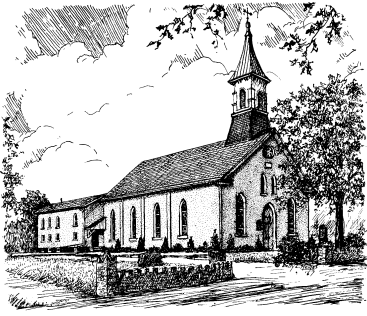


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April 2022 Newsletter



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Worship Schedule

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Blended Service 9:00 AM

3rd Sunday of Mo. Healing Service 9:00 AM

2nd & 4th Sunday of Mo. Children's Sermon 9:00 AM

COME DRINK FROM THE WELL!

One of the things I have to do is drink more water. Most doctors and dieticians tell me that I should be drinking at least eight, eight ounces glasses of water a day. If you have ever tried to do it, you know that this is a lot of water. To make consuming this much water a little easier, we usually buy those 2 1/2 gallon containers of spring water from the store and put it in the refrigerator so that it is always available and always cold.

Perhaps it is only physiological but the spring water we buy always taste better than the tap water in our house. A bias I have toward spring water may be due to my memories of drinking water from the spring house when I was a boy. My dad owned a farm that was several miles from where we lived. When my brothers and I would go there to work, digging thistles or cutting brush, there was never a need to bring water to drink. We could always go to the spring house and be refreshed with the clearest, coldest water in the world.

I am sure many of you can resonate with what I am saying. The fact of the matter is, being refreshed by the waters of a spring is nothing new. It is a concept that is as old as time itself. That is why the imagery of Jesus as "living water" is such a powerful image in the New Testament.

No where is this image more powerful than the story of Jesus and his encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. (John 4:1-42) This woman was not only a social and religious outcast, but also a person of questionable moral character. However, because of her encounter with Jesus she was able to drink from the well of "living water." And the most amazing thing is, not only was her life changed, but because of her testimony, "many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him." (v. 4:39)

Just as water was a source of life to people in one of the most arid regions of the world, Jesus was and continues to be a source of life to a thirsty soul. During this season of Easter I urge you to come to the spring house and drink deep from the waters of the well. My prayer for you is that you will experience the life giving and life changing powers of the "living waters" of Jesus Christ.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Pat

April Scripture Readings

Date	Old Testament	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel
Apr. 3	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalms 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Apr. 10	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Philippians 31:9-16	Luke 19:28-40
Apr. 17	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalms 118:14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	John 20:1-18
Apr. 24	Acts 5:27-32	Psalms 150	Revelations 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
May 1	Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)	Psalms 30	Revelations 5:11-14	John 21:1-19

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ATTENTION, ATTENTION

The monthly Women's Breakfast will be held on the SECOND Thursday of April at 9:00am in the Spring Ford Dinner in Spring City, our old stomping grounds. Please ask for the St. Luke's group and they will let you know where we are. Please plan on joining us and catching up with each other.

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CHURCH LIFE !!!!

Church Life had it's Green St. Patrick's Bingo. Many prizes were won by lots of people,
but one person had a great night Cassidy Keyser won 3 games!!!!

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Organist Search Committee Report – 2/20/2022

After a two-year search, the Organist Search Committee has a potential candidate to fill the position. During that search time, there had been numerous leads, ideas, suggestions and one seemingly good applicant, but they all dried up as we learned that organist/music directors are in high demand and short supply. Honestly, we weren't sure what direction to head in next.

With the Holy Spirit's help, out of the blue Irina Shmeleva, our past organist, contacted me and offered to help us out. Her citizenship issues had been resolved and she feels a strong connection to our congregation members.

She has since been interviewed by the committee and elders to become our Director of Music. There were some concerns expressed. Irena has another church where she serves as organist, but she truly wants to help St. Luke's with our situation. The major concern on both sides of the table was her time constraint: We would need our service to begin at 9:00 to give her the chance to get to her other church service. After lengthy discussions, as a committee, we felt that the benefit of live music was worth the change of worship time.

Special evening services were also a concern. She had a solution that her husband, also a musician, was willing to fill in during any conflicting service times. She is willing to pre-record any music that may be necessary to meet her time restrictions.

This time change would need a special Congregational Meeting to be approved. A three-month trial period was agreed upon by both sides if the congregation agrees to the time change.

If nothing else, the covid restrictions have taught us all that we have to find new ways of doing things. The past two years has also taught the search committee that a compromise may be necessary to give our worship the advantage of REAL music.

Today's meeting went a long way to providing a path forward.

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**Please be aware that we are having Good Friday Service at 7:00pm
in the Sanctuary on April 15, 2022**

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DESIGNER BAG BINGO

On Saturday April 30th the Grange will be holding a Designer Bag Bingo, doors open at 5:00 Bingo starts at 6:00 in Moyer Hall. Coach, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and more. Tickets are \$35.00 with Special Games, 50/50, Door Prizes and snacks. Please see Nancy Claycomb for your tickets.

April 8 Nancy Lewis
April 10 Susan Wenrich
April 13 Scott Koehler
April 16 Lillian Spring
April 17 Williamson Keyser



April 18 Anita Pry
April 25 Betsy Fisher
Heather Slaymaker
April 30 Samuel Kurtz IV
Jonathan Kurtz

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The men of St. Luke's meet every 4th Wednesday at Café 29 on Route 29 in Collegeville at 9:00 am. Join in and discuss whatever comes up for the day.

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MISSIONS UPDATE

Ghana Initiatives. Just a quick reminder about 2 important programs in support of St. Luke's outreach in Ghana.

✚ **Teacher Sponsorship.** You/your family can now be a monthly sponsor of the teachers at the St. Luke's Day Care center. It's easy! Pick your month and let Corie know. Write St. Luke's a check for \$100.00 and designate "Ghana teacher sponsorship" on the memo line. Who will step up to the challenge?

✚ **Gas cans for Ghana.** Yeah! After a rather long COVID interruption, we're resuming our 2nd Sunday of the month Noisy Offerings on April 10th. Dig deep into your pockets. Look under the seat in your car, check the couch cushions and don't forget to look under your mattress, either! Be prepared to throw your spare change or bills into our new gas can collectors. Fund will be put towards a longer term goal to provide a mini-van. This will enable more regular, reliable transportation of children.



Those of you who Zoom or may not be in the sanctuary in person every Sunday can also participate. Just use the memo line on your check so the funds can be tracked correctly.

Our friends in Ghana are ever grateful for your continued support!



Daily Bread Community
Food Pantry

Daily Bread Update. We recently saw a status report on the Daily Bread's search for a new permanent facility. Now that funding has been secured, their Search Team has been actively locating suitable buildings in Montgomery County with the necessary space, lay-out and move-in readiness in the right price range. A facility that meets their needs was identified on Germantown Pike, a short distance away from the current location. Some preliminary discussions took place. Unfortunately the facility was taken off the market just as another buyer was identified. The Search Team was disappointed but has not lost hope. They are in active pursuit of other opportunities. They plan to keep everyone updated on progress. Please keep the Daily Bread in your prayers. Then this wonderful non-profit can continue to faithfully serve members of our community in need.



April Sunday Leader Schedule



Church Access Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to open and close the church on Sundays. Please see **Nancy Claycomb** to schedule and review tasks. If you wish to be an usher/greeter please see **Brenda Kurtz** or sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

9:00 Blended Service

	<u>Lay Leader</u>	<u>Children's Time</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Apr. 3	Jim Narrigan			
Apr. 10	Corie Bowers			
Apr. 17	Corie Bowers			
Apr. 24	Sue Linkenhoker			
May 1	Bev Spaid			

Sunday Leader Scheduling Note

If you are unable to serve on your assigned day, **please find a replacement** by switching dates with someone on the schedule and contact the church office as soon as possible so we may make note of the change. **If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.**

Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due in the church office by Wednesday. Newsletter deadline for the May Newsletter is April 22nd and mailing is April 26th.

PRAYER LIST

People in need of prayers: The Dallar Family, Linda Miller, Nick Iacorinno, Amy Miller.

People with on-going conditions and prayer needs: Barbara and Mark Nieweg, Betty Murphy, Casey S., Debbie Parker, Eli and Ella Vivian, Greg Kimmich, Jack Murphy, Mike Richardson, Mitzie Oxenham, Nancy Lewis, Rod Bowers, The Evans Family, Tim Heiser and Tricia White Heiser.

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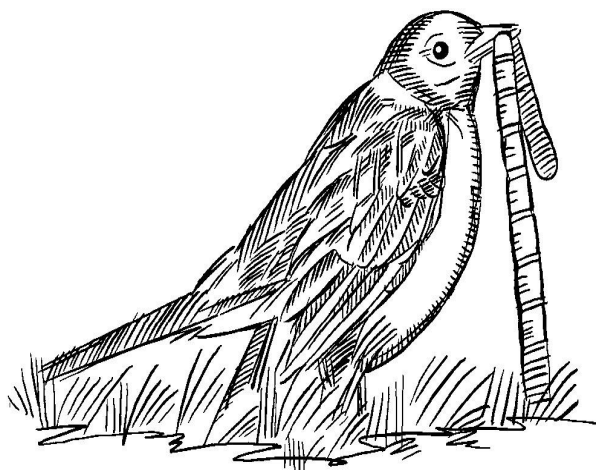


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3 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And on Zoom	4	5 10:00 Bible Study	6 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	7 7:30 GANON	8	9
10 9:00 Service in Sanctuary, with Rev. Morris Children's Sermon And on Zoom 	11 7:00 Missions 7:00 Church Life	12 6:30 Elders 7:30 Council	13 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	14 9:00 Women's Breakfast 7:30 GANON	15 7:00 Good Friday Service  Good Friday	16
17 9:00 Healing Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris And also on Zoom  Easter	18	19 10:00 Bible Study	20 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	21 7:30 GANON	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23
24 9:00 Service in Sanctuary with Rev. Morris Children's Sermon And also on Zoom.	25	26 10:00 Bible Study NEWSLETTER MAINLING	27 9:00 Men's Breakfast 7:30 Audubon Orchestra	28 7:30 GANON 7:30 Toastmasters	29	30 6:00 Designer Bag Bingo

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**Centered in God,
guided by His Word,
we share Christ's love with all.**

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