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St. Luke is a worshipping community in which we:  
Love God and each other. Welcome all. Equip people to serve in Christ's name.

**March 2023**



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**ST. LUKE**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## A LETTER FROM PASTOR FRYE

March 2023

Dear Friends and Family of St. Luke,

By now you are aware that our congregation is developing an initiative called Stephen Ministry. This is a ministry model that has been around for some time and was most recently coordinated by SpiritTrust Lutheran here in Chambersburg.

I am thrilled to share that there are eight members of our congregation who will begin their formation and training to become a Stephen Minister this month. It occurred to me that there may still be some questions about this. So, I include here some commonly asked questions (and responses) that you may find helpful.

**Why the name Stephen?** In Acts 6, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need. Since the time of the Apostles, caring ministry has been considered a hallmark of the Christian faith community.

**What are Stephen Ministers?** Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. They have a compassionate heart for those who are hurting, and they're equipped with caring ministry skills by their congregation's Stephen Leaders. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support.

**In what types of situations do Stephen Ministers provide care?** Stephen Ministers provide care to individuals facing difficult times in life—grief, cancer, divorce, financial difficulties, hospitalization, chronic illness, job loss, disability, loneliness, a spiritual crisis, or other life struggles.

**How many congregations have Stephen Ministry?** More than 13,000 congregations have Stephen Ministry—representing over 180 denominations, all 50 states, all 10 Canadian provinces, and 30 other countries. Many of these congregations have had Stephen Ministry going for more than 30 years.

As we make this new beginning together, I am grateful that Cheryl Vorhauer and Carol Angstadt have already participated in the Stephen Minister Leader Training with me. I ask you to please keep us and our new group of candidates in your prayers as Stephen Ministry Training is held over these next months. Please stay tuned for further updates in the weeks and months ahead.

Meanwhile, may this Lenten season provide us all the opportunity to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

In Christ's love for you,

Pastor Frye

## WORSHIP

### SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

#### **March 5: Second Sunday in Lent**

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

#### **March 12: Third Sunday in Lent**

As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Outreach & Fellowship**

It's almost spring and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday fellowship time will take place on March 12. You are encouraged to invite someone new to worship that day. Following worship, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for snacks and a time to talk and meet someone new!

#### **March 19 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children.

#### **March 26: Third Sunday in Lent**

In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

- 10 a.m. every Sunday, In-person and online

Worship in Nave

### WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICES

We have a weekly service of Prayer, Healing, and Holy Communion every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. This simple service is a great way to connect with a smaller group of people in a supportive environment.

### WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE

Prayer & Share via Zoom is on pause through Lent.

### LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Please see our special section in this Cross Connection for details about Lenten midweek worship.

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## SUPPORT

### PARISH RECORDS

**NEW MEMBERS—Raymond Mielke and Rev. Richard & Carolyn Ruff**

### PASTORAL VISITS

If you or a loved one desire a pastoral visit for any reason, please contact Pastor Frye (717-253-0322). Also, please notify the Church office if you are hospitalized or are anticipating surgery (717-261-1213).

### SPIRITRUST

A Spring Craft Fair will be held on the campus of SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge on Saturday, March 25 from 9am to 2pm at The Fleck Community Center. The Fair will feature local vendors presenting seasonal décor, lotions & soaps, pottery, jewelry, Easter candy, floral arrangements and much more! Lunch items will also be available. This event is sponsored by the SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary. All proceeds support SpiriTrust Lutheran, The Village at Luther Ridge



Prayer

Confidential prayer requests can be made online:  
[StLukeChambersburg.org/connect](https://StLukeChambersburg.org/connect)

### CARD SHOWERS

If you'd like to request a special card shower for a special someone, please reach out to the office at St. Luke!

## EDUCATION



### EASTER BREAKFAST

There will not be Faith Formation on Easter morning, instead, everyone is invited to join us for an Easter breakfast of casseroles, fruit salad, pastries, etc. at 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring yourself, your friends and an appetite! All are welcome!

**SHELLY DAVIES**

**DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

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### ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

Now through Lent – 40 Days of Lent Study

April 2 – Lectionary study

April 9 – Easter Breakfast @8:45 am – All are invited!!

April 16 – Lectionary study

April 23, 30 & May 7 – Introduction to Revelation with Rev. Mike Brendle

Resources available online

<https://stlukechambersburg.org/2023-lenten-worship-resources/>

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## OUTREACH

### 1ST LUTHERAN SPRING FLING

We are collecting spring and summer clothing to be given away to our local community on May 6. Drop off clean, gently used clothing for all ages as well as sheets and blankets, to the marked container by the Keypad door between now and April 23. If you are interested in volunteering at the give-a-way, please contact Shelly Davies for more information.

### EASTER CELEBRATION

April 8 at 10am, St. Luke, in partnership with St. Paul, will be hosting a kid's event for all ages. The festivities will include a craft, snacks, fellowship, games and a giant egg hunt. All are invited! In preparation, we need help! Join us March 9 at 10am to help make salt dough ornaments or join us March 26 at 2pm to help stuff Easter eggs with candy. You can also help by donating bags of individually wrapped candy in the marked box in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

### ST. SERAPHIM SOUP KITCHEN

St. Luke runs the St. Seraphim soup kitchen in downtown Chambersburg once a month, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The kitchen is open on the days that the Salvation Army is not, Thursdays and Saturdays.

We serve people soup, sandwiches, chips, and cookies. People love when they can eat fresh, homemade soup and cookies! We are starting a sign-up sheet that will be located on the Outreach bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall, where you can sign up to provide soup (approximately 1 gallon) or 2-3 dozen cookies. Well-loved soups include chicken noodle and chili!

And as always before, we also need hotdogs, buns, deli meats and cheeses, bread, and chips. Drop off any items on the Friday before the service date at 10:00 am or make arrangements with Shelly Davies.

# cross connection calendar

March 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Healing Service Mid-week Lenten Service Choir Rehearsals	2 Al Anon	3 Music Therapy	4 Stephen Ministries Training
5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent Sunday Service w/Holy Communion Faith Formation	6 AA	7 Book Group Stephen Ministries Training	8 Healing Service Mid-week Lenten Service Choir Rehearsals	9 Al Anon	10 Music Therapy	11 Stephen Ministries Training
12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Sunday Service w/Holy Communion Council Commissioning Faith Formation 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship	13 AA Fellowship Committee Property Committee Conococheague Audubon Society	14 Book Group Stephen Ministries Training	15 Grief: Finding Meaning Healing Service Mid-week Lenten Service	16 Al Anon Family & Youth Committee	17 St Patrick's Day Music Therapy	18 Stephen Ministries Training
19 4 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent Sunday Service w/Holy Communion Faith Formation	20 First Day of Spring AA Finance Committee	21 Book Group Stephen Ministries Training	22 Healing Service Mid-week Lenten Service Choir Rehearsals	23 Al Anon	24 Music Therapy	25 Stephen Ministries Training
26 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent Sunday Service w/Holy Communion Faith Formation Easter Egg Stuffing Party	27 AA Outreach Committee Church Council	28 Book Group Stephen Ministries Training	29 Healing Service Mid-week Lenten Service Choir Rehearsals	30 Al Anon	31 Music Therapy	

[Check our website at StLukeChambersburg.org](http://StLukeChambersburg.org) for details for each of the calendar items!

**Special Day, Holiday = bold text**

Outreach Opportunities = purple text

Worship Services / Fellowship Opportunities = red text

Church Meeting = italicized underlined text

Education Opportunities = green text

Support / Community Group = gray underlined text

## ***Sing with All the Saints in Glory: A Lenten Midweek Series***

The Conococheague Mission Cooperative will offer Lenten services as a group at these locations.  
Services begin at 7:00 p.m..

### **2023 Lenten Services**

#### **Perseverance & Endurance**

Wednesday, March 8 @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Luke Lutheran, Chambersburg

Pastor Robin Baer

Offering to benefit: Sweet Grace Ministries

#### **Faithful in Prayer**

Wednesday, March 15 @ 7:00 p.m.

Quincy United Methodist, Quincy

Pastor Bill Smith

Offering to benefit: Heart & Soles

#### **Striving for Justice**

Wednesday, March 22 @ 7:00 p.m.

Otterbein United Methodist, Fayetteville

Pastor Susan Snyder

Offering to benefit: Women in Need

#### **Dying & Rising with Christ**

Wednesday, March 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran, Fayetteville

Pastor Christopher Frye

Offering to benefit: Little Daisy's Closet

#### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

St. Luke Lutheran, Chambersburg

Pastor Christopher Frye

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Luke Lutheran, Chambersburg

Pastor Christopher Frye

#### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Luke Lutheran, Chambersburg

Pastor Christopher Frye

#### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 9 @ 10:00 a.m.

St. Luke Lutheran, Chambersburg

Pastor Christopher Frye

[2023 Lenten Worship & Resources | St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church \(stlukechambersburg.org\)](https://www.stlukechambersburg.org)

## **Overview**

Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus—and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful Lutheran understanding of sinner and saint.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition—Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This Lenten mid-week series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks in Lent in 2023. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.

# Lent

## *Easter Flowers / Women in Need Sponsorship*

*Number of Flowers*

*Due Sunday, March 19, 2023*

\_\_\_\_\_ *at \$12.99 each =* \_\_\_\_\_

*Daffodils* \_\_\_\_\_

*Tulips* \_\_\_\_\_

*Women in Need Donation \$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Total \$* \_\_\_\_\_

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*In honor of* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory Of* \_\_\_\_\_

*Please place your completed form in the office cubby. Remember to put your payment in your offering envelope and mark it "Easter Flowers" and/or "Women in Need".*

*Thank You!*

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## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 2023**

- The officers and council will be installed at the Sunday service on March 12.
- The Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage dinner was attended by 50 people. • There will be an Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning at 8:45 am.
- The library lights were all converted to LED.
- The Property committee presented a proposal to replace all the fluorescent lights in the fellowship hall. Doing this will reduce our electrical consumption.
- Approval was given to repair the ceiling crack in the library and hall.
- The laptop computer used to operate the AV system is in need of replacement. This computer is also used by the Director of Education & Outreach.
- Regular giving for the month of January was down by 14.83% as compared to January of 2022.
- The Task Force that was working on Policies and Procedures for Memorial and Bequest Gifts presented their work which was unanimously accepted by the council.
- A joint task force consisting of three members each from St Luke and St. Paul's is being assembled to work together and in concert with the synod to determine if there are models for some form of collaboration between the two churches.