

For the Week of November 11, 2018

Sunday, November 11: Pentecost 25

- ◆ Worship Service: 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am (SY)
- ◆ Learning Hour, 9:15am
- ◆ Private Event, 1:00pm (SH/K)
- ◆ Learning Hour, 9:15am
- ◆ Open Forum, 10:30am (LV)

Monday, November 12:

- ◆ Quilters in Bloom, 8:30am (GE)
- ◆ Cub Scouts, 6:30pm (LV,PC,GK,AR,SH)

Tuesday, November 13:

- ◆ Quilters in Bloom, 8:30am (LV)
- ◆ Sawdust Ministry, 5:30pm
- ◆ Bloomsburg Women Civic Meeting, 5:30pm (AR)
- ◆ Recharge Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm (SH)

Wednesday, November 14:

Mid Week Recharge
(SH,K,FF,GE,FG,SC,GG)

- ◆ Potluck Dinner, 5:30pm
- ◆ Worship, 6:30pm
- ◆ Bible Study, 7:00pm

Thursday, November 15:

- ◆ P.E.O. Meeting, 8:00am (AR)
- ◆ Christmas Tea Set-Up, 4:00pm (SH)
- ◆ Liturgical Group Bible Study, 5:30pm (GE,GG)
- ◆ Cub Scouts, 6:30pm (LV)
- ◆ Fishing Creek Herb Guild, 6:30pm (SH/K)
- ◆ Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm (JY)

Friday, November 16:

- ◆ Christmas Tea Set-Up, 4:00pm (SH)
- ◆ Girl Scout Meeting, 6:00pm (AR)

Saturday, November 17:

- ◆ CPR/First Aid Training, 8:00am (AR)
- ◆ Christmas Tea, 2:00pm (SH/K)
- ◆ Cardboard Village, 10:00pm (entire church)

Sunday, November 18: Pentecost 26

- ◆ Annual Congregation Meeting, 8:00am
- ◆ Worship Service: 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:30am
- ◆ Learning Hour, 9:15am

We welcome you as you join us in worship this morning! Please join us for coffee, tea, and snacks in our Fellowship Café. We would enjoy meeting you and learning how we can minister to your family. We kindly ask that you refrain from bringing food or beverages into the Sanctuary. Thank you.

At St. Luke Lutheran Church, we use photographs and/or video to record our events and ministry. These are used to help promote our ministry, and for archival purposes. We also provide photographs to other publications for these purposes, such as on our website, or the Press Enterprise. If you DO NOT want your or your child's image used in this manner, please contact the church office to make us aware of your wishes.

Thank you for Serving in Ministry — 11/11/2018

Greeters: (8:00) Don and Joanne Bower (9:15) Dave and Sue Meredith (10:30) Josh and Monica Shellenberger
Lector: (8:00) Laura Kacyon (9:15) Neil Strine (10:30) Megan Fernsler
Ushers: (8:00) Ken Roush (9:15) TBD (10:30) Monica Shellenberger
Acolytes: (8:00) Addy Berlin (9:15) Brynna Zentner (10:30) Abryelle LaFrenier
Counters: (11/12/2018) M. Austin, J. Johnson, A. Patterson, K. Roush



11/18/2018

Greeters: (8:00) Connie Yorks and Janet Kocher (9:15) Mike and Amanda Beck (10:30) Doug and Robyn Klingerman
Lector: (8:00) Ted Myhre (9:15) Phil Polstra (10:30) Nancy Kluck
Ushers: (8:00) Ferne Dorn (9:15) TBD (10:30) TBD
Acolytes: (8:00) Ella Utt (9:15) Cassie Shellenberger (10:30) Jordan Fox
Counters: (11/19/18) D. Blewett, D. Goetz, R.Hargraves, R. Klingerman

Attendance for Sunday, November 4

8:00: 86 9:15: 28 LH: 82

Snapshot Deadline is Wednesday, November 14 by 10:00am

Our angels here at St. Luke have donated a total of \$3,450 for our blanket outreach to the homeless and those in need. We were able to purchase a total of 400 blankets which will be distributed to the area shelters as soon as they arrive.



God Bless you all Diane Shultz



"Please be reminded, we have a St. Luke members closed Facebook Group.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/188544224679540>

This group is for church related information. Posts are approved as they come in, so there may be a slight delay if you are requesting a post."



Sunday, November 11 at 10:30am in the Love Room



Our Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 18 during worship services.



St. Luke Reading the Bible Together

Monday	Ruth 1:1-22	1 Timothy 5:1-8
Tuesday	Ruth 3:14-4:6	1 Timothy 5:9-16
Wednesday	Ruth 4:7-22	Luke 4:16-30
Thursday	Daniel 4:4-18	1 Timothy 6:11-21
Friday	Daniel 4:19-27	Colossians 2:6-15
Saturday	Daniel 4:28-37	Mark 12:1-12

Psalms for the week are 16 and 94

Merry Christmas!

All women of St. Luke and the community are cordially invited to the

22nd Annual

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" Tea

Saturday, November 17, 2018

2:00pm in the Social Hall

Food donations would be greatly appreciated.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the nearly 20 years that I have served this congregation, I have always enjoyed how such a diverse group of people could be so united. And we have been. We have united in worship, fellowship, outreach, and hospitality, touching the lives of thousands of people, all in the love of Christ. Several months ago, our unity began to crumble, divisions crept in, the congregation began to polarize, and people began to drop away. A few weeks ago, I went outside of normal channels and communicated my concerns about this matter directly to the congregation by email. While my exceeding the normal channels may have been wrong, my motive and my heart were not. I was communicating out of love and concern for the church family that I love and serve. My actions, though well intended, have placed the council and leadership of the church in an awkward spot. After conversation with the council, I feel that it is in the best interest of all if I step away for a while as the congregation and council navigate through the journey ahead. Beginning today, I will be taking a sabbatical from my duties of Ministries Coordinator. I will only return at the request of the council. As I begin my sabbatical, I leave you with a few important thoughts:

In all things, love one another. Regardless of your position on the issues at hand, remember that Jesus teaches us to love one another.

Remember that we have worshipped and served in unity for decades. Recognize that the issues at hand are not of our making; they have come to us in the past several months by the ELCA forwarding a change in doctrine.

Please read and understand the constitution of St. Luke Lutheran Church. This is a vital element in the current issues, regardless of your personal position.

Read and study the scriptures. See for yourself what Jesus and the Apostles teach us.

Insist that all explanations be accompanied by scripture, not by theologic philosophy. God's Word is the final authority in the life of Christians and the Church.

Pray without ceasing. Pray for our church. Pray for one another. Pray for peaceful resolutions.

Be peaceful in all things.

Farewell for now. Blessings to all.

In Christian Love, Mike McCay

Prayer List for the Week of November 11, 2018

NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE

Good Morning,

I am Ken Roush, Council President

I would like to update you on the happenings of this past week.

I have met with Pastor Luther several times. He has continued to provide pastoral care as needed or requested.

Last Sunday there were over twenty people that attended the Open Forum to ask questions prior to next week's Annual Congregation Meeting. That was amazing. Why, because, in the last six Open Forums I have held not more than five or six attended any one session. There were a few that no one attended. Involvement of the congregation in the ministries of the church is very healthy. Also last Sunday was the first GIFT, Generation in Faith Together, program during Learning Hour. 85 people were in attendance. This was at the same time as the Open Forum. Thanks to volunteer Dorey Tabor for her tireless work on this ministry.

Last Sunday night several parents attended the youth meeting with their children. This is another example of, healthy involvement by the congregation in our ministry. Thank you to volunteer Michelle Dubbs Kepner for leading the youth.

Last Monday night Christian Education committee met to schedule the next two month's events. Pastor Luther was in attendance. He is the person responsible for Christian Education. Thank you to volunteer Dorey Tabor for chairing the meeting.

Thursday night the Personnel Committee met with me to work on a personnel issue. They used our Personnel Manual and the processes that have been used for several years on personal matters to make a recommendation to council. I will remind everyone that Personnel matters are confidential and therefore I will not discuss the contents of the proposed plan which was developed for Mike McCay Ministry Coordinator. Thank you to the committee.

I talked with 8 of the 10 council members and a majority agreed with the Personnel Committee's recommendation on the plan. Mel Stojakovich and I met with Mike. What I can share is that Mike has not been fired. He has requested an unpaid Sabbatical (time off) without pay until such time council asks him to return as Ministry Coordinator or council decides to go in a different direction. I ask for everyone's support and prayers for this congregation, especially Mike and Lisa, Pastor Luther, Laurie and Sam; council; and Bishop Collins. Council agreed to the time off and that I read his letter to you. I read the letter.

I would like to compliment those that continue to carry out the ministries of the church. These ministries have provided value to our congregation and the community at large.

Finally I am also grateful beyond my words for the cards, e-mails and discussion from all those that provide encouragement to me.

Thank you and peace be with us all as we continue our journey to what God has in store for St. Luke.

Ken Roush



The church roof is almost complete and all metal roofing has been installed. All that is needed to finish is to install the snow stops. The contractor had to go work on two emergency roof repairs, but once they return, they will resume work on the farmhouse roof and install the snow stops. Peace, Rob Fruit

A **BIG** heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Kathryn & PJ Polstra and Gianna & Sophia Bangs for the **AWESOME** job they do in assisting the church office . We appreciate all of their hard work!

