



The Epistle

October 2009

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October 18 marks the commemoration of St. Luke. St. Luke was the author of two books in the New Testament: the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. As such, he is known in Christian tradition as an evangelist.

Apparently, Luke's work as an evangelist was a "second career" for him. He was a doctor by trade. In Colossians 4:14, St. Paul refers to "Luke the beloved physician." Luke's writings, particularly his gospel's descriptions of people's ailments and Jesus' healings, show that Luke was familiar with the medical science of that time. So St. Luke is also known as the patron saint of physicians and other practitioners of

the healing arts.

We will mark this occasion on Oct. 18 by including a service of laying on of hands, anointing and prayer for healing at our 10:15 service. This is purely voluntary. Anyone who desires may come forward to have me lay hands upon them, pray for healing and anoint the person's head with oil, as the New Testament instructs in James 5:14-15.

The prayer is generic: "I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace that you may know the healing power of his love." You may ask me to pray for a specific illness (physical, mental,

emotional or spiritual) during the laying on of hands, or your intention may be kept between you and God.

Also, at both services that Sunday, Kate Sweigart will deliver her testimony concerning the road of illness and recovery she has been walking for the past two years and the role her faith has played in that journey. I hope and pray our observance of St. Luke on Oct. 18 will strengthen us in our afflictions and lead us to look in faith to "the great physician," our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Stellhorn

Birthdays in October

Rebecca Aulthouse	10/2	Lindsay Fufts	10/9	Casey Miller	10/22
Kevin Smeak		Suzanne Thompson	10/10	Betsy Bein	10/23
Michele Farley	10/6	Jennifer Cavanaugh	10/10	John Faber	10/23
Roxann Kline	10/6	Herman (Bud) Newman	10/11	Ryan Faber	10/25
Jeff Plattenburg	10/6	Bonnie Strine	10/14	Adam Harbold	10/26
Jean Krumrine	10/7	Scott Baker	10/16	Carlean Mayers	10/31
Holly Sutphin	10/7	Olivia Null	10/18		
Virginia Bentzel	10/8	Renee Cluck	10/20		
Adele Mauck	10/8	Jeff Sneeringer	10/20		



Celebrating Their ANNIVERSARY

Tim & Deanna Topper
October 6

Justin & Michelle Colvin
October 13

Helen & Bob Klunk
October 14

Michael & LeeAnn Miller
October 14

Fred & Tammy Myers
October 14

David & Kristina Dillman
October 16

Ron & Carolyn Lehn
October 22

Alan & Barb DeGroft
October 22

Dave & Jenni Holt
October 25

Kevin & Darbye Smeak
October 25

Ron & Melinda Jones
October 26

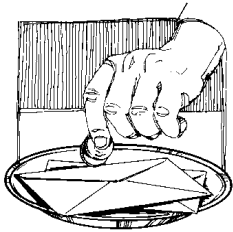
John & Pat Gantz
October 31

Worship Assistants for October

Counters	Mildred Bachman, Fern Bachman, Rich Burnette*, and Don Snyder*			
Communion Helpers	Rich Burnette* and Don Snyder*			
Altar Guild	Nancy Boyd and Terry Burnette*			
	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Lectors	Casey Miller	Sue Mauck	Jeff Plattenburg*	Jenn Yingling
Greeters	Barb Sentsz & Family	Larry Zepp Millie Zepp	Linda Smith Ken Smith	Bob Snyder Regina Snyder
Ushers – 8:00	Fern Bachman Millie Bachman	Ken Smith Linda Smith	Barb Zumbrum Ruth Ann Peart	Barry Cluck Loretta Cluck
Ushers – 10:15	Tracy Schwartz* Bob Palmer Karen Palmer Larry Zepp*	Melony Leidy Barb Sentsz Bob Snyder Regina Snyder	Alan DeGroft Clyde Keilholtz Pete Pautenis Ruth Pautenis	Mike Cutsail Mark Sweigart* Ed Windisch Theresa Windisch*
Acolytes	Charley Bein	Will Bein	TBA	TBA
Nursery Helpers	Barb Schwartz Emily Schwartz	Kimberly Bush Matt Bush	Robin Caples Melissa Caples	Ayleen, Rachel & Veronica Stellhorn

News From Property Committee

ROOF UPDATE



A TIME FOR
GIVING

Our Sunday School roof has now been replaced and our Sanctuary roof has been repaired. We have borrowed \$30,756.00 on our line of credit at Adams County National Bank to fund this project. Any monies which are given the remainder of this year will be applied directly to the principal of this loan. Monies given after that time will be applied to both the principal and interest of the loan. Please mark your monthly pink envelope or any envelope with "Roofing Project" when donating to this cause.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEES: ATTIC CLEAN UP DAY - 8:00 AM SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2009

1. Each Committee chairperson will need to schedule a convenient time ***PRIOR*** to the above date with all interested Committee members, to meet in the attic area to (sort) and decide what items should be kept and what items should be discarded.
2. Please have AT LEAST one (1) Committee representative available on the (Saturday) morning of the cleanup to relay your committee's decision of what items are to stay and what items are to be discarded.
3. The Property Committee members will be on hand to remove all unwanted items from the attic on the day of the cleanup.

Please call Property Chairman Tracy Schwartz at 637-3252 with any questions on this upcoming project.



Food Pantry

The Littlestown Food Pantry is conducting a "Thanksgiving Food Drive." We will collect a different nonperishable item each week. Donations can be dropped off at church at the food pantry collection stations. Below is a list of weekly items to be collected.



Sunday, October 25 – Instant Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing

Sunday, November 1 – Cranberry Sauce

Sunday, November 8 – Canned Vegetables

Sunday, November 15 – Gift Certificates from Kennies Markets for purchase of turkey.

If you have any questions, please call Ken Smith at 359-7445.

October's regular item is toothpaste and is due Oct. 18

News You Need

ATTENTION ACOLYTES & PARENTS - WE NEED YOU!!

Parents: We are in need of an acolyte coordinator. The job consists of making sure there is an acolyte signed up for each service. The secretary keeps a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board...all you need to do is make an occasional phone call or visit to Sunday school classrooms to ask when there is no one signed up. Acolytes: Please sign -up today on the youth bulletin board! Members of Pastor's confirmation class: this is great way to obtain your service hours!



SHH, IT'S A SURPRISE!

To celebrate Pat & John Gantz's 50th wedding anniversary on October 31st, their children are throwing them a card shower. If you would like to participate, please send cards to:

**Mr. & Mrs. John Gantz
140 East King St.
Littlestown, PA 17340**

Thank you!



WOMEN'S NEWS

All women 60 years or older are invited to attend – Senior Ladies Night at 6:30PM on Oct. 14 at the V.F.W, Social Hall in Littlestown. Ladies must have a Littlestown School District address. Entertainment will be provided by The Old Biddies. Please come and enjoy an evening of good food and fun.

2010 Nawakwa Family Retreat

Please reserve the weekend of Friday, February 12th; Saturday, February 13th and Sunday February 14th for the exciting 2010 Family Retreat!

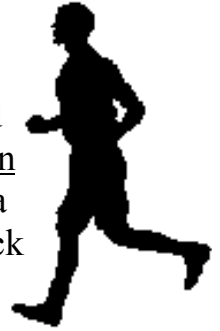


More News You Need



CROP WALK UPDATE

Have you noticed the leaves are starting to change color and some are already falling to the ground? Do you know it is less than two weeks to our 30th Year Anniversary CROP WALK Event? This is a very special year for the CROP WALK. The Regional Director, Reverend Patrick Walker, will be attending our 10:15 AM Worship Service on October 11 to speak and will make a special presentation. I am **E X C I T E D !!!** As of this writing, unfortunately, there are only three (3) people from our congregation signed up for the event. I know from past events that we can certainly do better than this. **“IT’S A SPECIAL YEAR FOR THE EVENT !!!”** Get those old shoes out, get your friends, and enjoy this wonderful event. You can help make this a great year for celebration !! Have you seen the “BRIGHT” yellow tee shirts, specially made for this anniversary year? One is on display in the Kammerer Room. They are available for sale for only \$5.50 each, but all walkers get one free! Please help make this a great year financially and spiritually for CROP WALK.



Thank you,
Sincerely, Ernie Spamer, Event Coordinator.

“YE OLD – FASHIONED HAM & GREEN BEAN DINNER”

On Sunday, September 13, the basement Social Room was filled with an “unusual” fragrance. Would you believe ham & green beans? Yes, there were quite a number of congregational members and a few guests enjoying a rather “old-fashioned” dinner. There was an abundant quantity available, and for the most part, all attending had little room for any desserts. Service Ministry members donated and prepared the majority of the dinner. A very special **THANK YOU** is extended to Ken and Linda Smith, Phyllis and Bill Null, Theresa Windisch, Ruth Pautenis, Melinda and Jeff Keller, Diana Spamer and Don Snyder. To these wonderful people, “Job well done.”

Littlestown Ministerium Blood Drive

Our area is currently experiencing a blood shortage! If you are in generally good health, at least 17 years of age, weigh no less than 110 pounds, have not received a tattoo within the past year or have not donated blood within the past 56 days, you are an eligible donor. Please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-272-2048 Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM-4:00 PM to schedule an appointment to donate blood on October 21st between 11:00AM-9:00 PM at St. John’s Evangelical Church, 665 St. John’s Road, Littlestown, PA



Together, we can save a life

Musical Notes



10:15 service.

During the month of **October** we will celebrate World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4. On the 11th, we will celebrate Harvest Home Sunday by using the liturgy from the "Of The Land and Seasons" service at the 10:15 service. The commemoration of St. Luke will be observed Oct. 18 with a service of prayer for healing at the

Our annual **hymn sing** is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 18 at 7 PM in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend to select and sing your favorite hymns. St. Paul's Ringer's will be providing some interlude music at this event.



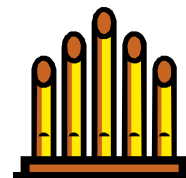
PRAISE BAND COORDINATOR Anyone interested in leading our Contemporary Band please contact the church office or anyone on the Worship and Music Committee.

Praise Band rehearsals for our next Contemporary Service will be held Oct. 4, Oct 25 & Nov. 1 from 7-8:30PM. Anyone interested in joining the band please plan to attend these rehearsals. If you have any questions please call the church office or see Pam Chaddon. Next Contemporary Service is November 15 at 10:15AM.

ORGAN FUND UPDATE

The Organ Fund Committee would like to "THANK" everyone who has contributed to the Organ Fund Project and ask that you continue to support this worth while project. For 2009 the amount raised through September 16, 2009 is \$5978.15. Below is a breakdown of the individual projects that are on-going:

ENVELOPES; \$2781.97
CANISTER; \$1296.18
ORGAN KEYS; \$1900.00



Thanks to your generosity the total canister project from the beginning to September 16 2009 is: \$2457.78 "YOUR CHANGE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

The Committee is selling Organ Keys in the Kammerer Room before and after the services. The key(s) can be in Honor or Memory of a Loved One. The donation is \$100.00.

Remember **"YOU ARE THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS"**



Youth Group News

	TADPOLES grades 2, 3, 4	CLAY FROGS grades 5, 6, 7, 8 Little Things, Big Differences Matthew 13:32	SPY grades 9, 10, 11, 12 Do. Walk. Love.
October 11 1 p.m.	Watch the bulletin board for more information on our newest youth group.	Crop Walk: We're asking youth and their families to sign up as individuals/families with Ernie at the table in the Kammerer Room and collect donations on their own. Youth will be walking — or running — as a group. Meet in the church parking lot.	
October 25 5:30 – 7 p.m.		Regular Meeting	

September Highlights

September 18 – 20 Seven middle schoolers and three advisors spent the weekend at Camp Nawakwa for the synod's annual junior high event, Alive Alive. The theme this year was "To Serve and Protect," and our kids came back with a renewed commitment to caring for God's creation. They were asked to brainstorm service projects and have decided to help an endangered animal, either through a national organization or through a local zoo or wildlife refuge. (If you have a connection to any in PA or MD, please see Ayleen Stellhorn) When you see the kids at church, ask them about "ga-ga ball," ice cream sundaes during dinner, dying frogs, "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep," and 30-hour famines. Participants were Paris Happel, Brooke Myers, Eddie Windisch, Veronica Stellhorn, Karissa O'Connor, Jessica Burnette, and Charley Bein. Special thanks to Rich Burnette, Tim Happel, and Ayleen Stellhorn for chaperoning.

September 27 SPY and the CLAY FROGS kicked off their regular meetings with an evening of songs, dinner, and fellowship. Special thanks to Tom & Debie Jemison for providing the meal.

Next Month's Activities

November 8 5:30 – 7 p.m.	Regular Meeting
November 22 after late church	Spaghetti Dinner: Bishop Penrose will be our guest of honor. Youth are cooking, serving, and cleaning up. Parents, we'd love your help, too! Watch the bulletin board for sign up sheets.

Who are we?

*TADPOLES is the youngest youth group at St. Paul's. Please call Youth Director Debie Jemison at 632-4440 if you're interested in helping with this important ministry.

* CLAY FROGS stands for "Christians Learning About Yahweh to Fully Rely On God." Youth in grades 5 through 8 are welcome to join.

* SPY stands for "St. Paul's Youth." Youth in grades 9 through 12 are welcome to join.

— Youth groups meet twice a month, usually the second and fourth Sunday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tadpoles meet one Sunday a month. Watch the youth bulletin board for details.