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Adversity Reveals Character

Over the past weeks, we've all witnessed the determination and compassion that are carrying us through this pandemic. And we have responded so strongly because we are already a powerful team, from caregivers and staff to our family of supporters.

It's thanks to you that we've been able to develop new ways to treat a novel illness, and even implement safety measures to confidently resume elective surgeries. COVID-19 has taught us all that adversity does not build character—it reveals it.

St. Luke's University Health Network will always be here to protect the health of our community. I am grateful to know that we can count on an equally dedicated community of support. Thank you for all that you do, especially in times like these.



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Making Virtual a Reality

When COVID-19 began to spread throughout the Lehigh Valley, our team took extraordinary steps to keep as many patient appointments as possible and establish St. Luke's as the regional leader in digital health. More than 100,000 telehealth visits have been conducted—thanks to these efforts, as well as a partnership with Microsoft that has been featured in ads nationwide.

[Telehealth Matters](#)

"A Light Went On"

As teams across the country and around the world looked for new ways to sanitize and reuse personal protective equipment, St. Luke's was among those on the leading edge. In partnership with Lehigh University, Christopher Roscher, MD developed a



way to sterilize 200 masks every eight minutes. The key? An invention affectionately known as the Bug Zapper.

[Bug Zapper in Action](#)



Community Comes Together

At St. Luke's, we're big believers in the power of people coming together, and we are overwhelmed with gratitude by recent support. Dozens of Chinese students and families from Lehigh University have rallied together to deliver more than 6,000 masks—and the Lehigh Valley Muslim community recently donated 1,000 N95 masks. These generous groups prove how a global community can come together to support our local Network.

[Hear Their Stories](#)



The Whole-family Workout

Last month, we shared some tips and tricks for staying in shape while staying at home. Due to popular demand, we're bringing you new workout challenges from St. Luke's fitness expert John Graham. These videos are fun for the whole family to get started with at-home workouts, together.

[Work It Out](#)



Get Your Tail on the Trail

This Summer: The 7th annual *Get Your Tail on the Trail* is off and running! To participate, log 165 miles of exercise such as walking, hiking, running, biking or paddling. We officially kicked off the event earlier this month, so learn how you can **get out and join the fun!**



Classic on the Green

August 31: A perennial favorite event, Classic on the Green will be taking place at Northampton Country Club this summer! Proceeds benefit Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine. Stay tuned for details of this fun and friendly (and socially-distanced) competition.



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