



A Word from Minister Bobbie



"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

— Psalm 90:12

Last Sunday, we gathered to bless our students, teachers, parents, and grandparents as they prepare for a new school year. After the service, I overheard three different people comment on how quickly the summer has flown by. Time seems to move faster with each passing year—or maybe I'm just moving a little slower! Later that day, I came across a devotional titled *Keep Time in Perspective*, and I felt led to share some thoughts with you as we step into this new season.

At times in the past I have been consumed by the busyness of life. And I am thankful that Psalm 90:12 has often turned me around to see the wisdom of stewarding the time God gives us.

We need to keep time in perspective so that we recognize the brevity of life and the eternal significance of our actions. In our fast-paced world, it's easy to prioritize time-sensitive pursuits over eternal truths. Yet Scripture calls us to seek wisdom in how we

use our time, investing in relationships, service, and spiritual growth.

Time is a precious gift from God, meant to be used purposefully and intentionally. When we "number our days," we align our priorities with God's kingdom purposes. We learn to value moments of rest, reflection, and worship, knowing that our ultimate goal is to honor God in all we do. Keeping time in perspective has helped to deepen my relationship with God and to enrich my interactions with others. It has taught me to cherish each day as an opportunity to glorify God and to serve others, shining the light of His kingdom.

If you are overwhelmed by the demands of time, pause and seek God's guidance. Ask Him to help you prioritize your life according to His will and to grant you wisdom in managing your time effectively, and to feel His love, grace, peace and presence always with you.

Spirit of God, guide us in stewarding our time wisely. Teach us to seek Your wisdom in all we do. May each moment be lived for Your glory and the advancement of Your kingdom. Amen.

With love in Christ,
Minister Bobbie



God's Work, Our Hands

Back to School Blessings

What a haul! Thanks to the Ruth Nice Thrivent grant and the generous contributions of so many others, our "Back to School " collection was a great success! Gilbertsville Elementary, Boyertown Elementary and the Boyertown YMCA Preschool all benefited from the St. Luke effort. In addition, all the students present were invited to select a few items from our stockpile! Many thanks for supporting our local students and educators as they begin a new year of growth and learning.



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!



Grant for Gilbertsville Fire & Rescue

Thank you to Ron Ball and the Thrivent Action Team for your \$250 donation to be used for the purchase of fire prevention supplies. This grant will be utilized to purchase smoke alarms to be distributed into our community. Smoke alarms are an essential safety device for homes. Is it time to check your batteries?



Save the Date



On **Sunday, September 28**, we will give thanks for the legacy of the Men's Breakfast and enjoy hospitality after worship.

August Attendance

August 3	32
August 10	40
August 17	49
August 21	58
August 31	TBD
2025 Yearly Average	47.8
2024 Yearly Average	50.8

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.



With every falling leaf, we are reminded that letting go can be graceful.



St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Council Meeting Minutes

Date: July, 2025

Due to council members schedules no meeting was held in July.

September Birthdays

Sept. 1	Theodore Barr
Sept. 2	Mason Jacob
Sept. 3	Keegan Thomas
Sept. 5	Lorelai Ingram
Sept. 6	Vince Harris
	Mike Shalaway
Sept. 7	Diane Breault
Sept. 8	Peyton Harris
Sept. 12	Larry Billger
	Addison Girton
	Lyle Ingram
	Caitlin Romasco-Penney
Sept. 13	Todd Conrad
	Lucas Stern
	Tom Undercuffler
Sept. 14	Alison Ball
	Chad Burns
Sept. 15	Katarina Ingram
Sept. 16	Mark Fitzgerald
Sept. 17	Jimmy Spiece
Sept. 19	Brett Durante
	Brad Wenger
Sept. 20	Rick Smith
Sept. 21	Cindy Bealer
Sept. 25	Benjamin Finger
	Luanne Ingram
	Brett Kenna
Sept. 27	John Bealer
	Wesley Pulliam

St. Luke Calendar

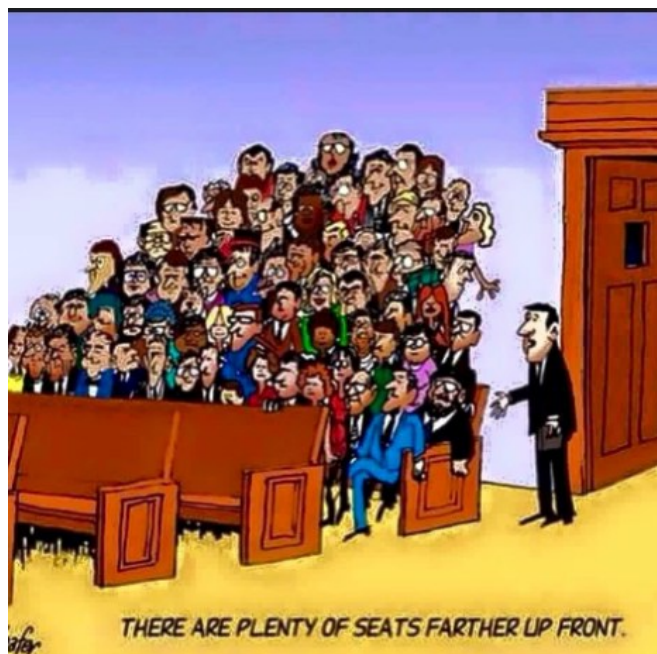
Sept. 1	Labor Day, church office closed
Sept. 2	Worship & Music 3:00pm
	Scouts 7:00pm
Sept. 3	CCR Donations 1:00-4:00pm
Sept. 4	Girl Scouts 6:30 pm
Sept. 5	AA 8:30pm
Sept. 7	13th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30am
Sept. 9	Scouts 7:00pm
Sept. 10	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00pm
Sept. 11	CCR Shopping 6:00-8:00pm
	Council Meeting 6:45pm
Sept. 12	AA 8:30pm
Sept. 14	14th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30am
Sept. 16	Scouts 7:00pm
Sept. 17	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00pm
Sept. 18	Girl Scouts 6:30pm
Sept. 19	AA 8:30pm
Sept. 21	15th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30am
Sept. 23	Scouts 7:00pm
Sept. 24	CCR Shopping 1:00-4:00pm
Sept. 26	AA 8:30pm
Sept. 28	16th Sun. after Pentecost 9:30am
Sept. 30	Scouts 7:00pm

Wedding Anniversaries



Sept. 1	Tom & Kathy Undercuffler
Sept. 4	Jimmy & Kim Spiece
Sept. 8	Jeffrey & Darby Taylor
Sept. 11	Larry & Sharon Hoffa
Sept. 16	Donald & Lisa Smoyer
Sept. 17	Gene & Tracey Levengood
Sept. 22	Larry & Bonnie Kuser
Sept. 25	Ross & Carol Geiger
Sept. 27	Paul & Christa Shankweiler

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



CCR Returns to Regular Hours



The Community Clothing Rack (CCR) is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church, dedicated to serving Jesus Christ by providing essential clothing to those in need.

Please note: Beginning **Wed., September 3**, CCR will return to its regular hours: Wednesdays from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

We look forward to continuing this mission of compassion and care. Thank you for your support!

Fall Feast & Fun Sunday

Save the Date! Join us on **Sunday, October 5 at 9:30 AM** for a joyful **Fall Feast & Fun Sunday** at the St. Luke Pavilion (weather permitting).

We'll begin with worship, followed by a festive **potluck meal**—St. Luke will provide the chicken, and we invite you to bring a covered dish to share.

Enjoy an afternoon of **bingo, guessing games, and good fellowship** as we celebrate the season together. We're also delighted to welcome the **residents of St. Knolls** to join in the festivities!

Worship Leader Schedule

Date	Worship Leader	Lector	Ushers	Audio Visual	Office Volunteer
Sept. 7	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Kathy Billger	Dave Girton Pete Huber	Ron Hukari	Donna Biehl (Sept. 4)
Sept. 14	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Mike Romasco	Larry Billger Terry Conrad	Ron Ball	Cindy Bealer (Sept. 11)
Sept. 21	Rev. Tyson Frey	Ron Ball	Gary Fronheiser Ron Hukari	Mike Ferraro	Pat Hallman (Sept. 18)
Sept. 28	Min. Bobbie Hoffman	Joe Vendetti	Dave Girton Pete Huber	Ron Hukari	Donna Biehl (Sept. 25)
Sacristan for September - Kathy Billger					

September teaches us how to change without losing warmth.



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