

The Spectrum

April 2019

St. Luke Lutheran Church * 1400 Market Street Williamsport, PA 17701
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Service Hours

*8:00am and 10:30am
Fall/Winter service
hours*

With Holy Communion

9:15 am Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS:

M & T – 9-12, 1-3;

W, Th, F – 9-12

*Office Hours for
Pastor LeCrone:*

Monday & Tuesday
10:00AM- 2:00PM
And
Thursday
10:00AM-12noon

*The church office
will be closed*

Monday, April 22



SERVICES OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 7th, Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

Coffee hour

Sunday, April 14th , Passion/Palm Sunday

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

Sunday, April 21st Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

Easter Breakfast 9:00AM

9:15am Egg Hunt

10:30am - Holy Communion

Hunger Offering

Sunday, April 28th Second Sunday after Easter

8:00am - Holy Communion in Chapel

9:15am Sunday School

10:30am - Holy Communion

(Holy Week services see pg.2)

ARTICLE DEADLINES:

Spectrum Newsletter - 20th of the month

Weekly Bulletin - Wednesday by 9:00PM

Council Packet - Friday before the meeting by 9:00PM

The Already, But Not Yet

As I write, it is a time of waiting and expectation. It is late March, and while the temperatures have risen a bit, the trees are still mostly bare, the flowers have yet to bloom, and the nights are still rather frigid. We have already begun to experience a promise of spring, but it is not here yet.

We are also still in the season of Lent, and while some of the scripture passages on Sunday and at our midweek services have begun to focus less on our sinfulness and more on God's goodness, we have not yet arrived at the resurrection. We have begun to dwell on the promise of Easter, but it is not here yet.

These experiences are in many ways reminiscent of the Christian life, where we experience hints of God's full and final redemption in the midst of the realities of life. Theologians refer to this as the "already but not yet". We have already begun to experience the many blessings of God. We see glimpses of the kingdom through beauty, both in nature and in the creativity of humanity. We get a taste of what it is to be in communion with God when we experience the love of others. And we participate in the building of the kingdom whenever we demonstrate charity and advocate for justice.

But that kingdom is not here yet. Injustice still exists. We experience – sometimes firsthand, and sometimes through observation – tragic events and incredible cruelty. It can sometimes feel as though we live our lives on Good Friday. But Easter is coming.

Whether we are currently experiencing kingdom glimpses or facing a time of difficulty, my hope is that we will all take hope in the promise of the coming of the resurrected Christ .

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SUPPER & SERVICE

Wednesdays during Lent (**April 3, 10 & 17**). Join us at 6:15PM for a simple supper of salad, soup and bread; followed by Service at 7:00PM in the nave. Please sign up in the West hall.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP

Sunday, April 14th, Passion/Palm Sunday – 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Thursday, April 18th, Maundy Thursday – 7:00PM

Friday, April 19th, Good Friday – 7:00PM

Sunday, April 21st, The Resurrection of Our Lord – 8:00AM; 9:00AM
Breakfast; Sunday School Egg Hunt & 10:30AM service

Easter Breakfast

Bell Hall

9AM - 10:15AM

All are invited to enjoy a hot, delicious breakfast!
Menu will be cheesy potatoes, ham, scrambled eggs,
pastries, fruit & biscuits.
We hope to see you there!



SEW FINE QUILTERS

Meet Monday, April 1st from 9AM -3PM in Bell Hall. Come and go as your time permits. All are welcome to join! *Lunch will be provided.*



SHAWL MINISTRY

Shawl Ministry meets for knitting and crocheting on **Tuesday, April 23rd from 9AM-12noon**, in the Chapel. All are welcome !



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Save the date and join us at
“CONNECT”:

A spiritual retreat to build
community

Saturday, May 4th
9:00AM - 2:00PM
at the church

LUNCH WITH PASTOR

Our next luncheon will be on **Wednesday, April 17th, 12:00 noon at Filippo’s Italian Restaurant** (formerly Santino’s) at 24 E Southern Ave, Williamsport. No need to make a reservation, just come. Enjoy fellowship and a good meal with Pastor Jeff and fellow members.

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE will not meet in April. Happy Easter!

The Preschool at St. Luke

The Pre-School at St. Luke will once again be holding its annual **FLOWER SALE!** The sale will begin, April 5th, and continue through the month until Friday, April 26th.

Each certificate costs \$18.00 and can be redeemed for one 10 inch hanging basket (any variety) at Summers Nursery in Montoursville, from May 1—July 1, 2019.

Checks payable to : The Pre-School at St. Luke



Mark your Calendar:

The preschool yard sale will be **July 19th and 20th.** We will start accepting donations at the Church beginning June 1st.

*Happy Birthday
to our members
celebrating in April:*

04/02 Wood, Chelsey
04/02 Wood, Justin
04/04 Young, Jessie
04/07 Long, Nancy
04/07 Perry, Claudia
04/07 Peters-Coates, Gayle
04/09 Clark, Halle
04/10 Clark, Brett
04/10 Good, Edward
04/10 Good, Laura
04/12 Belles, Terry
04/13 Poole, Janet
04/13 Seyler, Lucas
04/18 Webster, Mary Jane
04/21 Eshleman, Marilyn
04/25 Kelley, Edward
04/25 Nason, Bradley
04/26 Yohn, Charles



Happy Anniversary.....

04/04 Borch, Bob & Kathy
04/10 Tignor, Lore & Richard
04/19 Belles, Terry & Cynthia
04/25 Reasner, Margaret & James
04/27 Lamade, Barbara & Daniel



Memorial Gift

The members of St. Luke Lutheran Church send a note of appreciation to David Bailey for his time and expertise in the creation and construction of the new mahogany altar flower stands. They are truly a work of art! What a wonderful memorial gift of such exceptional quality.

The mahogany altar flower stands have been given in memory of Linda F. Herbst, by her daughter's Barbara Herbst and Stephanie Herbst-Confer. The dedication of the new mahogany flower stands will be at the 10:30 worship service on April 7th.

If you are interested in sponsoring the altar flowers for any Sunday during the year, please contact Becky Lewis at 570-321-6235. We now have the opportunity for two sets of altar flowers for each Sunday of the year.

Date	Greeters	Usher	Acolyte	Lector	Asst. Min.	Administrant	Comm. Helpers
7th 8:00		Chris Knaur		James Donnell		James Donnell	
10:30	Charles & Sue Duchman	Dwight Rhodes Brad Nason Jere Eshleman Dan Erhard	Sam Mahler	David Bailey	Chip Edmonds	Charles Mahler/ Mark Bergren	Alice & Karen Baldys
14th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Nancy McCarty Narrator: Nancy McCarty Jesus: Ed Kelley		Nancy McCarty	
10:30	Allen & Rose Husband	Same	Dillan Read	Sue Duchman Readers: Narr.: S. Fisher Jesus: Mark Bergren Peter: Dan Lamade Pilate: Charles Mextorf Witness: Bill Liptak 1st Criminal: Becky Lewis 2nd Criminal: Nancy Wood Centurion: Charles Mahler	Marilyn Eshleman	Patty Durand/ John McNassor	Bill & Linda Liptak
21st 8:00		Chris Knaur		Ed Kelley		Ed Kelley	
10:30	Doris Lewandouski	Same	Madalyn Fortin	Jay Nau	Mark Bergren	Bill & Linda Liptak	Strother Family
28th 8:00		Chris Knaur		Sue Beidler		Sue Beidler	
10:30	Dan & Melanie and Family	Same	Gavin Briggs	Hanne Schuman	John McNassor	David & Margot Briggs	Fortin Family
<u>Date</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Flower Delv.</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Lay Callers</u>	<u>Comm. Clean-up</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Altar Care</u>
7th	Coffee Hour	Mark & Karen Bergren	Chris Pysher & Janet Matz	Terry & Cindy Belles	Carole Harris and Melanie Taormina	Joann Wolfe / Oliva Strother	April Showers
14th		Rick & Diane Gonzalez	Sue Beidler & Nancy McCarty	Dan & Barb Lamade	Kathy Borsch	Alex Seyler/ Mia Clark	April Showers
21st	Easter Breakfast	Easter	Janet Matz & Ray Schreckengast	Bill & Linda Liptak	MJ Webster	Melissa Mahler/ Madelyn Fortin	April Showers
28th		Nancy McCarty & Joanne Wolfe	Dave Horn & Terry Belles	Mark Bergren/ Charles Mahler	MJ Wester	Patricia Hershey/ Kayla Scampone	April Showers



Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orches-

Quintessential Baroque: Music of Bach and Handel Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra Daniel J. Hall, conductor

With guest Baroque artists: Matthew Hall and Elizabeth Lyon, harpsichord and Baroque cello (Cornell University), Beth Anne Kelley, Baroque flautist (Chicago)

The Williamsport Chamber Choir and Orchestra are excited to perform to highly contrasting works of the Baroque period at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Williamsport, PA on Saturday, April 13, 7:30 PM.

J.S. Bach's *Coffee Cantata* (BWV 211) is a rare look in to the whimsical and comedic side of this master composer. During his time in Leipzig, Bach regularly directed a musical ensemble based at Zimmermann's coffee house. His libretto suggests that some people in eighteenth-century Germany viewed coffee drinking as a bad habit. The cantata's libretto features lines like "If I couldn't, three times a day, be allowed to drink my little cup of coffee, in my anguish, I will turn into a shriveled-up roast goat". It is composed for continuo and three soloists who play the roles of narrator, father, and daughter.

G.F. Handel's *Dixit Dominus* (HWV 232) is truly one of the pillars of sacred Baroque music. Built on the Latin text of Psalm 110, the music is dramatic and virtuosic. The work was completed in April 1707 while Handel was living in Italy. Premiered when he was only 21 years old, it is Handel's earliest surviving autograph.



Healing Communities Training

RESTORATION AND HEALING FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY
CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



Date and Time: April 13, 2019 8:30 am to 4:30 Registration begins at 8:00 am

Location: New Covenant United Church of Christ, 202 East Third St., Williamsport, Pa.

Cost of Training: \$25 per person or \$20 per person for groups of 3 or more from one church. (Cost includes 8 hours training, training materials, lunch and refreshments.)

Registration Deadline: April 1 (if after the deadline, call for availability)

The Healing Communities model equips congregations to become a "Station of Hope" for individuals and families impacted by the criminal justice system. Building relationships of healing and reconciliation is the focus. Congregations are encouraged to send a group of at least three leaders/active members in order to effectively implement the model in their setting.

For more information contact: Marty McCormick, 570-745-7210 or marty7210@gmail.com

Healing Communities Registration Form

(Form should be completed for each participant in a group)

Training Date: April 13, 2019

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Church / Organization Name: _____

Church/Organization Primary Contact Person _____

_____ Individual fee of \$25 enclosed for single participant

_____ Group fee of \$20 per person (for 3 or more from one church)

Checks should be made payable to: Marty McCormick and mailed along with this form to: Marty McCormick, 272 Groupe Rd., Jersey Shore, Pa. 17740

Please write "Healing Communities" in the memo line.

Healing communities is a proven national model, developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation with faith leaders from across the theological spectrum to engage congregations in restoration and healing of their own members who have been impacted by crime and the criminal justice system. The Pennsylvania Council of Churches has partnered with Healing Communities USA to assist congregations in fulfilling their mandates to care for prisoners and their families.

Healing Communities Facilitator: Mr. Marty McCormick

Marty is a retired counselor, who serves as a volunteer chaplain at the Clinton County Correctional Facility. You can reach him at marty7210@gmail.com or 570-745-7210.

Pennsylvania Council of Churches Website: www.pachurches.org

Healing Communities Website: www.healingcommunitiesusa.com