



THE TOWER

St. Luke's Lutheran Church *Growing in Grace*

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OUR MISSION

To worship, learn and grow together in the knowledge of God and His Word. We are then sent into the world to share God's love, teach His Word, and serve those in need.



St. Luke's Evangelism Team Welcomes You to Their 2nd Annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 11th 2:00 PM

Join us for a cold treat, games, music and Fun! Canned food donations accepted to benefit Bedford Township Veterans Center.

Music provided by Abbigale Rose (Kari Crosby from the GiG's Stumbling Up

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Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you!

I am honestly so excited for all the amazing things I see happening around St. Luke's, especially as we gear up towards the fall!

Our children's ministry is looking at a lot of new opportunities for our youngest brothers and sisters in Christ to engage with the story of God! I am incredibly grateful to Sophie Ressler (our new Sunday School superintendent) and Dawn Wright (our education team representative) for all of the hard work they have put into making this new year a wonderful time for our youth! Between Kids Bible Adventure (our new Sunday school format); plans for the Christmas program, our Stepping Stones ministry, along with first communion and Confirmation, I see so much life and energy for meeting Christ in these exciting ways!

In addition to our youngest members having new ways to encounter God, I am looking forward to the ways our adult members can interact with Scripture and meet Christ on a deeper level. I am thankful for Sandy Brushaber who has stepped forward to be the facilitator for an adult Sunday Bible Study at 9:45 beginning September 22. She will be using the material *The Story* which is a chronological telling of Scripture in an easy to understand way. It helps put the events of Scripture into a narrative that lets us see when everything was occurring. Even if you can't attend the study, the books will be available for purchase and there are versions for teenagers, middle school, and elementary aged youth so that families can read through the story of God's salvation together.

Continuing studies are also happening, including *The Tour of the Bible* which will resume August 1 on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Also our Luther Haus Bible study which is currently working their way through the minor prophets which meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 am at Luther Haus on Smith Road. You do not have to be a resident of Luther Haus to attend.

I encourage everyone to find a way to engage more deeply with Scripture outside of worship attendance. In our baptisms the promises are made for us that read: "As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's prayer, the creed, and the ten commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace." Our children's education team is working to provide you with opportunities to live out those promises in the lives for your children. But then, when we are confirmed for affirm our baptisms, we are taking on those promises for ourselves, which means that we will continue to learn about God, the Lord's prayer, the creed, the commandments, and the Scriptures. So take advantage of one of the established studies, or if you cannot make them, talk to me or start your own group. Studies don't have to happen in the building, they can happen at your home, at Tim Horton's, or anywhere faithful followers of Christ meet to learn about God.

God hasn't come close to being finished with creating so let's not be finished with learning about all that God has done!

God's blessings!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Ralyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE

Inhaling a bacteria called legionella, found in large water systems, cause a severe form of pneumonia with Legionnaires disease. It was named after an outbreak at an American Legion convention in 1976 in Philadelphia. It is not contagious from person-to-person, but is often contracted by inhaling the bacteria from air conditioners, pools, drinking fountains in hotels, cruise ships and large buildings.

Most susceptible are those who smoke, older adults, or those with weakened immune systems. Symptoms begin with flu-like symptoms 2 to 10 days after exposure. Headache, muscle pain, chills and high fever progresses into a cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, GI symptoms, and confusion. If not treated one can go into severe respiratory failure, septic shock, and kidney failure.

Early treatment is mandatory, so if you feel you have been exposed with early symptoms you must go to the doctor. Tests to diagnose Legionnaires Disease are blood, urine, and sputum samples which will discover the bacteria present. The Dr. may also order a chest X-ray and CT scan. Hospitalizations are usually necessary, but if the disease is caught early it may not be needed.

Meticulous cleaning and disinfection of all water systems are necessary to prevent this disease.

Blessings, Judy Diener R.N.



FREED UP LATER IN LIFE

August 5th and 6th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. This two session workshop at Christ Lutheran Church, Monroe helps you carry out a plan that frees you to follow God's calling for your later years. We'll look at planning for later life from a biblical perspective, explore common assumptions about retirement and point out how best to prepare financially for later life and cover the basics of long-term investing. It provides a wealth of information and places it in a biblical context.

To register, please call 734-242-4554.



WELCA FINAL PAYMENTS DUE

Last call for final payments for WELCA Retreaters trip to Camp Michindoh in September.

Please see Linda Olrich or Sharon Harasta for details.

Thank You!

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Members of St. Luke's and the Endowment Committee,

Thank you for awarding me the 2019 scholarship. I am currently finishing my sophomore year at the University of Cincinnati. In August I will be going back to Cook Medical Inc. for my second Co-Op. Participating in a Co-Op is a mandatory part of the engineering degree program at UC. A Co-Op is a fully paid internship. The bachelors degree for engineering program is a five year program. After my sophomore year I still have three more years to go. I am most interested in the medical device remediation aspect of Biomedical Engineering. I hope to make a positive impact on the medical device industry. I pray that the devices I create and improve will relieve the suffering and increase the quality of life in many patients.

I will need student loans to pay my tuition for the next three years. The Bill Winston scholarship will help me to decrease the amount of the student loan that I will have to pay back. I am grateful for the assistance.

Thank you,
Louise Hafemeister

THANKS!

To My Church Family,

I am so very thankful for all the prayers, cares phone calls etc. during my recovery from surgery.

Sincerely,
Jerry Merickel



A Giant Thank You to Doug Becker for manning the office in my absence so I could get away and be under starry skies and campfires for a week with my kids.

He steadied the ship and I really appreciate it!

Erin Beard



STREAMING MINISTRY

We are beginning to stream worship services live on the internet. Right now, we are starting with GIG. If anyone from our traditional services would like to learn how to set it up please speak with Pastor Robyn or Brian Joesten. It is not difficult at all to learn.



TEACHER & BACK PACK BLESSING

Sunday School starts on September 8th, and we will be blessing backpacks for school and teachers (Sunday school and all teachers alike) at all 3 services. (11:15 worship service returns on the 8th as well.)

Join us in wishing our students, teachers and parents well on a new school year! Be sure to have the children bring their 2019 backpacks to worship with them.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SEEKING ALL STUDENTS

You'll see below a break down of certain grades that we are looking for but we are looking for kids of all ages so that they can be invited to our Stepping Stones ministry events. Please either fill out a Kids Bible Adventure registration form OR contact Pastor Robyn with your child's name, age, and grade. Thank you!

KIDS BIBLE ADVENTURE REGISTRATION FORMS

are available online on our Facebook page; directly at <https://forms.gle/9KzMCDzbfJyTT8eS8> ; or you can fill in a hard copy and turn it into the church office.

SEEKING 3RD, 5TH, AND 7TH GRADERS

Please let Pastor Robyn know if you have a student going into one of these grades so she can get letters out for Bible Sunday, First Communion classes, and Confirmation. Thank you!

YOUTH 5th – 7th GRADE

Pastor Robyn would like to have a list of students in these grades. Please contact her with information so she can begin planning fall programming.

SENIOR LYO (9th-12th Grade)

Pastor Robyn would like to be in touch with students and parents/guardians who are going into 9-12th grade to discuss fall programming. Please contact her as soon as possible.

KIDS BIBLE ADVENTURE

(Sunday School) We are excited to launch a new program for our youth for Sunday mornings to learn about God, the Word, and faith beginning this fall. We are in need of a lot of support and help as we “reboot” our program. There are many ways for you to be involved!

Shepherds: Grandparents, aunts, uncles, high school students – we need people to be present with the group to offer support to the teacher, walk with kids to the bathroom, and help keep kids using good classroom behavior. If you are available to sign up for 3 weeks that would be great, but if not, even one week would be a big help!

Teachers: We are looking for people to serve as teachers for **ONE** Sunday class per six-seven week unit. We have a lot of material for you to look over and there are a variety of ways to teach (art, music, cooking, etc).

Pre-school/Kindergarten Teacher: Our younger children will have a separate classroom experience. We need volunteers to be present with the little ones after the opening to lead age appropriate activities.

Christmas Program Director: We are looking for someone to commit to leading our students in the annual Christmas program.

Special Events: There are A LOT of special events that happen for our youth during the school year that we need people to organize and help with, including: Rally day, Trunk or Treat, Bowling, Happy Birthday Jesus party, Easter egg hunt/party and end of the year party. Consider signing up to help with one of these events.

Any questions – speak with Superintendent Sophie Ressler; Education Rep Dawn Wright; or Pastor Robyn



KIDS BIBLE ADVENTURE
Sunday Mornings

First Session: The Lord's Prayer
September 22 – October 27
9:45 – 10:05 Opening Session
10:05 – 10:35 Workshops

Learn about the Lord's Prayer using:
*Cooking, Science, Creative Drama,
Music, Video, Art, Bible Games,
Digital Media, & Technology*

Pre-school, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-6



Stepping Stones Ministry
Helping our children Grow in Grace

Pre-School – The Lord's Prayer (December)
Kindergarten – The Apostles' Creed (January)
First Grade – Baptismal Bowls (March)
Second Grade – 10 Commandments (February)
Third Grade – The Scriptures (October)
Fourth Grade – Prayer (April)
Fifth Grade – First Communion (November)
Sixth Grade – Lutherans (May)

STEPPING STONES MINISTRY

We are excited to introduce a new element to our children's Christian education adventure. This year we will be extending our special learning events beyond 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade. Each year of school from pre-k through seventh will have an opportunity to for an unique event focused on one of the areas of Christian faith. The Sunday following the event the students who participate will receive a gift in worship to help them remember what they have learned. This is open to all students in our congregation and the gifts can be presented to your child(ren) at any of our three services.

We will be asking a parent/guardian or baptismal sponsor to attend with the student to help them. This is a way to help fulfill the promises made to the children in their baptisms.

If anyone would like to help with running any of these events please speak with Pastor Robyn or Sophie Ressler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS— FROM OUR SUPERINTENDANT

Our Kid's Bible Adventures program is quickly approaching. The kick off will be on September 8th followed by a blessing of the backpacks during the children's sermon. Weather permitting our kick off will be a water day, all of the children are invited to bring their bathing suits, towels, and a friend. There will also be dry activities for children who do not want to play in the water or forget their bathing suits. September 15th will be a day for the children to get to know each other and the teachers through fun games and activities. The first unit of teaching will be on The Lord's Prayer and will begin on September 22nd and continue through to October 27th.

GET INVOLVED

Looking for ways to be involved at St. Luke's?

Here are some one-time or short term commitment events coming up where we could use your help with!

Help with our evangelism ice cream social on Sunday, August 11. (contact Pastor Robyn or Jillian Weiss).

Help with Kids Bible Aventures. (Contact Pastor Robyn, Sophie Ressler, or Dawn Wright).

Participate in the Confirmation students book drive (contact Austin Clise, Kian, Owen, or Rigdon Freker)

Help facilitate a Stepping Stones event (contact Pastor or Sophie Ressler)

Help with repairs around the church (Contact Steve Mayo or see included list from the property team).

Work with Pastor Robyn and Erin Beard on St. Luke's Website. (Contact office or Pastor Robyn).

Help with our on-line streaming ministry. (Contact Brian Joesten, or Pastor).

Help Shepherding Ministry team by volunteering to send cards or make phone calls to our brothers and sisters in Christ we haven't seen recently. (Contact Jennifer Mayo or Pastor Robyn).

Help our Shepherding Team by offering to provide rides to worship for our homebound members (Also- See Jennifer Mayo)

Help run the slides for GiG (Paul Thomas)

Help run sound for GiG (Brian Joesten)

Help with the gardening around the church (Contact the office).

THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!



BOOK DRIVE

Austin Clise, Kian Freker, Owen Freker, and Rigdon Freker will be hosting a pre-school book drive for their Confirmation project from July 28 – August 25. We will be helping special education pre-school teachers build their classroom libraries by collection books or ordering from Scholastic Book Club. Many of the ISD pre-school teachers at Smith Rd Elementary are in need of books for their classrooms. A list of books that are being requested is being put together. You can either buy them yourself or order them from Scholastic. There will be a poster board up with the titles and you can sign up for the book you would like to get.

On August 11 we will be in the back of the church if you would like help ordering from the Scholastic site. If you would like to make a monetary donation please make the check out to Scholastic Book. There will be boxes marked for the book drive by each of the doors into the church.



SALVATION ARMY BACKPACK DRIVE

There is a collection box in the Narthex beginning the week of July 21 until August 4. Please bring pencils, erasers, tablets, glue, Kleenex, hand sanitizers, pencil cases or boxes, rulers, notebooks or anything a child would need to do schoolwork. The backpacks are donated but cash donations will be accepted and they need the items to put into them. The object is intended to promote academic success and enhance the social and emotional well-being of children in need within their school setting. Please consider donating some of the items listed above. Thanks, from the Social Concerns Ministry.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Beginning in June we will have a list in the back of the church of everyone who currently receives offering envelopes. If you would like to continue to receive envelopes, please sign next to your name on the list. If you would not like to receive them please cross out your name and initial beside it. Thank you!



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR
ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN**

Thursday August 1

6:30 A Tour of the Bible
7:00 AA/ Al Anon
7:00 Volleyball

Friday August 2

Saturday August 3

Sunday August 4

8:30 Traditional Worship
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 GiG Praise Worship
7:00 Scout Troop 777
7:00 Cardio Drumming

Monday August 5

10:00 Comforters
6:00 God Works!
7:00 Volleyball

Tuesday August 6

7:00 Black Swamp HAM Radio Group

Wednesday August 7

7:30 Burke Garden Prayer service

Thursday August 8

6:30 A Tour of the Bible
7:00 AA/ Al Anon
7:00 Volleyball

Friday August 9

Saturday August 10

Sunday August 11

8:30 Service of the Word
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 GiG Praise Worship
2:00 Ice Cream social
7:00 Scout Troop 777
7:00 Cardio Drumming

Monday August 12

10:00 Comforters
6:00 God Works!
7:00 Volleyball

Tuesday August 13

6:00 Executive Committee
7:00 Ministry Team Meetings

Wednesday August 14

7:30 Burke Garden Prayer Service
10:00 Luther Haus Bible Study

Thursday August 15

6:30 A Tour of the Bible
7:00 AA/ Al Anon
7:00 Volleyball

Friday August 16

Saturday August 17

Sunday August 18

8:30 Traditional Worship
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 GiG Praise Worship

7:00 Scout Troop 777

7:00 Cardio Drumming

Monday August 19

**(Pastor Robyn unavailable until
September 3rd)**

10:00 Comforters
6:00 God Works!
7:00 Volleyball

Tuesday August 20

6:30 Church Council

Wednesday August 21

Thursday August 22

7:00 AA/ Al Anon
7:00 Volleyball

Friday August 23

Saturday August 24

Sunday August 25

8:30 Traditional Worship
9:30 Coffee Fellowship/Blood
Pressure
10:00 GiG Praise Worship
7:00 Scout Troop 777

Monday August 26

10:00 Comforters
6:00 God Works!
7:00 Volleyball

Tuesday August 27

Wednesday August 28

Thursday August 29

7:00 AA/ Al Anon
7:00 Volleyball

Friday August 30

Saturday August 31

**CALL COMMITTEE
UPDATE**

Our call committee met with Pastor Lauren Kirsch-Carr from the synod on Monday, July 15. They were provided with three new candidates paperwork. The next step is that they will be in touch with the candidates for first interviews. As a reminder, the members of the call committee are: chairperson: Griff Crammond; members: Leah Hafemeister, Gloria Heigel, Jackie Mayo, Julie Sanderson, Cathy Thomas and Lynn Warren. Council president Andy Nieman and Pastor Robyn are ex-officio members. Please feel free to speak with any member of the team with any questions you may have.



Birthdays

August 1

Joshua Ondrus, Debra Manor, Megan Leonard

August 2nd

Lynn Warren, Joyce Begg, Karen

August 4th

Kyle Hudgin, Donna Lennex

August 5th

Alyssa Clise, Trent Sloan, Ann Myer

August 6

Carol Hallstrom, John Bourn

August 7

Barbara Frye

August 10

Sophie Ressler, Leslie Lehberger, Courtney Barthle, Celest Hansen, Korynn Lehberger, Scott Thompson

August 11

Becky Arndt

August 12

Linda Hubaker,

August 15

Jacob Ondrus, Lynne Henzler

August 16

Seth Beard, Paige Zilke

August 17

Blake Theodorou

August 18

Jake Giesige

August 20

Jo Ann Thompson, Nathan Beard, David Ziemke, Judy Sengstock, Jessica Sloan,

August 21

Beverly Johnson, Don Yockey, James Shuherk, Cole Crouch, Angie Yockey,

Birthdays Continued

August 22

Sally Georgeson, Nicholas Lennex, Erin Beard, Abbie Crammond

August 23

Alaina Lowe, Mahjida Steffin, Jessica Zilke, Drew Vogel, Larry Przeslawski

August 24

Kim Giesige

August 25

Jacob Yeager, Ash Williams

August 26

Amelia Majerski,

August 27

Sophia Knapp

August 28

Melissa Crammond,

August 29

Leah Hafemeister, Judy Gephart,

August 30

Jeff Weiss

August 31

Scott Heiden, Michael Greeley

Ruth Thompson, Laura Van Camp, Dorisse Benz

GOOD GRIEFERS AUGUST DINING NEWS:

We will meet at Rosie's Italian Grille 606 N McCord Rd. on Thursday, August 8th at 5:00 pm. Please call Donna Lennex if you're attending.

SIGGI'S LUNCH BUNCH

Will be carpooling from church to Judy Nieman's cottage on Wampler's Lake on August 7th.

Call Nan Brushaber for details.

Anniversaries

August 15th

Ryan & Pamela Bristol

August 16th

Denzil & Mary Jean Bell

August 17th

Myrl & Glenda Galdeen

August 18th

Richard & Carol Schoch

August 20th

Jerry & Sharon Merickel

August 21st

Andy & Sue Nieman

August 23rd

Ron & Kathleen Ressler

August 24th

James & Chris Shuherk



Altar Flowers

Aug 4 In Celebration of Donna Lennex on her birthday!

Aug 11 In Celebration of Ron & Kathy Watkin's 48th Wedding Anniversary

In Celebration of Denzil & Mary Jean's 50th Anniversary

Aug 18 Any & Sue Nieman's 43rd Anniversary

Sharon & Jerry Merickel's 53rd Anniversary

In memory of Charles Alexander

Aug 25th

In Celebration of Kathy & Ron Ressler's 50th Anniversary

In Celebration of Sally Georgeson's birthday

BIBLE STUDY REMINDER

You are invited to join us for our Bible Studies. A Tour of the Bible will resume August 1. Our Luther Haus Bible study will begin studying the book of Amos on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. at Luther Haus on Smith Road. All are welcome to attend either or both!



ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Will resume beginning September 22 at 9:45 am in the Leppien Room. Sandy Brushaber will be facilitating the group and using The Story.

Check out the website thestory.com.

More information to come!



BIBLE STUDY & FAITH GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

TIME & TALENTS SHEETS

Please remember to fill out and turn in a Time & Talents Sheet! They can be found online at our Facebook group as well as hard copies at church. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve.



WORSHIP INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

MORNING PRAYER

Pastor Robyn invites you to join her in the Burke Memorial Prayer Garden on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. for morning prayer (weather permitting). The service will be no more than 30 minutes.

Please bring a chair if you are able. In case of inclement weather we will meet in the sanctuary.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATIONS

We have 2 milestone anniversaries in August!

We will be celebrating with Denzil & Mary Jean Bell on the 18th at Coffee Hour with a cake reception for 50 years of marriage!

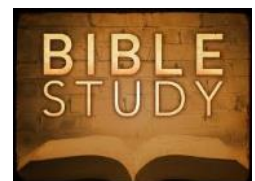
Kathleen & Ron Ressler will also be celebrating with us at a cake reception at the Coffee Hour on August 25th!

Please Join us in congratulating them!



LUTHER HAUS BIBLE STUDY

Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month Pastor Robyn leads a Bible study at Luther Haus on Smith Rd at 10:00 am. This is open to all, you do not have to be a resident of Luther Haus. On the fourth Wednesday we share in communion following our study. We are just beginning a study of the prophet Joel. We hope you will join us!



DATE/TIME	GREETER	USHER	SACRAMENT	COUNTER	ACOLYTE	COFFEE	LECTOR
August 4th 8:30	N Bowlin J Schmidt	G /M Folger N Bowlin S Fye	J Warren P/D Yockey	Georgesons	Trent & Jake Yeager	D Wright K Ressler	S Harasta
10:00	Mayo Family	Mayo Family	No Communion	J & C Weiss			
August 11th 8:30	Halter Family	J Waidelich S Trevathan S Tipping K Ressler	No Communion	B Cook	Jackie & Lily Fair	K Watkins	LWarren
10:00	YOU? YOU?	Barthle Bunch	C Barthle YOU? YOU?	D Chase			
August 18th 8:30	S Ressler J/D Erdmann	J Waidelich S Trevathan J Merickel S Ressler	C Bell S Emerson YOU?	S Tipping	Camden Barthle	L Hafemeister S Manore	K Ressler
10:00	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	No Communion	D Chase			
August 25th 8:30	J /S Merickel	Warrens Fraleys	S Tipping J Merickel J Bock	Georgesons	Austin Clise	Jacksons	S Tipping
10:00	YOU? YOU?	Barthle Bunch	C Barthle YOU? YOU?	Cooks			



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Worship Schedule (Summer Schedule)

May 26th Through September 1st

8:30 am — Traditional Service
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music

9:30- 10:30 am — Coffee Fellowship

10:00 am — GiG Praise Service
Contemporary praise, worship, and children's time.

