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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.

Reformation 2024

LABEL

ST. LUKE
Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Chambersburg, PA 17202



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Dear Family and Friends of St. Luke,

+ Grace and Peace to you.

So, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

Have you ever felt bombarded by requests for support, time, and resources? There are so many causes, projects, and trends that compete for our attention and claim our allegiance. The need for prioritizing is paramount if we are to live intentional lives. This is especially true as Christ followers.

In the buffet of demands on our lives, to what do we apply ourselves, our hearts? I suppose that the older we grow, the choices become clearer. Certainly, the ability to postpone and defer decisions decreases. The psalmist pleads for instruction. We need guidance and good counsel not only in our individual lives, but most certainly in our life together.

During these weeks of build-up to the Presidential election, there will be opportunities for each of us to consider what it means to be a faithful Christ follower considering other causes, projects, and trends. I encourage us all to pray with the psalmist for an awareness and appreciation of the finite nature of our lives as citizens of this earthly realm so that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. It is that wisdom calling us into the future being prepared for us citizens of the kingdom of God.

In a more immediate concern, I want to take this opportunity to highlight our planned celebration on Sunday, October 20 as we pay off our mortgage from the 2020 Vision Building Campaign. Clearly God has provided all that we need through the generous and faithful support of so many of our family and friends. I look forward to this time of thanksgiving not only for the debt retirement, but especially for your commitment and dedication.

As we anticipate the future, may we do so with all boldness and hope — grounded in the love of God in Christ Jesus! We can rejoice for the many and various ways that we are equipped to respond to God's call upon our lives as we continue to minister to one another and our community and world. May we continue to value our life together and apply our hearts to wisdom, in Jesus' name!

In Christ's love for you,
Pastor Christopher Frye

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

- ◆ **October 6** *20th Sunday after Pentecost; What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does? **Congregational Meeting**
- ◆ **October 13** *21st Sunday after Pentecost; Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other. **2nd Sunday Fellowship**
- ◆ **October 20** *22nd Sunday after Pentecost; We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service. **Mortgage Payoff Celebration**
- ◆ **October 27** *Reformation Sunday; Are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?"
- ◆ **November 3** *All Saints Sunday; It's easy for us to say with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews that sacrifices aren't needed anymore, but harder to acknowledge that all our worship, all our community

service, all our social action, all our family caregiving is worthless if it is done without love.

- ◆ **November 10** *25th Sunday after Pentecost; She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance. **2nd Sunday Fellowship**
- ◆ **November 17** *26th Sunday after Pentecost; The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.
- ◆ **November 24** *Christ the King Sunday; We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

WORSHIP SUPPORT

Interested in continuing to serve or new and wanting to help out? Look for the worship support sign-up sheets for 2025, coming mid-October. Worship Support includes positions such as lector, communion assistant, AV tech, acolyte, assisting minister, etc.

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SUPPORT

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran in Fayetteville.

WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICES

We have a weekly service of Prayer, Healing, and Holy Communion every Wednesday at 11a.m.

ZOOM PRAYER & SHARE

Prayer & Share happens via Zoom every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us!

CHURCH RECORDS

Deaths

Kathryn Coppock—August 27, 2024
Pete Mason—September 6, 2024

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you! We are grateful for your generous giving to support St. Luke's ministries & mission. Your contributions continue to grow our community.

	August 2024	YTD 2024
Total Income	\$22,544.24	\$275,128.15
Expenditures	\$31,360.88	\$302,502.48
Net Income	-\$8,816.64	-\$27,374.33

HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER SERVICE @ MENNO HAVEN

Join us and invite your friends. **3rd Thursday** of each month at 1:00pm in the Arbor Room off the main Dining Room at Village Square. This service will be led by Pastor Frye.

EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation classes started in September and will continue through the year. This year we have 7 students, coming from three different congregations! Joining together is allowing us to form bonds across the Conference and have great conversations about faith in our class times.



The first class became a 'hands on' event that jumped straight into a lesson on service. Our Pentecost Project partner showed up just as class started so our students jumped in and helped load their trailer with all the jackets, hoodies, blankets, and personal care packs we had collected!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Advent is coming! Join us at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday in Advent for a study entitled 'Making All Things New.'

YOUTH GROUP

Youth group for grades 6-12 is back in action! Join us for our monthly events.

October—Hayride & Corn Maze in the Dark

November—Bowling

December—Christmas Party

January—Snow Tubing

More information to come!

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OUTREACH

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Our last day of service for this year is Saturday, October 12. Join us at the church parking lot by 8:00 a.m. to spend an hour cleaning the roadside along Black Gap Rd. All supplies provided.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

St. Luke is inviting all our neighbors from Luther Ridge to join us for a luncheon on Wednesday, November 20 at 11:30 a.m. Our goal in having this luncheon is to get to know the Luther Ridge residents and let them know that we are here and that we care. Information about our church will be available for them to pick up should they want. Join us too and help us welcome them! Sign up on the bulletin board at St. Luke for this soup & sandwich lunch.

PENTECOST PROJECTS

Our three Pentecost Projects are still going for two more months! Look for more information on the table in the Gathering Area.

- 1) Fruitbelt Farmworkers—collecting coats, hoodies, hats, & blankets. Monetary donations also accepted.
- 2) Chambersburg Homeless Shelter—collecting paper products and canned soup. Monetary donations also accepted.
- 3) Kandete Widow's Project—collecting monetary donations to provide micro-loans for widows in Tanzania to start businesses to support their families.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN 2025

CALENDAR COLLECTION

We are collecting 2025 calendars for the residents of South Mountain Restoration Center from now until Sunday, November 24. They will be delivered Monday, November 25. Please place them in the bin located near the keypad door. Calendars alone are requested this year, so please bring ONLY calendars. There are 100 residents at South Mountain, so that is our goal. Thank you in advance for your donations. The residents greatly appreciate them.

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October 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Al Anon	4 Music Therapy	5 Worship Support Training
6 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion Congregational	7 AA Social Ministry Confirmation Fellowship	8 Book Group Music Therapy Tuesday Bible Study	9 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	10 Al Anon St. Paul Food Bank	11 Music Therapy	12 Adopt-a-Highway
13 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion Second Sunday Fellowship	14 AA Property Worship & Music Communications Audubon	15 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting	16 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	17 Al Anon St. Paul Food Bank	18 Music Therapy St. Luke Day Youth Group	19 St. Seraphim Soup Kitchen A Night for Nawakwa
20 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion	21 AA Finance Confirmation	22 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting Tuesday Bible Study	23 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	24 Al Anon	25 Music Therapy	26
27 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion Fall Foliage Day at	28 AA Council Outreach	29 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting	30 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	31 Al Anon		

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Special Day, Holiday = bold text

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Music Therapy	2
3 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion	4 AA Social Ministry Fellowship Collaborative Meeting Confirmation	5 Book Group Music Therapy Election Day	6 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	7 Al Anon Luther Ridge Memorial Service	8 Music Therapy	9
10 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion 2nd Sunday	11 AA Property Conococheague Audubon	12 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting Tuesday Bible Study	13 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	14 Al Anon St. Paul Food Bank	15 Music Therapy	16
17 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion Youth Group	18 AA Finance Confirmation Conococheague Audubon	19 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting	20 Healing Service Meet Your Neigh- bors Luncheon Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	21 Al Anon St. Paul Food Bank	22 Music Therapy	23
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MORTGAGE PAYOFF CELEBRATION

Mortgage Burning & Luncheon

Following our Congregational vote on October 6, we will be set and ready to pay off the mortgage for St. Luke, in record time!

We plan to celebrate!

Join us Sunday, October 20

during worship for a celebration
and short ceremony where we will symbolically burn the mortgage.

Then join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship

