

St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

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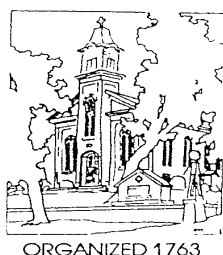
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A Newsletter for Members and Friends of St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. Timothy

May 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.



05/11 – Sue Taber

05/29 – Katie Page

05/29 – Emma Page

Best wishes

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



Greetings to all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord and Savior. Let us never forget the wonderful paschal greeting of joy. Christ is Risen...Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia! Christ is most definitely Risen indeed. I pray and hope that this wonderful season of Easter will bring joy and continued hope on all your faith journeys. April was a busy month, but by the grace of God we joyfully made it through. I would like to thank everyone who helped with our Lenten soup supper, our Holy Week worships and events. I believe we were blessed this Holy Week and I am grateful to all for their help. I would also like to thank Patti Berk who helped lead the Easter egg hunt and has taken on providing our youth with every week Sunday school. We are all very grateful for Patti's ministry to our youth. The Easter egg hunt was a great success. We believe we had around 80 youth from throughout our community running around collecting eggs, playing games and enjoying various crafts. We even had an Easter Bunny. It was a great day. Our Sunday School has recently gone from once a month to every Sunday. The lessons mirror the gospel lessons that the youth will hear during worship. In addition, I have added a youth sermon, which is interactive and expands on the lesson. The youth also took part in reading the Passion on Palm Sunday. April was blessed month and I look forward to what May will bring.

As we go forward in this Easter season, we have much to be thankful for. We are called forward to live a life of joy, a life of resurrection where our day to day lives proclaim that Christ is Risen, Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia! Remember that indeed. It is in that surety of faith that we experience the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The season of Easter is one of joy, remember Easter is not just one day, but fifty days all the way to Pentecost. Let us live these fifty days of joy with one another. Finding ways to make, as St. Pope John II said: "Alleluia is our song". I would also ask that we take the time to pray for our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters and the Church universal as we all mourn the death of Pope Francis. Pope Francis had a great influence on me, I was grateful to be able to attend his Papal visit to Philadelphia in 2015 and witness him preside over the canonization mass of St. Oscar Romero in 2018. The world and all peoples of faith were blessed by Pope Francis' life and ministry. I ask that we all pray for the Roman

Catholic Church as they prepare to elect a new Pope. I ask that we also pray for different ways we can live in that Easter joy that these 50 days represent. Let all our songs of alleluia shout as loud as they can. I pray that our Easter season starts off blessed and we are continued to be graced by God in all our ministries. Amen

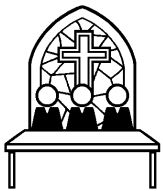
Pastor Rich

Council President Report

Church Council Highlights

No Council Meeting in April

May Meetings



Church Council Meeting- Sunday, May 11th

Following worship – all are invited to attend



Youth Group Meeting - Sunday, May 18th

Meetings are the third Sunday of each month following worship



WELCA Meeting – Thursday, May 8th

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

WELCA News

Many thanks to all of our faithful volunteers who made our Spring Rummage Sale such a success. We could not have done it without YOU. All proceeds benefit St. Luke Lutheran Church and our surrounding community.

You are invited...

Linda Kenyon will be back with us on Sunday June 1 at 2pm. Ms. Kenyon will be portraying Eleanor Roosevelt in an interesting and riveting one woman play. Light refreshments will be served. A \$10.00 donation is requested. We hope you can join us!

Church News

Easter Egg Hunt – Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th making it another successful community event! We had 80 plus children attend and between the bake sale and silent auction we raised a total of \$530. We are receiving a lot of positive feedback and members of the community are already expressing an interest in helping and donating to our 2026 Egg Hunt.

Junior Choir – Our Junior Choir will be singing during Sunday Worship on May 18th. 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.

PALM Pulpit Swap – On Sunday, May 4th the Palisades Area Lutheran Ministry (PALM) is planning a pulpit swap.

Pastries with Pastor – After worship on Sunday, May 4th we will get together with our guest pastor for fellowship and pastries. There is a sign up sheet for donations in the Fellowship Hall.

Spring Rummage Sale – WELCA is hosting the Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, May 2nd from 8:30am – 8:00pm and Saturday, May 3rd from 8:30am – 2:00pm

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!

Sunday School – Sunday School is held weekly at 9:00am. One room class, where all ages learn together! All kids are welcome to join us. Following our lesson everyone is invited upstairs for Worship at 10:00am.

June 8th will be the last class before summer break. Classes will resume again on Sunday, September 7th.

Vacation Bible School - July 28th – August 1st in the evening. More information coming soon.

Yoga – Our first Yoga class was a success! We will now be hosting a monthly class on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next class will be Wednesday, May 7th at 6:30pm. The cost is \$20 per person. All ages are welcome. Please be sure to bring your mat, blocks and water. (Extra mats and blocks are available if needed). Hope to see you on Wednesdays!

Wisteri-Yoga is a gentle, beginner's class. We move through our yoga class from Root to Crown, bringing mindful awareness to the entire body, both spiritually and physically.

Youth Group – Our Youth Group now meets on the third Sunday of the month following worship. Our next meeting is Sunday, May 18th.

Save the Dates

Saturday, May 10th – Annual Spring Clean Up – 9:00am

Saturday, May 24th – American Legion Memorial Day Service

Sunday, June 1st - Actress Linda Kenyon will be portraying Eleanor Roosevelt – 2:00pm

July 28th – August 1st – Vacation Bible School - in the evening

June Newsletter - The cutoff for submissions and updates for the June Newsletter is Wednesday, May 21st. Thank you.

Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries (PALM) News

Community Vacation Bible School

hosted by Palisades Area Lutheran Ministries

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Coopersburg

July 14th thru July 18th from 9:00am – 12:00pm

Children ages 3* through completed 5th grade are invited to attend. Scan the QR code on the attached flyer to register.

* 3-year-olds will require a parent or guardian to remain with the child at all times.

St Luke's Lutheran Church in Ferndale

July 28th – August 1st in the evening

More information coming soon.

thank you

Thank you to Donna Love for sponsoring our May 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, Elizabeth Herring, Jean Toth

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:

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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