

THE TOWER

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OUR MISSION

To worship, learn and grow together in the knowledge of God and His Word. We are then sent into the world to share God's love, teach His Word, and serve those in need.

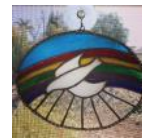
THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Thanksgiving usually involves gathering the family, stuffing the turkey, tuning in the parade and the football game and feasting on an overabundance of food. But does it also involved giving thanks? That IS the purpose of the day. Before you get into all the other traditions of the day, why not observe the original intention of the day and join us for Thanksgiving Worship on Wednesday evening, November 22 at 7:00 pm.? A pie fellowship will follow the service in the side narthex.



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

You are invited to bring a picture or object to worship on Sunday, November 4 that reminds you of a loved one who has passed away. We will have tables set up in the sanctuary for these pictures and mementos to be placed during services to remind us that we are, indeed, surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses. We will also have the roll call of saints that day of those we have lost in the last year from St. Luke's and there will be a time to light candles to remember loved ones.



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Daylight Savings is Sunday Nov 4th!!!!

TOLEDO SYMPHONY

Christmas Concert Series

**December 14th
7:30 PM**

Tickets on Sale starting Nov 4th

\$20/Ticket

Makes a great gift!



Greetings friends in Christ!

I had been discussing the book *Lasting Impact* but this month I felt a pull to talk about something a little different.

Grief has felt like it has been hanging prettily heavy around St. Luke's. We have experienced quite a few losses as a congregation and many of our individual members have been going through times of grief these last few months. Grief can be a very tangible thing especially when loss happens multiple times in a short time.

On Sunday, November 4 we will have our All Saints Sunday service. During this service the names of those from St. Luke's who have passed to the church triumphant will be lifted up. Also this year there will be tables around the sanctuary for you to place a picture and/or a memento of someone you have lost. The loss does not have to be from this last year it can be from any time in your life. We are doing this so that we have a physical reminder of the cloud of saints that is around us all our days and to help us know that we are joined together as a church with those saints that have gone before us, those who are beside us, and those who are yet to come. We will also have a time in the service for you to come forward and light a candle in memory of any loved ones.

Grief can be very heavy to carry with us. When we come together as a community and worship, we are working together to carry that grief and it makes it a little lighter. God created us to gather, to be together. I invite you each to come on November 4 and be a part of this community in lifting one another up in our griefs and celebrate with one another in the promise of God that comes through the resurrection victory.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ralyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER

Cirrhosis is a condition in which the liver does not function due to long term damage and scarring of the liver. Healthy liver cells detoxify harmful substances, cleans the blood, produces clotting proteins, bile, regulates sugar and fats, and makes vital nutrients. Cirrhosis comes on slowly with no symptoms and has many causes. Hepatitis, alcoholism, malfunctioning bile ducts, Cystic Fibrosis, injury, and many medications can kill liver cells.

Symptoms develop later in the disease, such as, fatigue, itchy skin, jaundice, no appetite, weight loss, leg and abdominal swelling, spider like blood vessels on the skin, bleeding (especially the esophagus and stomach), and confusion leading into unconsciousness. The doctor can diagnose the disease easily with blood tests, ultrasound, CT scan, MRI, and a liver biopsy. There is no cure for this disease, but many advances have been made with treatments to prevent further liver damage. A low sodium diet is usually ordered with good nutritious foods, BP meds for hypertension if necessary, vaccinations esp. for hepatitis, strict orders to avoid alcohol, and good control in treating the symptoms. A last resort is a liver transplant. There are new medications developed with research, which has stabilized many people and has prolonged their life.

Preventing this disease is suggested to avoid hepatitis by not sharing needles and using safe sex, getting the hepatitis vaccine, limiting many over the counter medications, and having low intake of alcohol.

Have a safe and healthy autumn!

Judy Diener R.N.



BEDFORD TOWNSHIP VETERANS

Computer lab is open for Veterans! There are four computers and a printer that were donated to the center.

Veterans will be able to do job searches and have assistance with resume writing which will be provided by the Bedford TWP library. Call the center to reserve your time at 734-224-7032.

Trunk or Treat for the center will be Saturday on the 27th from 1-3 in the Food Town parking lot. Candy will be passed out.

Congressman Tim Walberg will be having coffee with the Veterans on November 2nd at 10:00 at the center. Join us to chat and have him answer your questions.

Veterans day, Sunday November 11th, we will celebrate from 12-3. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be on the grill. Please RSVP for this.

The Center has been holding a food drive from October 22nd-26th, and you can find food boxes at most Bedford Schools.

Frogtown Computers will be holding an electronic recycling event at Food Town from 1-5 on November 17th.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CAMPAIGNS



Social Concerns has been busy, really busy! They have been graciously taking your donations to go towards the Bedford Schools homeless children hygiene bags, collecting warm coats

for those in need, collecting for the Thanksgiving Baskets, and so on! Thanks to you and their special ministry, many people will have plenty to keep them warm, clean and full. You're all wonderful and Social Concerns Thanks You!


SIGGI'S LUNCH BUNCH



On October 3rd, we had our style show and potluck. Four of our ladies went to the American Cancer Thrift Shop and purchased clothing, then modeled their outfits at our lunch. Cindy was our host; she works at the Thrift Shop. We collected \$76.00 for the American Cancer Society.

After our style show, we all had a very nice potluck. We had all kinds of dishes to choose from. We then discussed where we are going to meet for lunch next year. Next month, on November 7th, we are going to Pete's Garage on Telegraph in

Monroe, MI. In December we are going to Mancy's Steak House on Phillips Ave.

We hope to see you there. Nan 

2018-2019 Restaurants & Collections

Nov 7: Pete's Garage (Thanksgiving Baskets), Dec. 5 Mancy's on Phillips (Siggi Christmas), Jan 2: Sizzling Wok (Now I Lay Me Down), Feb 6: Lourdes College (Now I Lay Me Down), March 6: Old Sage Restaurant (Now I Lay Me Down), April 3 Sidelines Italian (Bedford Vets), May 1st, Inky's (Humane Society in Monroe), June 5th Brownstone (TBD), July 3rd Ladies Don't Meet, August Judy Nieman's Cottage (School Supplies), September 4th Red Star (Bell's Mission Trip), Oct 3rd Style Show/Potluck (American Cancer Thrift Shop), Nov 6 Trappers Tavern (TBD), Dec 4 Mancy's on Phillips (Siggi's Christmas).

GOOD GRIEFERS

They will dine at Inky's Italian Restaurant on November 8 at 4 pm. Please contact Donna Lennex if you will be attending.



SNOW SHOVELING

A sign up sheet is in the back and ready for people to sign up to help as we enter into the winter months.



LOVE U BOXES

We have received thanks from all of our college students for their Love U packages they recently received. It helped many of them get through very difficult mid-terms.

A NEW ADULT BASKETBALL SESSION

Is forming here at St. Luke's Please contact Tony Kurek if you might be interested in playing!

MEAL WITH A MISSION

St. Luke's will be joining in raising money to support the mission work being done in Honduras with a delicious Honduran meal. Join us November 10 at 2:30 pm to fill up with Honduran Tostadas and hear more about the mission work being done.

Contact Sarah Herr if you would like to help.



COMFORTERS QUILT DEDICATION



Over 180 quilts, planned, put together with loving hands, and helpful hearts. The comforters are diligent in their ministry, only taking off major holidays. They work together every Monday morning to prepare for when the quilts are sent to those to help keep warm. Thank you for all of your hard work!

CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

FIRST COMMUNION

We will be holding our first communion classes for our students who are entering into fifth grade. The dates scheduled are: Sunday, November 4, November 11 all from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Fierce Women's Bible Study

Our daytime class will meet on: November 1 to discuss "Herodias and Herodias" and November 15 to discuss "Priscilla and Phoebe and Lydia and Rhoda" at 1:00 pm and November 29 for our final session to discuss "Mary of Magdala" at 1:00 pm.

LUTHER HAUS BIBLE STUDY

Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month Pastor Robyn leads a Bible study at Luther Haus on Smith Rd at 10:00 am. This is open to all, you do not have to be a resident of Luther Haus. On the fourth Wednesday we share in communion following our study. We are studying the book of the prophet Isaiah. We hope you will join us!

COMING SOON: A TOUR OF THE BIBLE

Be on the lookout for information about Pastor Robyn's new Bible study beginning in January. It will be a tour of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. There will be a video portion as well as discussion portion of this study. Look in the back for a sign-up for best days/times. More information to come!

MINISTRY TEAMS

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS We are in need of worship assistants for all three services. We need greeters, ushers, and communion assistants. If you are interested or would like to know more about what is entailed in serving please see Pastor Robyn or any member of the worship life team. Training is available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVENT

This Sunday, October 28, we will be starting our 4th Sunday School Bible Experience. One of the Bible Experience Activities will be learning about Lydia, a seller of Purple cloth. Please join our Famous Women of the Bible class and meet in the kitchen at 9:40 a.m. for a Purple breakfast snack. Then we will move to a classroom where Lydia will visit us and explain how she became a follower of Christ---and also how she made Purple cloth. If time permits each child will also make a Purple fabric bracelet to take home. See you Sunday as we learn all about Lydia.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Bring donations for Social Concerns coat/blanket collection and Thanksgiving food boxes.

Bring a pie for after Thanksgiving Eve service.

GET INVOLVED

Looking for ways to be involved at St. Luke's?

Here are some one time commitment events coming up where we could use your help with!

Being a worship assistant for Thanksgiving Eve Service.

Help make "how-to" videos for Sacramental assistants, ushers, greeters, tech, etc. (Talk to Pastor Robyn)

Help with dramatic monologues for Advent. (Talk to Pastor Robyn)

People willing to model for our high school youth different skills such as: simple sewing (i.e. buttons, etc); basic home maintenance; what is involved with voting; etc.

Send notes to our college students

**BEST OF LUCK TO OUR
CONFIRMANDS**



SPOOKY TIMES AT ST. LUKE'S TRUNK OR TREAT

Thanks for all of the help! It was a terrific turn out, from everyone at St. Luke's and the community around us!





VETERANS DAY IS SUNDAY– NOVEMBER 11TH

We will be recognizing our veterans at all 3 services.

The music at our Traditional Services at 8:30 & 11:15 will be patriotic in theme.

Thank you for your service in keeping our nation safe.

One of our members, Roy Gephart, will be joining Honor Flight on Veterans Day, out of Columbus OH for mission #93. We wish him a safe flight and a wonderful time in Washington D.C.



Calendar of Events November 2018**November 1st**

1:00 Fierce (Women's Bible Study)

7:00 Cardio Drumming

7:30 AA/Al Anon

November 2nd**November 3rd****November 4th****ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship W/ communion

9:30 Coffee Hour

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

12:30 LYO Faithful Conversation Meeting

6:00 1st Communion

7:00 Cardio Drumming

November 5th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works Meal

7:00 Volley Ball

7:00 AA/Al Anon

November 6th

(mid-term election polling in gym.)

Play & Learn Fieldtrip

November 7th

5:00 Bedford Girls Basketball

Play & Learn Field trip

November 8th

5:00 Bedford Girls Basketball

7:00 Cardio drumming

7:30 AA/Al Anon

November 9th**November 10th**

2:30 Meal with a Mission

November 11th VETERANS DAY

8:30 & 11:15 Service of the Word With a Patriotic Theme

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

**November 11th (Continued)**

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 GiG Praise Worship W/communion

12:30 H2H

6:00 1st Communion Class

6:00 LYO

7:00 Cardio Drumming

November 12th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works! Meal

7:00 Volleyball

7:00 AA/Al Anon

November 13th

6:00 Executive committee

7:00 HAM Radio Group

7:00 Ministry Team Meetings

7:00 Play & Learn Board Meeting

November 14th

10:00 Luther Haus Bible Study

5:00 Girls Basketball

November 15th

1:00 Fierce

5:00 Girls Basketball

7:00 Cardio Drumming

7:30 AA/Al Anon

November 16th

4:30 Council Retreat

November 17th**November 18th****CONFIRMATION DAY!**

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship W/ communion

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

12:30 LYO

7:00 Cardio Drumming

November 19th

10:00 Comforters

November 19th (continued)

6:00 God Works! Meal

7:00 Volleyball

7:00 AA/Al Anon

November 20th

6:30 Church Council

November 21st**7:00** Thanksgiving Eve Service

Pie Fellowship following service

November 22nd**November 23rd****November 24th****November 25th**

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship W/ Communion

9:30 Coffee Hour/Blood Pressure Checks

9:45 Sunday School

10:00 GiG Praise Worship W/Communion

7:00 Cardio Drumming

November 26th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works Meal

7:00 Volley Ball

7:00 AA/Al Anon

November 27th**November 28th**

10:00 Luther Haus Bible Study

11:00 Luther Haus Communion

5:00 Girls Basketball

November 29th

1:00 Last Fierce Bible Study

5:00 Girls Basketball

7:00 Cardio Drumming

7:30 AA/Al Anon

November 30th

4:00 Colonial Christmas set-up

DATE/TIME	GREETER	USHER	SACRAMENT	LECTOR	COUNTER	COFFEE	ACOLYTE
November 4th	J Schmidt	S Fye/A Stahl	J Warren		Georgesons		
8:30	N Bowlin	Folgers	S Tipping P Yockey	A Crammond		YOU? YOU?	Jack Durivage Kian Freker
10:00	Mayo Family	Mayo Family	*****		Weiss		
11:15	E Beard, YOU?	E Beard, YOU?	K Crammond, J Mayo	G Crammond	R Gephart		Camden Barthle Owen Freker
November 11		J Waidelich K Ressler S Tipping	*****	C Bell	Cooks	Comforters	Cole Crouch Jack Durivage
8:30	Halters						
10:00	Hallstroms	Hallstroms	K Johnson YOU		D Chase		
11:15	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	*****	L Hafemeister	Schreiber's		Kate Eaton Austin Clise
November 18		J Waidelich K Ressler S Trevathan	C Bell C Halter S Emerson	G Heigel	S Tipping	YOU? YOU?	Jack & Grant Yeager
8:30	Erdmanns						
10:00	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	*****		D Chase		
11:15	J Sengstock, N Bowlin	J Sengstock N Bowlin	K Crammond, K Bristol, YOU?	E Beard	L Bourn		Rigdon Freker
November 25		Fraley/Warren	J Bock, YOU , YOU?	P Yockey	Georgesons	YOU? YOU?	Samarra Rodriguez
8:30	Merickels						
10:00	Barthle Bunch	Barthle Bunch	K Johnson, C Barthle		Bob Cook		Blake Theodorou
11:15	E Beard, YOU?	E Beard, YOU?	YOU? YOU? YOU?	J Herr	R Gephart		Jackie & Lily Fair



November 1st

Kevin Achinger

November 2nd

Betsy Winter, Ron Ressler

November 3rd

Clint Schreiber, Michelle Shephard

November 4th

Karen Miller, Jacob Henry

November 5th

Phyllis Wiseman

November 6th

Alaina Kirk

November 8th

Tom Peterson, Pat Kaiser

November 9th

Katarina Yeager

November 11th

Billy Schoch

November 13th

Avery & Austin Secor

November 14th

Jeffery Murzynski, Steve Murzynski

November 15th

Joanne Combs

November 16th

Rylie Schoch, Christina Baum-Hooven,
Jerry Bryant

November 18th

Sue Nieman

November 19th

Brad Knauss, Josh Yockey, Patricia Henry

November 21st

Shirley Fleeson

November 23rd

Jessie Dickson

November 24th

Dorothy Galdeen

November 25th

Rebecca Schoch

November 26th

Caleb Manore, Linda Olrich, Robert
Sengstock

November 28th

Karen Bryant, Laura Bourn, Jean Roberts,
Ben Deckman

November 29th

Katelyn Jackson



November 13th

John & Lynn Warren

November 20th

Catherine & Daniel Canning

November 23rd

Ed & Sandy Brushaber

Don & Barb Surface

November 28th

Ron & Judy Gephart

November 29th

Dawn & Gary Wright

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 4th: In Memory of Brenton
Burton, by Jan Burton, In Memory of
Mildred Powers by Fred & Sally

November 11th: In honor of Lynn & John
Warren's 48th Anniversary,

November 18th: In Honor of Ed & Sandy
Brushaber's 39th Anniversary, In honor of
Don & Barb Surface's 64th Anniversary

November 25th: In honor & memory of
Doug Olrich, In honor of Roy & Judy
Gephart's 54th Anniversary, In honor of
Clyde & Deb Shaulis's 38th Anniversary

THANK YOU!

I want to thank Pastor Robyn and my
St. Luke's family for their prayers,
cards and words of encouragement
while I recover from surgery. I love
you all. I give thanks to God for all He
gives and especially for you. May God
bless us in our journey together.

Your Sister in Christ,

Sandy Brushaber.



Ladies of St. Luke's Church,

You did your passed member proud.
Mom always took pride in the presen-
tation of Funeral dinners and I have to
say, the food was delicious. Please
thank everyone who donated their culi-
nary skills, time and energy to make
Mom's last farewell a beautiful
memory. (for June Hawkinson)

Gayle, Gary & Janet



Dear Partners In Ministry

Please allow us to express the gratitude
of Samaritas for your WELCA's
generous donation of \$375. on 10/9/18.
Samaritas appreciates your members'
commitment to serving people as an
expression of the love of Christ.

Your congregation's contribution
allows Samaritas to empower the
people we serve, enabling them to
overcome the challenges of trauma,
hopelessness, poverty and disability.
Together we provide a lifeline for
children who are without a home or
without hope. You help us provide
affordable choices and a sense of
independence for older adults and per-
sons with disabilities.

Gratefully,

Sam Beals, Kelli Dobner

Chief Executive & Advancement

HAPPY REFORMATION DAY!





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Worship Schedule

8:30 am — Traditional Service
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music

9:30- 10:30 am — Coffee Fellowship

9:45 am — Children's Sunday School

10:00 am — GiG Praise Service
Contemporary praise, worship, and children's time.

11:15 am — Traditional Service
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music

