youth have been doing, and the responsibility that we see them taking. February 2nd

the youth group will be hosting a board game night, during the board game night the youth group will be raising money to help support the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter and the work they do. One of the greatest needs that the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter has is beds, simple cots. Our youth have taken it upon themselves to try and raise money to purchase as many of these cots as they can. We see in many places in scripture where we have been instructed to teach our youth our faith, Proverbs tells us to: "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." (Proverbs 22:6). Our youth group is trying to impart that living faith in our youth and through that living faith we see good works in our community. I take great joy to see the youth working on their projects and invite everyone to take part in our youth events, for it is the good soil where the seed of faith is growing. We have many ministries where the seed of faith is growing into a living faith and I am truly blessed to see all the great work that is being produced here at St. Luke's. I also wanted to take a moment to announce that we are planning on hosting a Mardi Gras and Talent Show night on Tuesday March 4th. There will be much more information to come, I just wanted to make sure that everyone saved the date. We have much planned for the coming months and I look forward to living this faith that we share together. Faith in action is a beautiful and blessed grace that we have. I pray that we continue to do all this good work that we have been called to. I ask of this in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. AMEN.

Pastor Rich

Council President Report

Church Council Highlights

12 January 2025

The following items were discussed and/or voted on:

The meeting was called to order.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of November 17, 2024, were approved with one correction. WELCA donated \$1000.00 towards the general fund, not the painting of the front doors.

The Treasurer reported that all bills were paid. The treasurer's report was approved.

Pastor's Report – please see his report in the newsletter.

Love Revolution Update – Pastor Rich is working on this. He hopes to have something ready for our next meeting. This is something the Synod is asking all churches to be part of. More info as we work through this.

Computer Update – should have recommendations by next meeting.

PALM group discussion – Walt reported that conversation on continuing to coordinate events together and possible combining our purchases of supplies and other items we all use to try to get better prices on these items. There was also discussion on combining Pastoral services. It appears that there is very little interest in this concept.

The council approved the repair of the metal railing at our entrance. WELCA paid for this repair.

The following events were approved: Mar di-Gras Dinner Show. 4 March 2025 from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. A Board Game Afternoon on 2 March 2025 from 12 to 4 pm. This is right after church. All are welcome.

The Council approved the use of the fellowship hall for the Pinewood Derby for the Cub Scouts on 8 February 2025 from 8 am to 12 pm. Also approved the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Event on 15 March 2025.

The Council approved the hosting Summer Bible School at St. Luke's this year. More info to follow.

Council Officer Elections for 2025: President Alan Klingbeil, Vice-President Sue Taber, Secretary Walt Gaibler and Jo Ann Klingbeil Treasurer.

We received notice we may receive a \$1000.00 donation from the Estate of Willian Nast. We will know if we receive this gift at a later date.

The Council approved putting an ad in the PHS Musical Playbill to advertise the Youth events we are sponsoring. The cost was \$50.00.

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. There will be service at 3 pm that day.

There were no committee meeting reports.

Council Assignments were made.

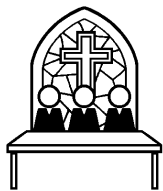
The meeting was adjourned.

Lord's Prayer was said.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Klingbeil
Church Council President.

February Meetings



Church Council Meeting- Sunday, February 9th

Immediately following worship – all are invited to attend



WELCA Meeting – Thursday, February 13th

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 1:30pm

WELCA News

Just like the groundhog has made his predictions, the Women of the ELCA predict that 2025 will be another terrific year filled with events and projects that will benefit St. Luke Lutheran in Ferndale and the surrounding community.

We are planning a spring rummage sale--the dates to be announced. The collection bin is open and ready to receive clean good quality items. We will not be accepting electronics, medical supplies or furniture. Thank you for your donations.

A special thank you to EJ Scott Metal Worx in Ottsville PA for the great job of refurbishing the metal railings at the church's side door. When the warmer weather arrives, they will be back to patch the concrete around the posts. It was WELCA 's great pleasure to fund this project.

Church News

Ash Wednesday, March 5th – Distribution of ashes will be at 3:00pm this year.

Bible Study – Our next Bible study will begin on Monday, February 24th at 12:00pm. It will be a 4-week study on the Book of Jonah.

Junior Choir – Our Junior Choir will be singing during worship on February 23rd, March 30th, April 20th and May 25th. Please reach out to Darlene Durns at 215-353-6680 with any questions or for more information about our Junior Choir. Rehearsals are on Sundays following worship.

Scouts – We would like to welcome the Scouts and Cub Scouts of Troop #27 to Scouts Sunday on February 2nd.

Soles4Souls – St Luke's accepts gently used shoes to donate to "Soles4Souls". The labeled donation box is in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support!

Soup Supper – Our next Soup Supper is Tuesday, February 18th from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. A sign up sheet for donations of soup, desserts and paper products is in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School – Sunday School is held on the third Sunday of the month. Following our lesson everyone is invited to join Worship at 10:00am. Sunday School will be held again on Sunday, February 16th.

Youth Group – **Sunday, February 2nd from 1:00pm – 3:30pm our YG will be hosting a Game Day**, where cupcakes and cookies made by the YG along with other delicious baked goods will be sold. The YG will also be selling candy bags they assembled as an additional sweet treat. All

proceeds from the baked goods and candy sales are going to the purchase of cots for the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter. Any donations for the shelter are greatly appreciated. The YG will be delivering the donations and cots to the BCEHS next week. Thank you in advance for your generous donations to help our community.

Youth Group meets on the third Thursday of the month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 20th.

Reverse Advent Calendar Celebration Dinner - will be held at St. Luke's on Sunday, February 23rd at 5:00pm. There is a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Save the Dates

Tuesday, March 4th – Mardi Gras Potluck & Talent Show – 5:30pm

Saturday, April 19th – Easter Egg Hunt – 2:00pm

March Newsletter - The cutoff for submissions and updates for the March Newsletter is Wednesday, February 19th. Thank you.

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) News

Soup-er Bowl and Baked Goods Sale – St Peter's in Riegelsville is hosting a Soup and Baked Goods Sale on Saturday, February 8th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Come pick up quarts of homemade soup and a variety of baked goods in time for your Super Bowl celebration or to simply enjoy a warm winter meal!

Snow Date – Sunday, February 9th from 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Kids Club – *Evangelica Lutheran Church of Durham* is hosting Kids Club Monday, February 10th, 17th and 24th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Kids in grades 2 – 5 are welcome. To register please email evangel@durhamlutheran.org

Mental Health Series - *Evangelica Lutheran Church of Durham* is hosting a Mental Health Series on Sunday, February 16th at 12:00pm. Rev. Sue Conrad Howes, Staff Chaplain for St. Luke's Penn Foundation will be with us to discuss this important topic. Light refreshments will be served after the 10am worship service followed by a discussion on "Support Surrounding Mental Illness: How can we help". If you have any questions or would like to sign up to bring a refreshment please contact Kat at evangel@durhamlutheran.org

Messy Church - *Evangelica Lutheran Church of Durham* is hosting a Messy Church on Monday, February 17th/President's Day from 11:00am – 1:00pm. This is a free event for all ages. Providing an enjoyable opportunity for families to experience Church and the love of God in a

new way. Please contact Kat at Durham for information or to sign up to bring a dish evangel@durhamlutheran.org

Family Game Night – Trinity Lutheran Church in Coopersburg is hosting a Family Game Night on Friday, February 21st from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Enjoy board games, card games and puzzles. Feel free to bring a family-friendly game. Invite your friends and bring the whole family – the more, the merrier! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Soup Sale – Evangelica Lutheran Church of Durham is hosting a Soup Sale on Saturday, February 22nd from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. The soups are cream of broccoli and chicken noodle - \$10 per quart (bring your own jar if you have one). This is a take-out only event.

thank you

Thank you to Marie Wismer for sponsoring our November Newsletter.

The 2025 Newsletter Sponsorship sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider helping out by sponsoring a month.



Healing of Members: Brunilda Contestabile, Carol Fluck, Darla Mills, Bonnie Weller, Sarah Chadwick, Tiffany Weddle, Pat Young

For our homebound:

For friends and family: Chris Craggs, Jane Frey, Megan Ott, Christopher Leah, Jodie Miller, Robin Dillman, Alice Gaibler, Doug Chapman, Edna Roberts, Nancy Gaibler, Ellen Hardy, Cheryl Coulter, Jim Roney, Ava Brad, Holly

For those grieving: The Family of Jeffery Boytim, The Family of Louis Cooper

For those in need: All those people impacted by natural disasters, First responders, U.S. Military personnel, Maramba Parish (Tanzania), the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, SEKUCo (Tanzania), the people of Sri Lanka, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria, unemployed in our congregation.

For the ministries of area churches: Churches of the Palisades Cluster; Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding ELCA Bishop; Bryan Penman, Bishop SEPA Synod

Prayer List: If you have any corrections, additions, or deletions, please put a note in Pastor Rich's mailbox downstairs or leave a message on the church's answering machine. If you leave a message, please spell all names. Names for healing and grieving will be kept on the list for one month unless other instructions are given.

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