



2023



HOLY WEEK

Worship Services

April 2, Sunday of Passion/Palm 9:30 am

April 6, Maundy Thursday 5:00 pm

April 7, Good Friday 7:00 pm

April 9, Resurrection of Our Lord:

Easter Day 10:30 am

Sunday of Passion/Palm: Reading of the Passion by St. Luke members. Worship will begin at 9:30 am.

Maundy Thursday: We will worship with Pastor Scott Staub of New Hanover Lutheran Church. The service will include communion and will begin at 5:00 pm.

Good Friday: Bobbie Hoffman, Director of Discipling at St. James Lutheran Church in Limerick, will lead worship at 7:00 pm.

Resurrection of our Lord: Easter Day: Our service will begin at 10:30 am. We will worship with Pastor Ric Elliott, former pastor at New Hanover Lutheran, currently serving at Trinity, Lansdale.

Transition Team News

The Transition Team has completed the Ministry Site Profile. Council will take the next step - selecting a Call Committee of 5-7 members. Once selected the Call Committee will be installed at a Sunday Church Service. The Call Committee is

responsible for reviewing applicants and making a selection recommendation to Church Council. The Congregation will have a chance to vote on the selected candidate at a special meeting.

God's Work, Our Hands

Our local Veteran's group is in need of specific items which are always a challenge to keep on hand. These items include men's thermals, sweat pants and crew neck sweat shirts, sizes L-3XL. Dale Shaner's Thrivent Team has provided seed money to purchase these items. If you would like to make a donation for our Vets, please choose a tag or two from the Giving Tree in the Narthex. We have also placed a box in the Narthex for those who would like to donate. We will be collecting until Sunday, April 30.

Community Clothing Rack News



Even though the Community Clothing Rack at St. Luke receives many, many donations, there are some items that we just do not get enough to help those who come to shop. Ruth Ann Shaner used her Thrivent Action Team money to purchase underwear for all genders and ages, and bags for the shoppers to use when they shop at the CCR. Please see the picture on page 2 to see the items that were purchased.

If you would like more information on how to use your Thrivent action team dollars, Please call the church office. Don't miss an opportunity to help those in need.



Donated Items to CCR (Above)

Last month, the dedicated volunteers of the CCR also sorted and delivered specific items to PA Workwear, Opportunity House Shelter, and Genesis. Thank you Volunteers!

Friendship Cards

Ukrainians have a tradition for the priest to bless their Easter baskets. Last Easter as well as this one, people in Bohodukhiv cannot attend church or gather in large groups. We made 88 cards of cheer that will arrive in time for Orthodox Easter. Vita, one of the English teachers, will have her students translate the cards. Thank you for participating in this people-to-people project.



Calendar

Apr. 2	Palm Sunday 9:30 am
Apr. 4	Cherub Choir 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Apr. 5	CCR Donations 1:00-4:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm
Apr. 6	Maundy Thursday 5:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm
Apr. 7	Good Friday 7:00 pm AA 8:30 pm
Apr. 9	Easter Sunday 10:30 am
Apr. 11	Cherub Choir 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm
Apr. 12	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm
Apr. 13	Council Meeting 6:45 pm CCR Shopping 6:00-8:00 pm
Apr. 14	AA 8:30 pm
Apr. 16	2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am
Apr. 18	Cherub Choir 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Apr. 19	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm
Apr. 20	Girl Scouts 6:30 pm
Apr. 21	AA 8:30 pm
Apr. 23	3rd Sunday of Easter 9:30 am
Apr. 25	Cherub Choir 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm
Apr. 26	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm
Apr. 28	AA 8:30 pm
Apr. 30	4th Sunday of Easter 9:30 pm

Thank You

Thank you for all the well wishes and cards that you sent me while I was in the hospital;. Your thoughtfulness and kind words are very much appreciated.

- Linda Fronheiser

SLLC Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Scott Moyer, as council president. Connie Hukari has work commitments and would be arriving late. The motion was passed. Our meeting was held in person.

Attendance: Tim Kenna, Scott Moyer, Mike Ferraro, John Bealer, Bonnie Kuser, Donna Conrad, Donna Biehl, Joe Vendetti, Tom Undercuffler, Connie Hukari.

Excused: Pam Reifsnnyder, Dave Janzow and Pastor Folkes was on vacation.

Adoption of the Current Agenda:
The agenda for the meeting was adopted as is with a motion by Tim Kenna, second by Bonnie Kuser. The motion passed.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 12, 2023 were approved on a motion by Tim Kenna, second by Donna Conrad. The motion passed.

Devotions were led by Joe Vendetti.

Sharing was held.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Transition team/MSP review: Mike Ferraro reported that the MSP is almost complete. Jobs that need to be done yet are:
 - o Attach video
 - o Attach the annual report
 - o Attach the audit
 - o Reported that we should be able to send to the synod within a week of two.
 - o Also a call committee needs to be formed. Names were recommended for the call committee. Pastor Folkes will be consulted with how and when to form the call committee.
- Congregational meeting: discussion held. Everyone agreed it went well. Everyone was pleased with the great food and Joe Vendetti's video.

- Audit: Forming a committee to do the annual audit. Will probably consist of Dusty Rhoads, Mike Burkhart, and Mike Shalaway.

Pastors Report – no report as pastor was absent.

Treasurer's report:

Scott Moyer gave the treasurer's report. The report was accepted with a motion from Bonnie Kuser, second by Donna Conrad. The motion passed.

Committees:

Standing Committees

- Worship & Music – A discussion was held about getting the organ fixed. An organ repair serviceman will be coming to give an estimate to repair the organ. A discussion was held as to whether and when to start an organ replacement fund.
- Parish Life - It was determined that no soup suppers will be held this year due to very minimal attendance last year and lack of volunteers to make soup. Will revisit next year and will need a volunteer to run the kitchen.
- Installation of new council members will be held February 26.

New Business:

We had a discussion on the feasibility installation of a new electronic sign. Estimated will be forthcoming.

Adjournment:

Tim Kenna moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Bonnie Kuser seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sponsors

There are open slots for sponsoring the Flowers, Communion Elements, Sanctuary Lamp and Bulletins for our weekly worship services.

Communion Elements, Sanctuary Lamp and Bulletins are a \$10 donation. Flowers are purchased and brought to the sanctuary. Please let the church office know if you would like sponsor a date.

Audio Visual Schedule

Date	Tech
April 2	Ron Ball
April 9	Ron Hukari
April 16	Ron Ball
April 23	Mike Ferraro
April 30	Ron Hukari



THANK YOU!

Dear St. Luke Lutheran Church,

We wanted to say thank you! We greatly appreciate your generous donation of clothing that you collected for Genesis! Your generosity will greatly help & serve those in need here in Pottstown. Every bag of clothing & donation helps Genesis Women's Clinic to keep helping those in need. Thank you so very much!

Much Thanks,
Genesis Women's Clinic

April Birthdays



April 1	Ross Geiger
April 2	Joyce Evans Connie Hukari
April 4	Lindsay White
April 5	Melinda Conrad
April 6	Alexandra Dreyman Dave Durante
April 7	Dan Harris
April 8	Owen Tabaklis
April 9	Hilda Cooney Brooke Kenna
April 12	Donna Biehl Matt Wambold
April 13	Tyler Jacob Simone Penney Maxwell Shalaway
April 14	Dale Shaner Landon Wenger
April 16	William Vendetti
April 19	Giuliana Gregory
April 21	Makenna Hess
April 23	Brenda Butcher
April 25	Lori Lyons
April 28	Jordon Treichler Kyle Weller
April 30	Jenna Albright

Life doesn't require that we be
the best, only that we try our
best. - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

March Attendance

March 5	40
March 12	42
March 19	40
March 26	49
2023 Yearly Average	42.3
2022 Yearly Average	43

A Message from Our Music Director

The daffodils are in bloom at St. Luke, and the Easter season is nearing. The lilies have been ordered, and the white paraments will soon replace the purple ones. The hymn tunes and music will soon reflect this change in the church year as well. Just as "Silent Night" is always sung on Christmas eve, the hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" will surely be sung at Easter morning worship!

This hymn text is based on a 14th century Latin hymn, but the words and melody we use date to 1708 in a collection known as *Lyra Davidica*. The renowned hymn text writer, Charles Wesley, added stanza 4 later, and an unknown editor added alleluias to make the text fit the tune. When we sing this hymn on Easter morning, imagine singing the same Easter hymn that fellow Christians sang for over 300 years!

— Lincoln Noecker

Wedding Anniversaries



April 7 Jim & Donna Biehl
 April 10 Scott & Martyne Moyer
 April 21 Ted & Valerie Schlegel
 April 24 Richard & Carol King

Happy Anniversary!

If you celebrate an anniversary but it is not listed or have any other corrections, please contact the church office.

St. Luke Prayer Chain Ministry

As a reminder, St. Luke has an active prayer chain ministry. If you have a life event or health concern that you would like to have aided by prayer, please call the church office. We have a group of prayer warriors lead by Ruth Nice who are here for your needs.

Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Lector	Ushers	Office Volunteer
Apr. 2	Ron Ball	Ron Hukari Dave Janzow	Pat Hallman (Mar. 30)
Apr. 9	Dave Janzow	Larry Billger Terry Conrad	Donna Biehl (Apr. 6)
Apr. 16	Mike Romasco	Gary Fronheiser Ron Hukari	Cindy Bealer (Apr. 13)
Apr. 23	Connie Hukari	Dave Girton Ron Hukari	Pat Hallman (Apr. 20)
Apr. 30	Joe Vendetti	Larry Billger Terry Conrad	Donna Biehl (Apr. 27)



April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

— William Shakespeare

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