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Making Headlines

Innovation and excellence are guiding principles informing everything we do at St. Luke's, and I'm proud to be part of an organization committed to going the extra mile for our patients and our community.

From pioneering the use of 3D-printed casts, to delivering the COVID-19 vaccine to hard-to-reach groups, to [making sure our teachers are vaccinated](#), St. Luke's is committed to providing care you can trust and depend on.

Philanthropy supports this important work, and we are grateful for all you have done for our patients and the health of our community. Together, we are exceeding expectations, breaking boundaries, and inspiring hope.

In good health,



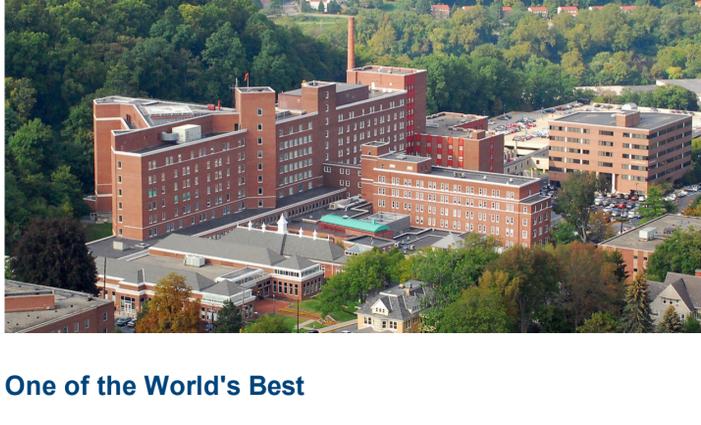
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Out with the Old

Asking a friend to sign your cast will soon be ancient history—and that's a good thing. St. Luke's is the first healthcare organization in Pennsylvania to offer an innovative, new 3D-printed cast in partnership with ActivArmor. The cast comes in a variety of fun colors; it's lightweight and water resistant; and it makes wound cleaning (or scratching an itch) easier than ever before.

[ActivArmor](#)

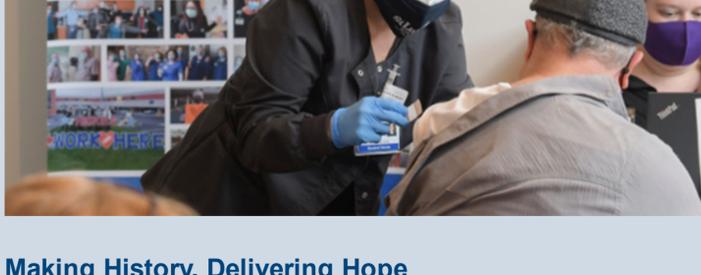


One of the World's Best

There are almost 5,000 acute care hospitals in the United States, but just 334 were named "World's Best" by Newsweek. We're proud that St. Luke's University Hospital—which includes the Bethlehem and Allentown campuses—was selected for this honor.

In announcing the winners, Newsweek reported, "The hospitals on this list are at the forefront of adapting to these new challenges while providing top-notch patient care." This award is good news for every patient who comes through our doors.

[Achieving Excellence](#)



Making History, Delivering Hope

"I want to tell my grandkids that I was part of this change during the pandemic," says Maritza Muniz, a first-year student at St. Luke's School of Nursing.

Muniz, along with other local nursing students, stepped forward to provide the COVID-19 vaccine. She joined a team of vaccinators at the Hispanic Center in Bethlehem, using her fluency in Spanish to help make the process run smoothly for our Hispanic community. Muniz continues to help and gave her first COVID vaccination at St. Luke's Bethlehem Campus. Read what inspires her to do this important work.

[Supporting the Community](#)



Dining with Friends

Each year, the Auxiliary of St. Luke's Charity Ball supports programs and services benefiting the health and well-being of our community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to be in-person this year, and the Charity Ball has been postponed to 2022—but your charitable support is as important today as it has been in past years.

Please consider participating in a special *Dining with Friends* benefit on Friday, May 14, 2021.

[Learn More](#)



Boutique at the Rink

As a reminder, *Boutique at the Rink* will not take place in person this year in order to keep volunteers and shoppers safe and healthy. Even though we will not be gathering at the ice rink, we are still committed to doing all we can to advance the work being done by the Cancer Support Community, St. Luke's Cancer Center, and St. Luke's Hospice. Register to attend one of our fun virtual events, including Bingo and a special raffle!

[Learn More and Register](#)

COVID-19 Resources and Vaccine Updates

As the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available to the public, there are steps you can take to receive all the latest information straight from St. Luke's.

We created a COVID-19 online resource center that we encourage you to bookmark and reference with any of your questions about the virus or the availability of the vaccine. If you sign up for a free St. Luke's MyChart account, you will receive a notification as soon as it is your turn to schedule a vaccination.

[Find Resources](#)

An Age of Generosity

Charitable giving typically takes on new meaning as we grow older, build financial resources, and think about how we want to be remembered. No matter your age, it starts with what is most important to you—and the impact you want to make. Weaving together your values and philanthropy can make a difference for organizations that are close to your heart. Explore creative ways to be generous at any age. A future gift to St. Luke's is a meaningful way to help ensure we can provide quality health care for our community for generations to come.

[Make Your Impact](#)