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Pentecost



WARDEN'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone,

We hope you're able to enjoy the sunshine between the rain showers. Everything is running pretty smoothly at St. Luke's.

Finances: Pretty much on target with the budgeted amount. Through April we have a deficit of about \$550, which is better than we had projected. Thanks for keeping current with your pledge payments.

Chicken Dinner: We were able to raise a bit over \$330 after expenses. Thank you for attending these dinners and a huge thank you to those that help make things run smoothly. These dinners wouldn't be possible without the support of so many!

Capital Campaign: We have pledges to date totaling \$127,834. Thank you so much for your generosity towards much needed updates/repairs to the church and the rectory. At our finance meeting May 22, we planned out what items we need to attack first. We currently have one bid in for **repaving the driveway**. We are getting two more bids and will go with the one that best meets our needs. We hope to have paving started by late summer. We are hoping to get a few volunteers to tackle a **renovation on the other bathroom** in the church. If anyone has tiling experience, we would love some help.

Sacristy renovation is scheduled for this summer. Again, anyone with some carpentry experience is welcome and needed to help out. **Rectory**, we will begin the **plumbing repairs** as soon as the plumber can schedule it. We also plan to get the old carpet replaced with some type of vinyl or laminate **flooring**. So, we have a lot planned out for round one. God willing we will see some much needed updates here at St. Luke's.

Thanks everyone and we hope you have a great, safe summer!

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JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sundays

Holy Eucharist, 8:00am (no music)

Holy Eucharist, 10:30am (music)

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist 10:00am

Followed by discussion & study



A Word...

The first Sunday in June is the feast of the Pentecost, when the whole church celebrates the arrival of the Jesus promised gift of the Holy Spirit. God the Father is in the holy dwelling, and the Son at the Father's side, but the Holy Spirit dwells with us. In truth, the church has long struggled to clearly understand God's Spirit. The first version of the Nicene Creed, written in the year 325 said only "we believe in the Holy Spirit."



But most of us can recognize the Holy Spirit when it is active within us and around us even if we don't fully comprehend the full mystery of its being. The Spirit brings us unexpected opportunities and takes us to places we may never have thought to go. It is my sense that the Spirit is moving amongst us here at St Luke's. We are living into God's invitation to us and unexpected opportunities keep coming our way as the Holy Spirit quickens our faith and commitment to Christ.

As we enter into the day and season of Pentecost I hope each of you feels the Spirit in your lives, whooshing around your ears and pushing against your back, leading you into the unexpected glory of God's mission just as it did to those first followers of Jesus on that day in Jerusalem two millennia ago.

"When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting."





Many thanks to the volunteers that helped beautify our church grounds on Saturday morning May 18. Another reason we love our church; the people that give willingly of their time and resources.

Believing in Jesus

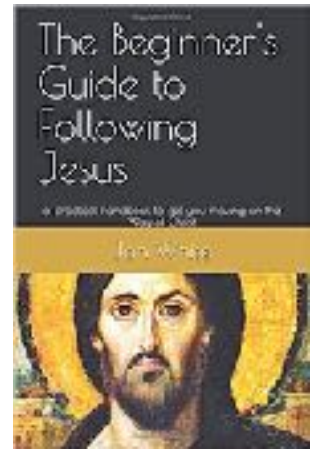
Believing in Jesus is one thing, but following Him, actually walking in his footsteps, can be a little more challenging. St. James wrote “be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” When I first encountered Christ and was trying to figure out how to be a Christian; it was the question of “how do I do this exactly?” that I kept returning to. What I really wanted was someone to show me how to put it all together and offer some practical guidance on how to live a Christian life that was more than Sunday morning. I’ve been working on the answer for more than twenty years now. I discovered that, for me, the surest pathway to fulfilling the potential and call to be a follower of Christ was to be an imitator of Christ. If we do the things Jesus did; we will more closely be the people God created us to be. So I decided to write down the guidance that I was looking for

Altar Flowers

We have the following dates open for Sunday memorial flowers: June 9, 16, 30 and July 7, 14 and 28. Please call the church office to reserve a Sunday. Donation is \$45.00.



all those years ago and I’m happy to say that it’s now available in book form from Amazon (paperback or Kindle editions). It’s called [The Beginner's Guide to Following Jesus: a practical handbook to get you moving on the Way of Christ](#). Though it was aimed at those just starting out on their journey of faith; I think it could be helpful to anyone seeking to build a deeper foundation of faith. We will have a copy or two in the library for anyone interested.



Pentecost is almost Here!

The first Sunday of June is the Feast of the Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church, just as Jesus promised his first followers. In remembrance of the story recounted in the Acts of the Apostles where the Holy Spirit drove those early followers out into the streets to share the good news of God’s love, we invite everyone to wear the colors of flames, Red, Orange, and Yellow to church that day.





Summer Vacation Food Drive

As we have done before, we will have a special food drive to help the food pantry. No school means many children who received breakfast and lunch at school are now home. Families that struggle to put food on the table have a harder time in the summer keeping the children fed. We will have a special 6 week collection beginning June 9 and ending July 14. Thank you for your donations to this ministry.

- June 9 Peanut Butter and Jelly and Canned Fruit
- June 16 Powered Drink Mixes and Cereal
- June 23 Tuna Fish and Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- June 30 Cookies, Crackers and Snack Food
- July 7 Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce
- July 14 Canned Vegetables and Apple Sauce



Outreach has begun preparations for the Bake and Treasure sale. We are sorting and pricing the treasures. We have 6 vendors signed up as of May 22. Hopefully we will be blessed with good weather for the vendors since they set-up outside. We need bakers and workers to make this a success of this event. Please consider signing up to help.

We sorted and counted the items donated for the Samaritan Center. We donated 801 items. The shelves in their small library are nearly empty, so we will again collect books for the Samaritan Center. The collection will begin August 5 for 3 weeks.

We will again sponsor a special summer food drive with the emphasis on items that children can safely fix for themselves. Good choices are peanut butter and jelly, tuna, mac and cheese, soups, crackers and snacks, spaghetti and sauce and drink boxes. This food drive runs from June 10 until July 15.



**Happy
Father's Day**
June 16

Food Pantry



This is an easy ministry to support. No meetings to attend no phone calls to make. All you need to do is buy something extra at the grocery store and put it in our grocery cart. One item from each person would fill our basket each week. The pantry is always in need of our help. Also remember to bring in your change for the penny jar for our deaf congregation. Thank you.

THANKS & PRAYERS

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We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Carol, Paul, Elizabeth, Helen, Fran Smith, Shirley, Eileen Mitchell, Mark, Mary, Merrill Kaszubinski, Sheila, Kathleen and Marilyn.

(Note: Call the church office to add anyone to our Sunday prayer list. However, the name will stay on for only one month. You must call each month to have the name put back on the list.)

Also Members of the Armed Forces:

Zeke Dodd

(Note: We will continue to pray for our loved ones serving in the military, but only for those who are deployed in harm's way. Please call the church office to submit a name.)

Capital Campaign 2019

It is never too late to turn in a pledge card for Capital Campaign 2019. Thank you.

Thank You

Thank you are just two words but they carry a lot of weight. Fran and I thank you for all your prayers, cards, and caring thoughts. Also the wonderful meals we have been receiving, such a help. Knowing dinner will be delivered makes the day so much easier. Our St Luke's family takes good care of us! Reggie and Fran Smith

Happy Birthday

- 5 Heather Woodworth
- 7 Shirley Chrisfield
- 18 Nora Kelley
- 22 Charles Vitagliano
- 24 Gerry Wright
- 30 Phyllis Schwartz

Happy Anniversary

- 30 Rich & Alison Conley

TOWPATH DAY

SATURDAY AUGUST 10, 11 A.M.- 4 PM

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING, SHUTTLE SERVICE

Rotary 5K Mule Skinner Race begins at 9 A.M.

The Legacy of the Erie Canal, is a family orientated festival celebrating canal history featuring a series of narrated vignettes along a mile section of the historic canal. Other activities include: demonstrations of old fashion crafts, blacksmith, kids stuff, vendors, steam-up, great music and food. Visit Paddy, the Mule. Bob Shafer will be looking for volunteers to operate the ice cream making booth which is a very popular activity.

St. Luke's provides many volunteers to assist with education programs and to help maintain the Marshall Bishop Trail.

Join in the fun. Our entertainment will include: Loren Barrigar, Thornden Morris Dancers, Harmony Katz Barber Shop Quartet and The Soda Ash 6 Dixieland Jazz Band

www.eriecanalcamillus.com 315 488 3409

All our best, Dave and Liz



“We are an inclusive congregation striving to make Christ known to all people to through worship, prayer, service, study, and stewardship within a community of grace and love.”