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*Wait for the LORD; be strong
And take heart and wait for the
Lord.*

Psalm 27:14



WARDENS MESSAGE



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Greetings all, we hope summer is treating you well!
 Things at St.Luke's are running along smoothly. **Finances** through June show our revenue a little under budget, so keeping up with pledge payments is greatly appreciated. The **Capital Campaign** currently shows us having collected around \$32,000. Thank you for those payments, which leads us into progress with our initiatives. The sewer is now repaired at the Rectory, except now some yard repair is needed. Fortunately Patrick has the tools for this job! The driveway here at the church should start the week of 8/18. They will start with the Richlee entrance side so that will be resurfaced prior to school start. Still waiting on contractor to get back to us for start dates on Rectory bathroom and flooring projects.

Looking ahead we have **First Thursday dinners** starting September 5 at 6 PM and the our **picnic** on September 8 after the 10:30 service. We hope you can attend these fun events. Youth group name will change from Second Sunday to 4West, as sometimes second Sunday was not a good date choice. The first get together for **4West** will be September 15 at 5 PM at St. John's Marcellus.

So, enjoy the rest of summer and look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events!

Bob and Eileen



UTO –United Thank Offering
 Please take a **UTO** box home with you As we go about our daily lives we realize how many blessing we really have. Put a donation in your blue box in when you recognize your blessings. All monies will go to support mission and ministry around the world. The boxes will be collected in the fall.



A Word

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...

Likely, almost everyone is familiar with these words from the third chapter of Ecclesiastes; if not from the Bible then at least from the great song, Turn, Turn, Turn by the Byrds. As we enter into September, we experience the turn of the seasons, the beginnings of a new school year, new football seasons (and renewed hopes)?, and more.



September marks a new season in the life of the church as well; our choir will be back practicing and soon, singing at our 10:30 service, offering their voices in praise to God. Our Monday night Bible study returns (Sept 9) to delve deeper into the stories and insights of Scripture; our youth program, done in partnership with St Mark's, St James, and St John's returns, and our monthly First Thursday dinners are back as well.

As we have approached this coming season; I have felt ever more keenly the invitation to go deeper into the life of the Holy Spirit. It is my firm belief that when we listen to the Spirit's call to us, when we respond to God's hopes for our lives; we live abundantly. I hope that we can all develop our spiritual "strength" and find and live in the hope of the Gospel.

So in the midst of the changes our world is offering at this time of year; I invite you to go deeper into the life of the Spirit. Take an opportunity to pray in a new way; join in one of our Bible study groups, join the choir, or take on a new ministry here at church or out in the world.

The Spirit has inspired the church, the followers of Jesus, in every generation. It is calling to us now, showing us how to live in God's kingdom every day. Can you hear it? With the Spirit our possibilities are endless; without it we are truly lost.





Welcome Back, Choir!

St. Luke's Choir will begin Sunday morning rehearsals on Welcome Sunday, September 8. We'll practice at **9:30** and sing an easy song in 10:30 worship.

Singing is a beautiful way to praise God and share your faith. Singing is good for your physical, mental, and emotional health. And

we have parties! Jane hosted the summer party at her house; the pictures show how beautiful the evening was on the lake.

After this Sunday, **our regular rehearsal time will be 9:15 a.m., three to four Sundays a month.** We're informal and friendly. Consider joining us in song this fall!



New Ministry

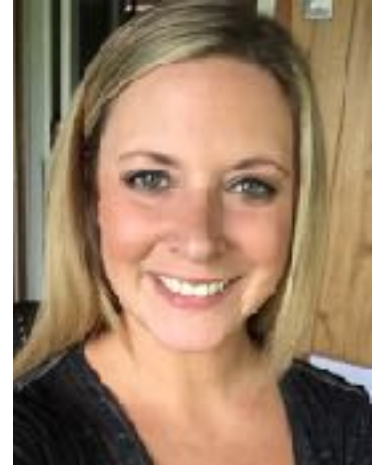
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

How do we at St Luke's "abound in the hope" of the Holy Spirit? Do we have room in our hearts to grow, even more, into the hope of God's promises? I think so, and I'm hoping to create a team of people interested in working with me to ensure that St Luke's remains a congregation centered on the life of the Holy Spirit.



Greetings Everyone:

My name is Danielle Halpin and I am the new editor for Vital Signs! I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you, and tell you some things about me. I've been a member of St. Luke's since approximately 2014; I prefer 8:00 mass because I am an early morning person, so a lot of people who go to 10:30 may not necessarily know me by name. I am also a member of vestry. I enjoy camping, boating, traveling to Florida or other warm climates, and spending time with my family and pets as much as possible. I'm also getting married next year, so I've taken on "wedding planning" as a new hobby as well. I work for two local businesses: Holistic Blends Inc., and McAvan's Pub. I am also a student working on my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.



I welcome you to email me thoughts on subjects you'd like to see in Vital Signs during my tenure. I am honored to take on this position at St. Luke's and I look forward to communicating with you all!

Be well, Danielle

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Email Updates

Our office and Vital Signs newsletter staff are looking to update our email list to ensure you are getting the news and information you need. We use emails to inform you of important events, notices of deaths, and weather-related closures. We also mail out our monthly newsletter, Vital Signs so it's important that we have the

correct address. We will have a clipboard with email addresses for you to verify we have the right one or to add yours if its missing. We really appreciate everyone's help in getting this done.

Parish Picnic

Everyone is invited to our annual End-of-Summer picnic! We'll have the grill going and are inviting you to bring a favorite side dish or dessert. It will be Sunday, September 8 following the 10:30 service, rain or shine. There's a sign-up sheet in the lobby where you can let us know if you'll be able to bring a dish to share. See you there!



Please be sure to contact Cathy Martin at the parish office in case of illness or hospitalization. On weekends or in case of pastoral emergency, call Father Jon at his cell phone number 971-227-3106.

For those unable to attend church, our Eucharistic Visitors are available to bring Holy Communion to home, hospital or care residence. Let Cathy know the details.

First Thursday Dinner Sept 5



Congratulations to the St. Luke's trivia team for winning the seven week tournament championship at the Polish Home.

Lunch Bunch

After a summer break we will get together for lunch on Tuesday, September 24. Please meet at 11:30 am at Good Buddy's in Fairmount. We'll have a chance to catch up on all our summer goings-on. All are welcome. Please call Gerry Wright 315-488-5383 or Pat Marrs 315-492-4620 to let them know you'll attend. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Altar Flowers

We have Sunday, September 16 and 23 open for altar flowers. Please call the church office to reserve a Sunday. Flower donation is \$45.00.

Food Pantry

An easy ministry to support. No written reports, no meetings, no phone calls. Just pick up some extra food when you do your own shopping and donate it to the food pantry. It helps so much. Thank you.



THANKS & PRAYERS

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We Ask Your Thoughts & Prayers for...

Elizabeth, Helen, Paul, Eileen Mitchell, Mark, Don, Shirley, Carol, Mary, Fran Smith, Nolan Brown, Kathleen, Marilyn, and Mary Kate

(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.)

Happy Birthday

- 15 Erika Kelley
- 16 Marilyn Farrell
- 27 Jack Young
- 30 Alexandra Goldych

Happy Anniversary

- 2 Dave and Sharon Hoare
- 3 Jack and Cheryl Young
- 4 Jim and Jill Nightingale
- 5 Chip and Sandy Vitagliano
- 12 Mike and Debbie Bille
- 24 Martin and Debbie Kaszubinski

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathies to Barbara Corbett on the death of her beloved husband, Patrick and to the Bishop family on the death of Bill Bishop. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord. And let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.)

Church Prayer List

Anyone can put forth a name for our Sunday prayer list for the sick -- even your own name. The name stays on the list for a month. At that time you should call the church office if you want the name added for the next month. That way our list stays current.



A special thank you to Sheila Lange who has been my helpmate in bringing Vital Signs to you for the past nine years. As many of you know, her late husband Art was the creator of this informative publication. I will miss her as she retires from editing. And I look forward to working with our new editor Danielle.

Prayer Chain

Anyone who is interested in belonging to an 'email' prayer chain, please talk to Cheryl Lorenz 330-631-1902. If by chance Cheryl does not answer leave her a message.



Images from the recent Towpath Day Festivities Saturday, August 10. St. Luke's homemade ice cream booth was once again a crowd pleaser.

A vibrant community bringing all to God's healing embrace.