



2025

A Word from Minister Bobbie



Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1

As we enter the month of November, our hearts turn toward gratitude. This is a season to pause, reflect,

and recognize the many ways God's goodness fills our lives. From the beauty of autumn's colors to the warmth of family gatherings, there is so much for which to thank God .

Here at **St. Luke**, we will be celebrating *gratitude all month long!*

On November 2nd, we begin with **All Saints Sunday**, a sacred time to remember and give thanks for all those faithful saints—past and present—who have shaped our faith and shown us what it means to walk with Christ. Their lives continue to inspire us to serve and love as they did.

On **Sunday, November 9th**, we will also take time in worship to **honor our veterans**, giving thanks for their courage, sacrifice, and service. During that same service, we'll reflect on all the ways God has blessed us and provides countless opportunities for us to be a blessing to others.

A heartfelt thank you goes to **Karen Girton and granddaughter Addison** for creating our beautiful **Thanksgiving Tree** on the bulletin board in the far side of the narthex.

Throughout November, everyone is encouraged to write a way they have been blessed at St. Luke on a leaf and add it to the tree. As the month unfolds, our tree will grow more vibrant—a visible reminder of God's abundant goodness in our community.

Then, at our **Thanksgiving Eve service**, we'll not only enjoy delicious pie together but also read aloud the blessings shared on our Thanksgiving Tree. What a wonderful way to give thanks as a church family!

My prayer is that each of you will experience a month full of God's blessings—both big and small—and find joy in sharing them with family, friends, and neighbors. May gratitude fill your heart and overflow into every corner of your life.

With a Thankful Heart and Love in Christ,

Minister Bobbie



God's Work, Our Hands

Fall Fest

The Fall Feast was a success. The weather was beautiful! Everyone seemed to enjoy the potluck lunch, Bonnie Kuser's candy guessing games and fellowship. Several residents at St. Luke Knolls joined us for the service, picnic and bingo. Celeste and Ron Ball used her Action Team funds to purchase the bingo prizes.



Continuing its support, the Community Clothing Rack once again contributed clothing to the Boyertown School District. As a reminder

CCR is open every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of the month for shopping.



Calling All Knitters!

Yes, we still need you!

Shriner's Hospital and a local family shelter are in need of cozy hats—newborn sizes, children's hats of all kinds, and even adult styles. If you'd like to help, please visit the small room near the kitchen to find yarn and supplies. Every stitch brings warmth and comfort to someone in need!

Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and donated to the **Boyertown Library Basket raffle!** The generosity of the community helped us raise over \$12,000 for the library! The weekend was filled with laughter, smiles and good times. Your support is what continues to make this annual event so successful. It is an incredible achievement and we want to thank each donor who made it possible. We are truly grateful! (Mike Ferraro's Thrivent grant allowed the Social Ministry Committee to create five baskets.)



The Bally Lions held a Halloween parade on Oct. 20th. They sent the following message to St. Lukes.

The Bally Lions would like to Thank You for your very generous donation for our Halloween parade. We distributed candy to kids that attended the parade and also handed out dollar coins to all kids that participated in the parade.

Sincerely, Bally Lions

(The candy was purchased as part of Pete Huber and Rick Ingram Thrivent Action Team.)



Poinsettia Orders

Yes – it's that time again! We'll be ordering poinsettias from Levengood's Flowers to place in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. They will be in place for the 2:00 and 7:00, p.m. services. You are welcome to take them home with you that night after the 7:00 service, or following the 9:30, a.m. service on Dec. 28.

Please fill out the form below. If paying by check, the checks need to be made payable to **St. Luke Lutheran Church.**

Tentative orders are due November 30. The final date for orders is December 7.

Name: _____

_____ **Red** _____ **White**

Plants are sponsored in memory of: _____

Plants are sponsored in honor of: _____

Amount of cash/check enclosed in envelope (\$11.00 per plant) : _____



November 3	Tracey Levengood
November 8	Alyssa Romasco
November 8	Amanda Smoyer
November 12	Emily Huber
November 15	Ron Hukari
November 16	Carol Prout
November 17	Donna Trout
November 17	Brad Boyer
November 17	Beth Boyer
November 18	Mason Casas
November 19	Trudy Durante
November 19	Nicole Thomas
November 21	Shirley Moyer
November 21	Maribeth Huber
November 24	Michael Burkhart

A Veteran's Day Salute

Veteran's Day will be observed during the worship service on **November 9**, followed with a time for food and fellowship! Also, on **November 11, at 4:00, p.m.** you're welcome to come to St. Luke, and sit in the parking lot, or pavilion for carillon music especially chosen for Veteran's Day. The service hymns of the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces will be played, along with some patriotic music.

Join us! Should you be a resident of St. Luke Knolls, or live in the immediate area, you'll probably be able to enjoy the music from your front door, porch, or open window!

Veterans, we thank you for your service!



Thanksgiving Eve Service



Join us for a special evening of Thanksgiving blessings and delicious pies. We will gather on **Wednesday,**

November 26th, at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall at St. Luke, for a brief service of worship, sharing our gratitude before we feast on a variety of delicious pies.

Ways to Give Monetary Donations to St. Luke

You can donate or give an offering to St. Luke by using several methods. Here are some suggestions to make your contribution easier to give.

Church envelopes - If you don't currently have envelopes, please contact the church office and a box of envelopes will be provided.

There are generic envelopes by the offering plate on the table in the lobby at the entrance to the sacristy.

Mail your donations to St. Luke, PO Box 388, Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Go to <https://stlukegilbertsville.org/generosity> and click on the "Generosity" page.

From your smartphone, text 73256, in the message area key STLUKE



Scan the QR below and follow the prompts.

St. Luke Calendar

Nov. 2	All Saints Day 9:30 am
Nov. 4	Worship & Music 3:00 pm
	Scouts 7:00 pm
Nov. 5	CCR Donations 1:00-4:00 pm
Nov. 6	Girl Scouts 6:30 pm
Nov. 7	AA 8:30 pm
Nov. 9	22nd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am
Nov. 11	Scouts 7:00 pm
Nov. 12	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00 pm
Nov. 13	CCR Shopping 6:00 pm
	Council Meeting 6:45 pm
Nov. 14	AA 8:30 pm
Nov. 16	23rd Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am
Nov. 18	Scouts 7:00 pm
Nov. 19	Shopping CCR 1:00-4:00pm
Nov. 20	Girl Scouts 6:30 pm
Nov. 21	AA 8:30 pm
Nov. 22	Craft show 9:00-2:00 pm
Nov. 23	24th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30 am
Nov. 25	Scouts 7:00 pm
Nov. 26	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00pm
Nov. 28	AA 8:30 pm
Nov. 30	1st Sun. of Advent 9:30 am

Wedding Anniversaries

November 3	Walter & Lindsay White
November 4	Dave & Trudy Durrante



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



Why was the Thanksgiving soup so expensive? It had 24 carrots.
Why did the cranberries turn red? Because they saw the turkey dressing.



All Saints Day



All Saints Day is celebrated November 2nd. Please remember the following Saints that departed us from November 2024—2025:

Cheryl Burinsky	Jean Christy
Hilda Cooney	Ruth Hanson
Peter Zacharias	Bea Johnson
Roberta Gutshall	Terry Oxenreider
Scott Shalaway	Edna Swenson
Robin Sowers	Sue Lowry
Martha Kolb	Patrick Sisk
Greg Laskoskie	Sandy Wesner
Gerry Moyer	Donald Moyer
Virginia Specht	Doris Brooks
Diane Moore	William Campbell
Tom Fritz	Donald B.
Gerry Kuser	Donna Landis
Betty Keim	John Allen
Pope Francis	Terri Ann Kane
Eileen Beaty	Donna Steffie
Sherwood Hallman	Edward Thrashe Jr
June Tim	Paul Moatz



Craft Show- November 22

Are you ready!? If not, please get ready for the St. Luke Craft Show on November 22, 2025, from 9 a.m. – 2 pm. You won't want to miss a day of fun, food, and fellowship!!

We have 10 great crafters who will have their creations on display for you to look at and purchase!!

The basket raffle will have 8 baskets for you to buy tickets for, in hopes of having our ticket called at 1:15pm. You don't have to be present to win. We will call you!!!

We'll have wonderful baked goods for sale, terrific soup, hoagies, and beverages. All food is purchased at the show but taken home to eat. **(Note:** Stay tuned for information on the hoagies. You will be able to order them before the Nov. 22 Craft Show!)

Last, but certainly not least, Grandma's Attic will be ready with wonderful bargains for all! You don't want to miss it!!

It's going to be a good day, from start to finish. If you want to help, contact Bonnie Kuser or Kathy Billger. We'll see you there!!!

Thanksgiving Tree

This November St. Luke will be building a Thanksgiving Tree on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Help our tree grow! Please stop by the display and add a leaf, sharing a thankful message of how God has blessed you through our church community. We can't wait to see our Thanksgiving Tree fill up with all the wonderful blessings we have

received from God at St. Luke! Blank leaves, pushpins, and pens will be made available next to the bulletin board. Please write your message on a leaf and add it to the display in any location you would like. Please feel free to add several leaves to our tree! As our Thanksgiving Tree fills with leaves, it will become a powerful visual representation of our congregation's collective gratitude and praise to our Lord.

St. Luke Women's Retreat 2026

ABIDE WITH ME... A Journey of Dwelling with Jesus"

- January 30 – February 1, 2026

For over 20 years, a core group of women from St. Luke have gathered for a special off-site weekend retreat — a time to step away from the everyday and draw closer to God and one another.

Through **active Bible study**, we explore our spirituality and share our life's journey with **Jesus Christ**. Together we **worship, laugh (and sometimes cry), create, play, and enjoy delicious meals**. There's time for reflection, fellowship, crafts, games, and exploring the beauty of the outdoors.

Each year, we return home **refreshed, renewed, and spiritually recharged** — already looking forward to the next time we'll gather.

✦ We'd love for you to join us!

Bring a friend and come experience a weekend of faith, friendship, and fun as we learn to truly *abide with Him*.



Women's Retreat Registration

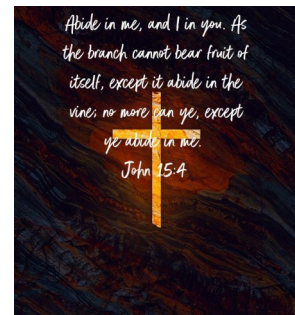
Retreat date: January 30-February 1, 2026

Theme: Abide With Me

Please register by November 15th

Please complete the form

Give form to Leslie with \$100 deposit



Name	
Email	
Cell Phone	
Allergies	
Any Special Requests	

Farewell



It has been my pleasure to work with all the wonderful people here at St. Luke as the office administrator for the past six years. I have grown to love the people I serve and

am thankful to be a part of this small church with a big heart.

Thank you for all the wonderful gifts, celebrations and good luck wishes that I have received in the last couple weeks. It has truly touched my heart. This position of Office Administrator has not only deepened my faith but surrounded me with a

community of kindness, generosity, and love. I'm deeply grateful. Thank you. Your support has meant the world, and please know—I will miss you all dearly as I go off to retirement.

May the good Lord continue to bless this congregation as they worship and serve this community. And in the words of my husband, "Go get 'um!"

Hugs,
Marsha Staub

"They still bear fruit in old age: they are ever full of sap and green." Psalm 92:14



**St. Luke Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes**
Date: September 17, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Leslie Romasco President. The motion passed. Our meeting was held in person.

Attendance: Pam Reifsnyder, Donna Biehl, Mike Ferraro, SAM Bobbie Hoffman, Leslie Romasco, Joe Vendetti, Bonnie Kuser and Dave Girton

Excused: John Bealer, Scott Moyer, Tom Undercuffler, Pete Huber and Vince Harris

Adoption of Current Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted as is with a motion by Mike Ferraro and second by Donna Biehl. The motion passed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting of June 12, 2025, were approved with motion by Dave Girton and second by Donna Biehl. The motion passed.

Devotions were by SAM Bobbie Hoffman

Sharing was held.

Correspondence: None.

❖ **Unfinished/Old Business**

- **Stewardship** – Meeting scheduled for Oct. 1.
- **Updating the Church directory** – Cover is completed and waiting to be printed.
- **Administrative Assistant Search Team** – Add was posted on the sign. They have 3 potential candidates.
- **Clothing Rack AC** – The AC has been installed. Memorial funds were used to cover the balance.
- ❖ **Pastor's Report** – 20 congregational calls were made. Lenten services were decided. Summer services we will let the congregation pick what they want to hear in a sermon.

❖ **Treasurer's Reports (see report)**

- Dave Girton made a motion to accept the report and Mike Ferraro made a second. The motion passed.

Committees

❖ **Standing Committees**

- **Worship & Music** – See report
- **Stewardship**
- **Finance**
- **Evangelism** – Men's breakfast celebration is on 9/26. Boscov tickets on sale.
- **Social Ministry** – See Report
- **Property Committee** – Suggestion was made to give the church a face lift.
- **Endowment**
- **Youth Group**
- **Christian Ed**
- **Parish Life** – Oct. 19 will be a celebration for Marsha.
- **Mutual Ministry**
- **Audit**
- **Technology** – Need to find a home for the old carillon. The new phone system is set up. Bobbie's laptop is up and running.

❖ **Organizations**

- **Clothing Rack**
- **Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts**
- **Community Connections/St Luke Knolls**

New Business –

- **Letter from Linc** – Letter was received from Linc announcing he is retiring as of Dec 31.

Adjournment

- ❖ Bonnie Kuser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Donna BiehlukariH seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- ❖ SAM Bobbie Hoffman concluded with a prayer.
- ❖ Our next meeting is Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 6:45 pm.
- ❖ Dave Girton will lead devotions at the next meeting.
- ❖ Tom Undercuffler will provide refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Reifsnyder
Secretary of Church Council



October Attendance	
October 5	62
October 12	45
October 19	49
October 26	65
2025 Yearly Average	48.4
2024 Yearly Average	50.8

Worship Leader Schedule					
Date	Worship Leader	Lector	Ushers	Audio Visual	Office Volunteer
Nov. 2	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Connie Hukari	Gary Fronheiser Ron Hukari	Ron Hukari	Pat Hallman (Oct. 30)
Nov. 9	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Joe Vendetti	Dave Girton Pete Huber	Ron Ball	Donna Biehl (Nov. 6)
Nov. 16	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Mike Romasco	Larry Billger Terry Conrad	Mike Ferraro	Cindy Bealer (Nov. 13)
Nov. 23	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Emily Geiger	Gary Fronheiser Ron Hukari	Ron Hukari	Pat Hallman (Nov. 20)
Nov. 30	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Kathy Billger	Dave Girton Pete Huber	Mike Ferraro	Donna Biehl (Nov. 27)
Sacristan for October - Val Schlegel					

"Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day." — Robert Caspar



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