

THE ST. LUKE PARISH PEN

August 2015



Wednesday, July 29, 2015

I just saw an email expressing surprise and disbelief over the imminent arrival of August. Perhaps it's been all the rain and the relative absence of hot and sunny days which has made it seem as if this summer has flown by. Who knows? But September is just around the corner. Soon, the Grange Fair will come and go. Then, it will back to school for the kids. Then, it will be time for Sunday school and the resumption of all of our other church programming. Given all of this, it just might be a good time for each of us to review our spiritual health.

On Friday, I'll see one of my all-time favorite bands in concert. I last saw U2 in the fall of 1992. If you don't know, three of the band's four members are committed Christians. Because of their influence, I suspect, the band has a knack for writing lyrics that speak and sing on more than one level. As a case in point, U2's latest album features these lyrics: *You let me into a conversation; a conversation only we could make. You're breaking into my imagination; whatever's in there is yours to take.* What are we to make of these words?

Certainly, they can describe romantic love. Having now been married to Julia for thirteen years, I'm no longer the same person I once was. In a number of ways, I feel, see, and think differently than I did before Julia entered my life. She's most definitely *broken into my imagination and taken a lot of what was in there to take.* She's still doing it! As I hope we all know or discover, it's what love can do. But are U2's lyrics only about the transformative love two people can share with one another?

Definitely not! Later on in the song I've been writing about, come these lyrics: *I'm a long way from your hill on Calvary. And I'm a long way from where I was, where I need to be.* Could it be that the imagination burglar of which U2 sings is Jesus—is God—is the Holy Trinity? Most definitely so!

Through the sending of Jesus and the Spirit, through the gift of the Bible and the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, through the witness of congregations and individual Christians, God is forever *letting us into a deeply personal conversation; a conversation that only God and each of us can make.* Over time, this conversation can have a profound impact on who or what we imagine ourselves, others, and our world to be; eventually leading us to give more and more of ourselves over to God and God's call upon our lives. Has this happened yet? Are we to the point where God has broken into our imagination and taken everything that's there's to take?

If we're honest, we'll probably have to answer provisionally. Like the singer of U2's song, we can hopefully speak of being *a long way from where we once were*, as we also acknowledge we're *a long way from where we need to be.* It is how things are and will remain for us until God's plan in Jesus Christ comes to full and final completion. Until then, we're going to be sinners as often as we are saints and saints as often as we are sinners. But as our church prepares to return to full gear, it is nonetheless a good time to ask: *How far have I come and how far do I have yet to go?*

It is my most earnest hope and prayer that each of us will be asking and thinking and praying about the state of our spiritual journey this August. I also hope we'll commit ourselves to a course of action that will keep moving our spiritual journey ahead. Church can do an awful, awful lot for each and every one of us. Church can take us a long way from where we've been, as it also pushes us even further forward. I hope each of us discovers this anew as the year of our Lord 2015 continues to move along; sometimes more swiftly than we can believe.

Pastor Scott



Aug.	2	Lynn and Mary Dutrow
	6	Wade and Melissa Wolfe
		Lance and Christine Stover
	9	Tim and Diane O'Hara
	10	Rory and Tonya Luse
	11	Don and Libby Kupp
	12	Ted and Mindy Dutrow
	13	Dr. Peter and Kim Theodoros
	15	James and Lois Roth
	26	Ted & Jennifer Bukowski
	27	George and Diane Wilson
	30	Dean and Madeline Rupe
	31	Dave and Sandra Ferree



Aug.	1	Brent Korman
	3	Charles Murphy
	5	Matthew Homan
		Loni Shawver
	6	Barry Dutrow
		Richard Shawver
	7	Stephanie Crater
		Victoria Meyer
		Avery Brown
	8	Ryan Lehman
		Sheila Lieb
	10	Krystal Josephson
	13	Christine Stover
		Geneva Reeder
	14	Dorothy Sauerwein
	16	Tristan Begley
	18	Thomas Dutrow
		Sam Grove
	19	Logan Strouse

Birthdays Continued...

20	Miriam Burris
	Rev. Dean Rupe
	Wendy Splain
22	Alex Theodoros
	Linda Dutrow
	Nicole Denger
23	Earl Leedy
25	Kevin Miller
	Monty Strouse
26	Heather Gibson
	Brady Waltz
	Kerry O'Hara
28	Roy Homan
	Fay Breon
29	Jacob Sharer
28	Carol Sharpe
30	Mark Groff
31	Mark Sauerwein
	Michelle (Hill) Brown



Congratulations to Carla Weaver and Chris Cipro who were united in marriage on Saturday, July 18th.



St. Luke mourns the loss of members, Darlene Heller and Beverly Brooks. Our thoughts and prayers are with their family and their friends.

Kenya Mission Team—Please keep the Kenya Mission Team in your prayers as they prepare for their upcoming trip from August 11-August 27. St. Luke was very generous in supporting the Kenya Motorbike Challenge and hopefully we will be as generous with our prayers as we lift up our Allegheny Synod Mission Team, the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church and the ministry team working there, and the people of Kenya. You can read an article about Kenya and the trip participants in the July/August Lutheran Letter available in the Narthex. In reading the article, it states that the people of Kenya are a people of very strong faith, so hopefully our prayers for them will enable us to live our faith more boldly.

Prayer Concerns

Pray for the recovery and the Lord's healing and peace on our brothers and sisters.

Kenya Mission Team
Chuck Mason...family concerns
Brooke Homan...young mother with cancer
Gary Zellers...eye concerns
The Family of Sheldon French
The Family of Nick Castellano
The Family of Edward "Zip" Fetterolf
TJ Coursen...recov. from surgery
Liz Perez...spinal stenosis/severe pain

On-going Prayer Concerns:

Robert Sauerwein...heart disability
Timmy Parson...cancer
Marvin Lehman, Jr....kidney tumors
Nancy Spangler...cancer
Rich Perlongo...cancer of mouth
Josh Mack...tumor
Matthew...hope and strength
Kylee McClenahan...head injury
Dorothy Baer...faith
Michelle Marini...breast cancer
Chris Bellocchio...cancer
Mardi McDonough...cancer
John H. Stoltzfus...bone cancer
Pastor Denise Arpino...cancer
Tony Arpino...cancer
Josh Hardy...cancer
Helen Miller...failing health
Tucker Brownson...heart problems
Jen Parsons...recovery from brain surgery
Deb Homan...cancer
Tom Swank...cancer
John Dunlap...lung cancer
Shawn Zimmerman...throat cancer
Janet Crater...recovery from surgery
Ron Holsopple...recovery surgery
Scott Bair...cancer
Betty G....kidney issues

Kathy Strock...health concerns
Eileen Barnes...emergency surgery
The Family of Beverly Brooks
The Family of Darlene Heller
The Musser Family
LaRee Shirey...pancreatic cancer
Joe Perez...bladder cancer
Amy Meyers...brain tumor surgery



Amy Bremer...cancer
Larry Hedtke...recurring cancer
Denny McCloskey...health concerns
Sharon O'Hara...cancer
Tom Robinson...health concerns
Mary Byler...cancer
Robert McDaniel...stage 4 brain cancer
Vicki Garvin...kidney disease
Lynn Perlongo...cancer
C. Stull...cancer
Claire Milner...cancer
Clair (Abbie) Hollobaugh...cancer
Russ Sauerwein...recurring back pain
Cecil Poston...failing health
Mike Rockey...cancer
Kathy Edens...bone marrow transplant
Lynn Miller...broken nose/falls
Gail Norton...cancer
Ella Myer...mission work
Maddie Rupe...kidney cancer
Dan Richard...cancer
Bonnie Brown...recov. from foot surgery
Melissa Wolfe... recovery from back surgery
Mike McClenahan...self-care
Brandon Zlupko...cancer
Ella Burns...cancer
Chuck Derr...heart concerns

Please pray also for the health of our Shut-ins:

Larry Breon (PO Box 27, Rebersburg, PA 16872...349-8846)
Fred and Miriam Burris (186 Blackhawk Road, Centre Hall, PA 16828...364-1575)
Betty Dutrow (Wynwood House, Room 3, 122 Wynwood Drive, Centre Hall, PA ...814-531-4875)
Ruth Foust (A121 Valley View Terrace, Belleville, PA 17004-8690...717-935-3718)
Fred Lohr, Jr. (244 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, PA 16828...364-9368)
Ruth Luse (Graystone Court Villas, 100 Hawknest Way Apt. 912, Bellefonte, PA 16823-5219)
Pam McClenahan (432 S Pennsylvania Ave, Centre Hall, PA 16828...364-1576)
Margaret (Peg) McClenahan (107 Manor Road, Apt 4, Centre Hall, PA 16828...364-1791)
Edna Meyer (Centre Crest, 502 E. Howard Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823)
Bruce and Virginia Moyer (PO Box 313, Centre Hall, PA 16828...364-1870)
Alice Witmer (Centre Crest, 502 E. Howard Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823)

If you would like to add or remove someone from the prayer list: You may fill out a prayer concern request located in the Narthex and in each pew pad and place in the offering plate or you may notify the church office at 364-9154 or email the church office at StLuke364@verizon.net. Please remember that a prayer request will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless otherwise noted as an ongoing concern. Also, please remember to notify the church office when someone is able to be removed from the prayer list. You may renew a prayer request as often as you wish.

- Updated 8/4/15

WEEKLY WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

DATE	GREETER 8:00 AM	GREETER 10:30 AM	ACOLYTE 8:00 AM	ACOLYTE 10:30 AM	READER 10:30 AM	WORSHIP ASSISTANT 10:30 AM	COMMUNION ASSISISTANT
Aug 2	Sarah Bierlein & Al Spotts	Angela Anderson & Martha Grove	Open	Linzy Fetterolf	Holli Kubalak	Scott McAllister	Lois Albright
Aug 9	Michele Brown & Connie Zellers	Patty Lehman & Jean Lohr	Logan Witherite	Kyle Lehman	Evelyn Reeder	Josette Schluter	Tom Sharer
Aug 16	Betty Dietrich & Kenny Strouse	Don Anderson & Shari Welch	Maggie Delaney	Jillian Anderson	Walt Schluter	Marilyn Kubalak	Jim Shunk
Aug 23	Catherine Bierlein & Cindy Grove	Dave Ferree & Freda Schluter	Dayna Brown	Madison Bair	Charolette Waltz	Jack Sharer	Russ Judy (8am) & Barb Fetterolf (10:30 am)
Aug 30	Don Shawver & Nicki Shunk	Linda Murphy & Gladys Sampsel	Breanna Praskovich	Ryan Lehman	Sabrina Wert	Carol Sharpe	Larry Frazier
Sep 6	Dean Crater & Adre Fetterolf	Judy Homan & Sandy Ferree	Morgan Noll	Faith Wolfe	Pat Strouse	Al Spotts	Scott McAllister
Sep 13	Denny Grove & Dorothy Rudy	Patty Lehman & Sue Royer	Jordan Anderson	Nick Bair	Carol Sharpe	Norma Crater	Stephanie Delaney
DATE	ALTAR FLOWERS	COMMUN BREAD	MOWING & WEEDING	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	COUNTERS	
Aug 2	Dave & Sandy Ferree	Adre Fetterolf	Todd Fetterolf	Marjorie Korman and Lois Albright (August)	Jim Shunk (Head), Diane O'Hara, Cindy Grove & Deb Frazier (August)	Carol Sharpe & Jim Shunk	
Aug 9	Dave & Sandy Ferree	Adre Fetterolf	Open			Barb McAllister & Sue Royer	
Aug 16	Joan Confer	Jerry & Judy Homan	Scott McAllister			Pat Strouse & Deb Frazier	
Aug 23	Open	Lois Albright	Scott McAllister			Cindy Grove & Lois Albright	
Aug 30	Open	Lois Albright	Open			Norma Crater & Jim Shunk	
Sep 6	Cousins- Sharer	Open	Open	Cindy Kessinger & Charolette Waltz (September)	Sharon Hege (Head), Shari Welch, Charolette Waltz & Russ Judy (September)	Carol Sharpe & Deb Frazier	
Sep 13	Open	Open	Open			Barb McAllister & Sue Royer	

St. Luke Worship Schedule:

Worship Services are held at 8:00 am and 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Special Services are held at Thanksgiving, Advent, Lent and Holy Week.

The 8:00 am service is a simple service of the Word where Holy Communion is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each month. The 10:30 am service is a more traditional worship service with additional liturgy and hymns. At the 10:30 am service, the adult choir blesses us with their gifts from September through June and Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

The Centre Hall/Potter Food & Fuel Pantry will have their next monthly food distribution on Tuesday, September 15 at Grace United Methodist Church, from 12:30 PM until 4:00 PM. If you are able to volunteer, arrive at 8:00 am. **There is not a distribution date in August.**

Paper products (paper towels and toilet paper) as well as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and cake mixes are always needed and cannot be purchased with State or Federal funds.

Volunteers are always needed...to pack on distribution days or to sign up to unload food when it arrives at Grace Church. If you can help unload food, you will be called the day before the truck arrives.

Please call Bonnie Brown 364-1541, Eileen Booz 364-1675 or Erskine Cash 364-9184 if you can help.

If you would like to donate items, please have the items at St. Luke Lutheran Church on or before Sunday, September 13th. There is a donation box located in the Narthex.

SCHOOL KITS

School Supplies are now on sale! St. Luke is collecting school supplies to fill backpacks which are being made by our Sewing Group for Lutheran World Relief. These backpack type school kits will be donated to Lutheran World Relief in the fall. Our goal is to make 30 school kits. The following supplies are needed and may be placed in the box that is now available in the Narthex from August 2nd through September 6th.

- blunt tip safety scissors
- 30 centimeter ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side
- 24 count boxes of crayons
- blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- spiral notebooks (70 sheet count - need 4 per bag)
- money for shipping may also be given
(It costs \$1.40 to ship each bag)

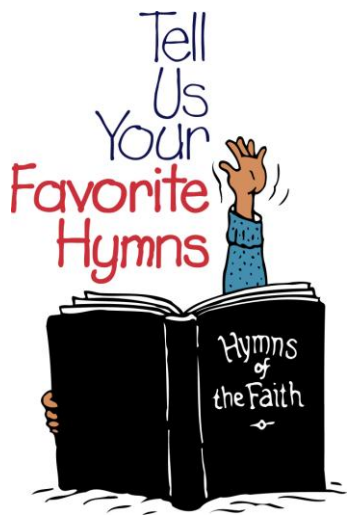


On Wednesday, October 28th, the Community Relations Committee will be holding a Stop Hunger Now Meal Packing Event. More information will be forthcoming soon.



**Committee and Council
Night**

On Monday, August 10, St. Luke will hold the monthly Committee and Council Night. St. Luke has four different committees that meet on a monthly basis. The Community Relations Committee, Congregational Relations Committee, Spiritual Relations Committee and Property Committee will meet at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary for a brief discussion and prayer with Pastor Scott and then each committee will meet individually from 7-8 pm in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please consider becoming involved in one of St. Luke's Committees. Whichever committee may interest you, they would love to hear your fresh perspective and new ideas. The St. Luke Council will meet from approx. 8-9 pm.



The Spiritual Committee is planning on visiting the hymnity of the worship services. We are asking any and all to write their favorite hymn or hymns on the forms that were handed out with your bulletins, or on additional forms that are available in the Narthex, and place it in the offering plates. The forms will be collected and categorized as to gathering hymns, hymns that compliment the lectionaries, and sending hymns. A panel of individuals will assess the hymns. The top 12 will be sung once a month and the top 50 throughout the year.

Please help the Spiritual Committee with its task by placing your hymn selection in the offering plate throughout the summer months. We would like to be ready beginning in September, so the cut-off date will be Sunday, August 9, 2015.

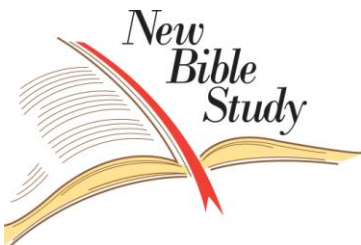
Thank you ahead of time for you efforts!
The Spiritual Committee



Looking ahead... If you have news or articles for the **September** issue of the Parish Pen Newsletter, please submit them to the church office on or before Tuesday, **August 20**.



**Prayer Group will be held on the following
Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the
Pastor's Office:
August 12 and 19**



Pastor Scott continues to lead a Summer Bible Study on the "Book of Acts and Its Message for St. Luke Today" on the following Sundays, from 9:15 am to 10:15 am:
Aug. 16, 23 & 30 and Sept. 6



Thanks so much to all who attended the combined church picnic on July 12th. It was wonderful to worship together and to share some time with one another...and the food was amazing! We hope that everyone had fun and that you will join us again next year on July 10, 2016.

Sincerely,

The Congregational Relations Committee



Chocolate Chip Zucchini Muffins

-from Taste of Home Magazine

-submitted by Patty Lehman

1/2 cup softened butter
1/2 cup canola oil
1 3/4 cup sugar

2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

2 cups shredded zucchini
1/4 cup mini chocolate chips (semi-sweet)

1/4 cup chopped pecans (optional)





Directions:

- 1) In a large bowl, cream the butter, oil and sugar until fluffy.
- 2) Beat in the eggs, milk and vanilla.
- 3) Combine the flour, cocoa, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Gradually mix into the creamed mixture.
- 4) Fold in the zucchini and chocolate chips.
- 5) Fill greased or paper lined muffin cups two-thirds full and top with pecans.
- 6) Bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes until toothpick comes out clean.

Yields approximately 2 dozen regular size muffins. They also work nicely as mini-muffins. Make multiple batches to use up that zucchini - they freeze well.

BOSTON MISSION TRIP MOMENTS



~ August 2015 ~						
◀ July						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1  AA Meeting 7 pm
2 *Service of the Word 8:00 am *Traditional Worship 10:30 am with Communion Happy Friendship Day!	3 	4 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm Boy Scouts 7:30-9:30 pm	5	6 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm	7	8 AA Meeting 7 pm
9 *Service of the Word 8:00 am *Traditional Worship 10:30 am with Communion	10 St. Luke Committee & Council Night 6:45 pm	11 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm AA District Meeting 6:30-8:30 pm	12 Prayer Group 10 am	13 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm	14	15 AA Meeting 7 pm
16 *Service of the Word 8:00 am *Bible Study 9:15 am *Traditional Worship 10:30 am with Communion	17	18 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm	19 Prayer Group 10 am	20 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm *September Newsletter Deadline	21 Grange Fair August 21-August 29 	22 AA Meeting 7 pm
23 *Service of the Word 8:00 am with Communion *Bible Study 9:15 am *Traditional Worship 10:30 am with Communion	24	25 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm	26	27 Church Office Hours 9 am to 2 pm	28	29 AA Meeting 7 pm
30 *Service of the Word 8:00 am *Bible Study 9:15 am *Traditional Worship 10:30 am with Communion	31 Back To School 	Notes:				

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Return Service Requested

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