Dear Saint Luke’s Family—

After a brief “monsoon season,” I believe that summer is arriving! Temperatures are rising, people are out mowing their lawns and walking their dogs, and the schools have had numerous end-of-year events including award ceremonies and field days. The warmer weather has also brought Saint Luke’s folks out into the community garden lot—people have built garden boxes, planted flowers and produce, and have participated in a community yard sale to bring awareness to our garden.

Now that we are entering the summer months, and since we are already mobilized for action through our community garden project, I would like to invite you into some reflection about the stewardship of God’s creation. This summer we are using Eucharistic Prayer C in our liturgy, which says,

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

I would like for us, this summer, to spend time reflecting on what our responsibility is, as individuals and as a church, to our fragile island home. Are there ways that we can be better stewards of earth’s resources?

At our Diocesan Convention in October, two resolutions were passed which specifically touch on creation stewardship. Here is a summary of the resolutions from a letter I wrote after convention:

**Resolution 2: Care of God’s Creation**

This resolution calls on the churches in the diocese to study the local watershed and their impact on water sources. Additionally, this resolution calls on churches to partner with local organizations to be better stewards of God’s creation.

**Resolution 3: Stewardship of God’s Creation**

This resolution asks churches to promote/participate in “Energy Efficiency Education and Workshops” to help people become more aware of how their daily decisions affect God’s creation. There is a focus, in this resolution, on energy-efficiency in buildings.

These resolutions might be a place to start, or there may be other pressing things on your mind. I would love to engage in conversations with you, one-on-one or in group settings (such as coffee hour) around what it means to be good stewards of environmental resources at home and at church. Also, stay tuned for possible guest speakers and simple projects we can participate

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in as a church community that relate to creation stewardship.

If you have any ideas to get us started in the right direction, please share them with advisory board members or me. We’d love to hear from you!

Also, I hope that you will take the time to read about the many other great things that are going on at Saint Luke’s during this time. These are very exciting times at Saint Luke’s, and I’m honored to be here among you as a fellow journeyer and minister in God’s Kingdom.

Peace,

**Fr. Josh**

**Building Usage**

Do you know of any groups that need a space to meet? Why not tell them about all of our beautiful spaces at Saint Luke’s? Fr. Josh’s vision of our building is to have every room being used every day. Spread the word! People may contact the office, anytime, for information on usage fees and our building usage agreement. Usage fees help support our mission and ministry in Altoona. Brochures talking about our spaces are available in the church office.

**Saint Luke’s Entrepreneurs**

Do you have ideas to share about Saint Luke’s future, especially in the areas of fundraising and outreach? The first—ever meeting of the Saint Luke’s Entrepreneurs was held on Tuesday, May 24th. This group is dedicated to taking innovative ideas and moving to the next level—practical action! Stay tuned for further meeting dates. In the meantime, if you have any ideas you would like to share that may enhance our ministry, please let Fr. Josh know!

**Food Bank: How to Help**

Through Project S.H.A.R.E. and with the help of Deacon Wanda Kloza, Saint Luke’s was able to donate 2,000 canned items to the Archway Ministries Food Bank. We would like to continue this partnership in this much needed outreach to the community. Here are some ways that you can help:

**Item of the Month**—There will be a basket placed by the baptismal font to collect an “item of the month” for the food pantry. This month’s item is cereal. As you are out shopping, please remember to pick up a box of cereal for the food pantry. Any cereal is welcome, but healthy cereals are encouraged.

**Clipping Coupons**—Beth, the manager of the food bank, is always in need of coupons to help purchase items for the pantry. You canclip coupons for food items and drop them in the basket at the back of the church, or you can send them to the church and we will pass them on to Beth.

**Volunteer Hours**—Beth can always use help directing clients and loading groceries during the distribution days. Stay tuned for a list of those dates.

You can also “Like” Archway ministries on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/ArchwayMinistries-Christian-Church-Wedding-Chapel-439054189471121/?fref=ts) to receive updates.

Fr. Josh and Pastor Lou (Archway Ministries) receive a donation of 2,000 cans for the Food Bank.
Holy Days/Special Services

Please join us for the following Holy Days in June:
Holy Eucharist (St. Barnabas)
Saturday, June 11th at 6pm in the side chapel

Holy Eucharist (John the Baptist)
Friday, June 24th at 6pm in the side chapel

Holy Eucharist (Sts. Peter and Paul)
Wednesday, June 29th at 6pm in the side chapel

These casual services include a brief homily (reflective teaching) on the Saint’s/Event’s significance for today’s audience. All are welcome! Invite a friend!

Please join us for the following special services in June:

Holy Eucharist
Monday, June 13th at 6pm in the nave

This Holy Eucharist will celebrate Father Josh’s one year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. The Reverend Karen Telyea from St. John’s Lutheran (ELCA) Church in Sinking Valley will be the guest preacher. We will be using an Appalachian inspired Mass setting and singing Gospel hymns. It will be a great celebration. Please join us! A light reception will follow in the Old Rectory.

Evensong
Tuesday, June 14th at 6pm in the Nave

This service of sung Evening Prayer will mark the day that Fr. Josh was ordained to the diaconate two years ago. Evensong is a beautiful service, frequently heard in the great cathedrals of Europe. Please join us for this festive service. A light reception will follow in the Old Rectory.

First Friday Resumes July 1st

Because of Father Josh’s vacation plans, there will be no First Friday in June. We will resume this time of good food and great conversations at 6pm on Friday, July 1st in the Old Rectory. Please join us and bring a friend!

What a lovely picture of our parishioners with Father Josh from the Day of Pentecost!

Celebrating Father Josh’s birthday with a potluck on the day of Pentecost.

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Financial Report

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Scripture Readings for June

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- contact Jennie for any problems 674-8818

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(Worship Ministries June 6/5 Third Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24)
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-17
Luke 7:1-17

6/12 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

6/19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
I Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 14:1-4
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

6/26 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 7:1-2, 11:20
Galatians 3:2-29
Luke 8:2-6, 39

Worship Ministries June
Music Notes

Hello from the organ console!
We are entering "Ordinary Time" in the church year, which spans over the American summer months. Many important festival days are behind us, but that doesn't mean exciting things aren't on the horizon for St. Luke's in the realm of music.

The most immediate musical event on the agenda is the anniversary of Father Josh's ordination. As you should know by now, our Priest-In-Charge is a musician and church music enthusiast, so he has made music an important part of these services. These services will be on June 13th at 6 PM and June 14th at 6 PM.

The June 13th Mass will feature the Missa Appalachia: a folk mass setting for the sung parts of the liturgy. As mentioned in the title, the music featured in Missa Appalachia is structured after Appalachian folk songs and melodies. It is contained in "Enriching Our Music (Book 1)" and was written by Jonathan Dimmock. There are certain performance practices that are unique to performing the Missa Appalachia due to the cultural roots of the mass setting, and these cultural roots are pertinent to our history in central Pennsylvania.

The performance notes for Missa Appalachia indicate that the music should be sung a capella and only certain forms of accompaniment are acceptable. Hand drums, fiddles, drones or even vocal arrangements are acceptable but a capella is encouraged; extensive organ playing for this setting is discouraged. The music is also written in a pentatonic scale (using 5 tones). Examining all of these factors keys us in to the lifestyles of the Appalachian people.

Jonathan Dimmock, the composer of this mass setting, "was born in the heart of the Appalachian mountains in Staunton, Virginia" (Enriching Our Music). He did not grow up in the place he was born, but was still heavily influenced by the culture of his birthplace. In central Pennsylvania, we are still in the heart of the Appalachians and many of us reside in the mountains. In a different time and if we had been "homesteaders," we would have been considered Appalachian Mountain People.

The largely Caucasian inhabitants of the Appalachians before the 20th century considered themselves to be their very own nation at one point. They had their own flag, largely Christian religious beliefs, and their own organic American dialect that was influenced by Scottish and Anglo-Saxon roots, but it was largely an American born accent. If you want an idea of what it sounds like, each region has their own "flavor" of Appalachian dialect, but the farther west you travel in our Appalachian mountains of Pennsylvania the closer you will come to that dialect. The "Pittsburghese" dialect that many of us are familiar with is from the Appalachian people.

Many of the inhabitants of the Appalachian Mountains were poor and often did not have access to education, so this is why music based on the folk Appalachian tradition is simpler and on a pentatonic scale. You may remember that many selections from "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (our African American hymnal for the Episcopal Church) uses many pentatonic scales in their music as well. Both the Appalachian people and African Americans were often disadvantaged and impoverished groups in American history. Many of the Appalachian Mountain People were targeted during the early 20th century for extermination experiments because they were seen as degenerate people due to their poverty and lack of education. Edwin Black notes many of the atrocities committed against the Appalachian Mountain People in the name of science and population control experiments in his book The War Against the Weak. Results of these population experiments in the early 20th century were then borrowed by the Nazis in the Third Reich to help implement genocide and population control strategies; many Americans do not know that the inhabitants of the Appalachian Mountains were the first group to be the testing ground for racial cleansing.

Both the Appalachian people and African Americans understood the pain of being oppressed and disadvantaged, and they were the groups that gave us the catharsis of the Blues, spirituals, and folk music. Both of these groups, often being disadvantaged, uneducated and impoverished (through no fault of their own but by systems in place to oppress these peoples), produced music that was often different, but by default, far more soulful and reflective of everyday life than other music.

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The performance notes for Missa Appalachia note that "This music is not meant to be sung briskly, but sturdily and soulfully." These groups might not have had formal music education due to their isolation from mainstream society, but they had heart, soul and their own thriving culture which they could call their own. I encourage you to consider the rich history contained in this mass setting and join us on June 13th to appreciate this bit of culture and history (and celebrate the anniversary of the ordination of our Priest In Charge!)

Before I end music notes for this month, I would like to encourage those of you in the congregation who have musical talents to share those talents with the congregation during "Ordinary Time." We have a large amount of vacancies during the "Offertory" at the 10:15 service for special music. We would love to hear you play an instrument, sing or collaborate with another member of the congregation and share your talents with us! Contact me and we can arrange to hear your talents during the offertory. Feel free to send me an e-mail at annettemargaret.n@gmail.com or meet me before or after the 10:15 service on Sundays.

Your music director,

Annette Nelson

From our friends at Bethany Lutheran

Bible Study
A Bible Study is hosted by Bethany Lutheran Church (200 3rd Ave) at Knickerbocker’s Tavern on 6th Ave. We have been meeting on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month around 6pm (we want to make sure everyone gets a chance to eat and have conversations before we dive into our Bible Study). Our Summer Theme has been a study of the Ten Commandments which has provided great conversations in how the commandments or covenantal promises were significant in the time Moses and today in 2016. We hope you join us on June 7th and 21st as continue “Tapping into our Faith!”

Vacation Bible School
Summer is finally approaching and do you know what that means for our Sunday School teachings? VBS!! This year due to the decrease in Bethany Lutheran’s youth, we’re opening up our evening of fun and teachings for the whole family! Every 2nd Saturday during the summer, starting in June, join us from 2-4pm for FAMILY FUN DAYS!!

On our first day, June 11th, we’re planning on having strawberry shortcakes to sell and activities like planting flowers by the new Jefferson Park—our theme for June is Creation! In preparation for this event we are also asking for any donations of flower seeds, paper egg cartons, or any garden tools to borrow. Anyone interested in helping out or has items to use/donate, please contact Bethany Lutheran’s Church Office at 814-944-7560.

Hope to see you there!
Prayer List

We pray for comfort and healing for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially those listed below:

- Andy and the youth with whom he works
- Renny Alley
- Terry Andrew
- Sr. Mary Angela
- Stephen Auker
- Bishop Nathan Baxter
- Debbie Beck
- Marty Beck
- Fr. Harold Bishop
- Virginia Bishop
- Maryanna Bollinger
- Debbie Burgan
- Jeanette Burgan
- John Burns
- Larry Carothers
- Terry Carothers
- Brian Collins
- Charlotte Cooper
- Mendle Covitch
- William Crouse
- Sharon Debernardis
- James Dengler, Sr.
- Lois Dickson
- Evelyn & family
- Michael Fellabaum
- Trenia Fulton Reynolds
- Barbara Gardner
- Chris Gardner
- Rhonda Giselman
- Anna Graybill
- Skip Gracey
- Barry Griswold
- Barbara Campbell Hall
- Deb Hockenberry
- Tristan Houser
- Loraine Knisely
- Mark Kuhn
- Greg Leach
- Joel Leamer
- Maddie Letsche
- Jerry Lescher
- Ellen Little
- Ken Loose & Family
- Dee Lynch
- Jane Lynn
- Louise Magee
- Jim & Patti Markley
- Martha Maitland
- Bob McGregor
- Donald Messer
- Jane Miller
- Bruce Moran
- Laurie Moran
- Beth Morningstar
- Milton Nickola
- Gwen Pattillo
- Ed Petrisski
- Leslie Pitzer
- Denise Reeder
- Mary Jane Reeder
- Cleda Rencher
- James Ritchey
- Robert
- Jim Ross
- Bud Russell
- Carl Russo
- Jack Servello
- Phil Sky
- Theresa Smith
- Kathy Steiner
- Carol Stevens
- Janice Sunderland
- Phyllis Szeweak
- Glenna Thompson
- Connie Trach
- Toni White
- Dave Williams
- Frances Woomer
- Addison Zearfaus

Home Visitations

If you find yourself in need of a pastoral visit at home or in a hospital, please notify the Church office or call Fr. Josh on his cell phone at (720) 496-3760. You may also reach him by e-mail at rector@stlukesaltoona.org. Fr. Josh is always glad to accompany you through whatever pastoral need arises in your life.

Additionally, Communion from the Reserved Sacrament is available to all home-bound (or hospitalized) parishioners. Please call the church office or e-mail the church office at info@stlukesaltoona.org to get on the list.

Office Hours

**Administrative Office Hours:**
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30am-2:30pm

**Father Josh's Office Hours:**
Call the church office or Father's cell phone (720)496-3760 to schedule an appointment.
Hoagie Sales

We want to express a huge thank you for the amazing help we had with making this month’s hoagie fundraiser such a success. The sales surpassed our expectations along with the amount of help we had to prepare them. Working together in this way will make great things to continue happening! Thank you again and again.

Rob Gohn and Laura Gottfried-Letsche slicing tomatoes for hoagies with the brand new slicer he so generously provided for us.

The beginning of our community garden. We want to thank everyone for your help and we look forward to growing with you all.

Father Josh blessing the new community garden.
June Birthdays

Jude Kauffman       June 1
Debbie Jacobs       June 7
Erika Marino        June 8
Katherine Jillard   June 9
Abigail Novak       June 12
Rose Everhart       June 15
Mary Amato          June 16
Zoe Bellamy         June 17
Jon Gottshall       June 17
Jordon Noel         June 18
Madelyn Pastore     June 18
Bud Russell         June 18
Tiffany Bailey      June 19
Josie Carles        June 20
Jean Conrad         June 20
Louise Magee        June 20
Bob Bellon          June 21
Matthew Iuzzolino   June 21
Joey Reed           June 23
Sam Magee           June 25
Rowan Merrick       June 25
Carles Bowser       June 28
Melanie Thompson    June 30
Peyton Williams     June 30

Diocese of Central PA
Summer 2016 Youth Conference
June 15-19

New Location!
The Susquehanna House
8664 South Rd 220
Linden, PA 17744

Ages 12-18
$150 per person
Scholarships always available.

Service work in the Williamsport Area
Tubing on the Susquehanna River
Worship, fellowship, hiking, bonfires, games
Come with your youth group or ride solo and ready to meet new people!

Register online at youth.diocesecpa.org
Questions, scholarships, or volunteer info?
Contact: Youth Committee Co-Chairs Mary Ellen Klahn
CPAYouthComp@gmail.com or 717.478.5655

Happy Anniversary!!!

Sam & Susan Magee             June 12
Drew & Annie Appleman         June 14
Vince & Joyce Remillard       June 15
Michael & Katie Fiore         June 16
Bob & Donna Bellon            June 19
Bill & Jennie Sigmon          June 28
Music Camp

Music Camp 2016
10th Anniversary Year
June 19th - 24th
6:30 PM
Mark your calendar!

Plan now to be a part of the fun!!

The Wehnwood United Methodist Instrumental Music Camp is open to people of all ages!

Children who have completed a year of musical experience and who have completed grade 4 or above are invited to be a camper. Children who have completed grade 10 or have graduated are welcomed to come to the camp as a mentor. Mentors sit in with our campers and help them one-on-one with the music. This camp is intended for the kids to dust off their instruments during the summer, learn a little more about music and God, and of course, Make a Joyful Noise. We also try to teach the kids that they are given a God given talent with music and that they should share it to the world!

Throughout a night of camp, a student will experience a joyful devotion, both large and small group rehearsals, and a mini-concert. There is an amazing mini-concert that takes place at the end of camp each night. We bring in a professional musician or artist and they explain how their instrument works and plays it for us. Some of the instruments that have been showcased in these mini-concerts have been bagpipes, a harp, dulcimer, percussion, and the recorder family.

The camp leads up to a Friday night concert that has been held outsidemany years, but moved into the Altoona Area Junior High auditorium last year. The concert is held for the public and is free. The campers are recognized during the concert and afterwards there is a reception for everyone!

**Special Mini-Concert on Wednesday Evening**

Altoona Community Band
7 PM–Parking Lot of Wehnwood UMC

Register online at
http://www.wehnwoodumc.net/music_camp

The gym is looking so bright and cheery now thanks to the Beacon! The electrician was installing the new lights just this morning, Friday May 27.
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