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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.

TEACHER & BACK PACK BLESSING

On Sunday, September 8, students are invited to bring their backpacks to any of our worship services for a blessing as they begin this school year.

Teachers will also be invited forward to receive a blessing as they begin a new school year!

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



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SUMMER SCHEDULE ENDS

Please remember our summer schedule ends September 1. We will resume three worship services beginning on Sunday, September 8.



8:30 Traditional Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

9:45 Kids Bible Adventure

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

11:15 Traditional Worship

ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Adult 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!



Dear friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! As school begins back up and we see the busy pace of life returning I urge you to make worship a priority on your calendars. It can be easy to get so caught up in the rushed and frantic pace of life that we don't set aside intentional time to be with God.

In September we will be continuing our stewardship campaign and asking you to consider how it is you steward, or care for, the time that you have as well as how you steward your treasures. I know how quickly your calendar fills up. There are doctors appointments, football games, cheerleading and dance rehearsals, family visiting, holidays to prepare for, work trips, and actually getting to see those other people who live in your house. It can be exhausting trying to find time for everything to get done.

Somehow it has gotten into our heads that busyness = productivity; or busyness = importance. Being busy has gotten to be this idol of our day where if someone isn't busy we wonder if they are lazy or just forgetting to do something. Have you ever done that? You get to a time where you actually don't have anything scheduled and you sit down and instead of enjoying that time you fret over what it is you are forgetting.



It is possible to get so busy that other parts of our lives start to suffer. I have seen families fall apart because everyone was too busy to ever even sit down for a meal together or even just for a few minutes to talk about their days. Dear friends have become burned out in their professions because instead of keeping some times for themselves they poured everything into their career and there was nothing left for them. I have even seen children who have every moment of every day so precisely scheduled that they make themselves sick from the stress and from the lack of time to just be a kid. One of the things David and I like to stress with Lucas is that it's ok for things to be "boring" from time to time. It is usually at the times he is claiming everything is boring that he really begins to use his imagination and doing creative play that is so important for kids to develop.

Even God set time aside for rest. "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation." (Genesis 2:1-3) If God recognizes and BLESSES a day to be set apart from work then surely we can as well because we are not greater or more important than God.

That time of rest was included in the 10 Commandments entrusted to Moses. "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." Take time and give it back to God. Use it to refresh and strengthen your connection with God, your family, your friends, and yourself. Don't be ashamed or apologetic for taking time away from being busy so that you have a chance to be. There is holiness to be found when we tear down the idol of busyness.

God's blessings!

Pastor Ralyn



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 Kids Bible Adventures. (Contact Pastor Robyn, Sophie Ressler, or Dawn Wright).

Help facilitate a Stepping Stones event. (Contact Sophie)

Help with repairs around church (Contact Steve Mayo)

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

Help with our on-line streaming ministry. (Brian Joesten)

Help the 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 Jen Mayo)

Help our Shepherding team by offering to provide rides to worship for our homebound members (contact Jen Mayo)

Help run the slides for GiG (Contact Paul Thomas).

Help run sound for GiG. (Contact Brian Joesten)

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The world needs more compassion, empathy, and love. While it can be difficult to have compassion for a stranger, it is much easier if you know the person. You have to know someone in order to understand that person. Once you know someone then it is easier to have compassion and empathy for them.



We are a family of believers, a community centered on Christ. There are many people that we worship with that we don't know.

Getting to Know You - is a plan for meeting, eating with someone you do not know here at St. Luke's.

For a couple of Sundays, Sept. 22 and 29 we will have a container in the back. If you want to participate, put your name and contact information on the card and drop it into the bowl. You may join as an individual, as a couple, or a family unit.

Then it is time to mix it up, Sundays in October. When you pull a name it is up to you to contact that person. You may just meet for coffee, or a full blown, home cooked meal, or anything in between. That is up to you. Agree on a meeting time and day. Then enjoy!!!

Look for the container in the back of the church and add your name. May God strengthen our bonds as members of the body of Christ.

Announcing the team for mission trip to Guatemala!!

On September 28 the following people will fly to Guatemala City: Dr. Jeff Chapman, Jean Roberts, Judy Bock, Martha McKee, Norm and Kim Wymer, Steve Summers, Matt Bell, Denzil and Mary Jean Bell. Pastor Cerbin Vargas will meet us at the airport. We are grateful that the Comforters donated comforters to be given as gifts to those in the highlands. If you have small items like Beanie Babies, Matchbox or Hot-wheels, your donations would be appreciated by the children. Final packing will take place September 18. Call Mary Jean if you have questions.

THANK YOU!

You're all so wonderful for wishing me so many happy birthdays! I love what I do, in this office, and even more, I love who I do it for! You guys are the best. Made me feel like a million bucks! — Erin Beard



Kathleen & Ron Ressler thank you all so much for the lovely celebration and cake reception at coffee fellowship. It feels so good to love as long as they have, together. Thanks!— Kathleen Ressler

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Our heartfelt thanks to our St. Luke's Family for celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary with us and our family!

The well wishes, cards, cake reception, marriage cross and gifts were appreciated!! Every celebration is better when family is a part.

Gratefully,
Mary Jean and Denzil Bell





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.

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.

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!

TOUR OF THE BIBLE

Resumes meeting on September 26 on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

STEPPING STONES MINISTRY

The Stepping Stones ministry is one of the many ways St. Luke's wants to support the faith formation of children and families. At their baptisms you promised alongside their sponsors to help them grow in their faith by bringing them to worship, teaching them the Lord's Prayer, the creed, and the 10 commandments, and to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures. As a church it is our privilege to journey beside you as you fulfill these promises to your children.

Each year from pre-school through confirmation we will offer a Stepping Stone event for you and your child to attend together. If you are unable to attend with your child perhaps ask their baptismal sponsor if they could bring them. The Sunday following the event your student will receive a small gift to help remind them of what they learned as they Grow in Grace.

Dates:

Pre-K, Sunday, Dec. 8 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Kindergarten, Sunday Jan. 19, 1:30 -2:30 pm

First Grade, TBD

Second Grade, Sunday, February 9, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Third Grade, Bible Sunday, September 29 at all three services

Fourth Grade, Sunday, April 19, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Fifth Grade, First Communion classes; October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10; 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Sixth Grade, Sunday, May 3, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Calendar of Events : September

September 1st

8:30 Traditional Worship
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
10:00 Family GiG Worship
7:00 Scout Troop 777

September 2nd

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY

10:00 Comforters (Not Meeting)
7:00 Volleyball (TBD)

September 3rd

7:00 Black Swamp Radio Society

September 4th

9:30 Play & Learn Meet the Teachers

September 5th

9:30 Play & Learn Meet the Teachers
7:00 AA/AI Anon
7:00 Cardio Drumming

September 8th

Summer Schedule ends; 11:15
worship service resumes.

*Back Pack Blessing & Teacher
Blessing at all 3 services*

8:30 & 11:15 Service of the Word
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
9:45 Rally Day— 1st Day of Kid's
Bible Adventure
10:00 GiG Praise Worship
7:00 Cardio Drumming
7:00 Scout Troop 777
7:00 Volleyball



September 9th

(PLAY & LEARN IS BACK!!!!)

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

September 10th

6:00 Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 Ministry Team Meetings

September 11th

10:00 Luther Haus Bible Study

September 12th

7:00 AA/AI Anon
7:00 Cardio Drumming

September 13th

WELCA REATREAT BEGINS

September 14th

WELCA RETREAT

September 15th

WELCA RETREATERS HOME

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship
9:30 Coffee Fellowship
9:45 Kid's Bible Adventure
10:00 GiG Praise Worship
7:00 Cardio Drumming
7:00 Scout Troop 777

September 16th

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

September 17th

6:30 Church Council

September 18th

September 19th

7:00 AA/AI Anon
7:00 Cardio Drumming

September 22nd

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship W/
Communion

9:30 Coffee Fellowship
9:45 Kid's Bible Adventure
Adult Bible Study Resumes
10:00 GiG Praise Worship

7:00 Scout Troop 777

September 23rd

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

September 24th

7:00 Play & Learn Board Meeting

September 25th

10:00 Luther Haus Bible Study
11:00 Luther Haus Communion

September 26th

6:30 A Tour of the Bible Resumes
7:00 AA/AI Anon
7:00 Cardio Drumming

September 27th

September 28th

9:00 Boy Scout Troop 777 Fundraiser

September 29th

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship
9:30 Coffee Fellowship/Blood Pressure
9:45 Kid's Bible Adventure /Bible
Study
10:00 GiG Praise Worship

7:00 Cardio Drumming

7:00 Scout Troop 777

September 30th

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

Birthdays

- Sept 1** Dwayne McKinney
Sept 2 Sarah Klawitter, John Diver, Bob Cook
Sept 3 Doug Manore, Zayne Abitua,
Sept 4 Tom Russel, Catherine Kubera
Sept 5 Robert Burkett, Linda Leichty Jonathan Shepherd,
Sept 6 Peggy Greeley, Ann Myers
Sept 9 Karon Bristol, Harrison Nieman, Brooklyn Yeager
Sept 10 Jerry Merickel
Sept 11 Macy Whitenburg,
Sept 12 Rebecca Przybylski, Kris Murzynski, Samuel Kulczak
Sept 13 Nicholas Hallstrom
Sept 14 Aaron Yockey, Marcia Folger
Sept 16 Caleb Przybylski
Sept 17 Harold Heiden, Steve Dive Matthew Bolander, Thomas Murzynski
Sept 18 Rex Benz
Sept 22 Natalya DiCiacca
Sept 24 Ginny Peterson, Sharon Althaus, Katy Roe-Russell, Phyllis Snyder,
Sept 25 Sharon Harasta, Glenda Galdeen
Sept 26 Rosemary Schroeder, Madison Weiss
Sept 28 Robert Barthle,
Sept 29 Gage Whalen



FINAL PAYMENTS FOR WELCA RETREAT DUE!

Please see Linda Olrich ASAP!



Anniversaries

- Sept 1**
Tom & Katy Russell
Sept 2
Mike & Jonie Braithwaite
Sept 5
Frank & Diane Paine
Sept 8
Mark & Dawn Durivage
Sept 13
Chuck & Cindy Jackson
Sept 14
Gary & Marcia Folger
Sept 15
Jacob & Ann Myers
 Jamie & Erin Beard
 Chuck & Judy Schrieber
Sept 30
David & Elizabeth Ingall
 Mark & Laura Bourn

Happy Anniversary

Altar Flowers



- September 8th**
 In Celebration of Chuck & Cindy Jackson's 39th Anniversary
 In Celebration of Gary & Marcia Folger's 56th Anniversary
September 15th
 In Celebration of Jacob & Ann Myers 69th Anniversary
 In Celebration of Chet & Sharon Tipping's 59th Anniversary
September 22nd
 In Celebration of Chuck & Judy Schrieber's 51st Anniversary
 In Celebration of Jamie & Erin Beard's 16th Anniversary

ALLERGIES

An Allergy is a harmful response of your immune system to a foreign substance. It can be anything from dust, mites, mold, or pollen; bee or wasp venom; pet dander; medications; a variety of foods, such as peanuts, wheat, soy, seafood, eggs, or even milk.

The results of allergies can affect your body in many ways. The most common are skin rashes and hives, swelling of lips, face and throat; others are sinus symptoms, such as sneezing, runny nose or coughing and wheezing. A severe respiratory reaction can go into anaphylactic shock with a mandatory call to 911 since a sudden death can happen if not treated. Digestive symptoms with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea can be a result of a food allergy.

Skin tests can pinpoint an unknown allergen source, and a blood sample. Avoidance of the allergen source is the best treatment! Wear a medical alert bracelet and let your companions know if you have an epinephrine pen handy and how to use it, in case of emergency. The Dr. may suggest over the counter antihistamine medications, or a series of injections over a long period of time as immunotherapy until you no longer have the allergy. Steroids are often ordered for an acute allergic reaction. Eye drops, inhalers, and nasal sprays are also ordered for allergies.

Allergies are quite common and can be inherited with a strong family history of allergies. Just know how to treat a mild form so it does not develop into a serious medical problem.

Have a blessed and safe fall, and stay away from allergens.

Judy Diener R.N.



DATE/TIME	GREETER	USHER	SACRAMENT	COUNTER	ACOLYTE	COFFEE	LECTOR
Sept 1st 8:30	N Bowlin J Schmidt	G /M Folger N Bowlin S Fye	J Warren P/D Yockey	Georgesons		Comforters	C Bell
10:00	Mayo Family	Mayo Family	No Communion	J & C Weiss			
Sept 8th 8:30	Halter Family	Waidelich/ Trevathan/ Ressler/ Tipping	No Communion	B Cook	Rigdon & Kian Freker	YOU? YOU?	B Skiver
10:00	YOU? YOU?	Barthle Bunch	C Barthle YOU? YOU?	D Chase			
11:15	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	No Communion	Dan Chase	Kate Eaton		J Herr
Sept 15th 8:30	S Ressler J/D Erdmann	Waidelich/ Trevathan/ Ressler/ Merickel	C Bell, S Emerson YOU?	S Tipping	Trent & Jake Yeager	L Hafemeister B Sedelbauer	G Heigel
10:00	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	No Communion	D Chase			
11:15	J Sengstock E Beard	J Sengstock E Beard	J Sengstock YOU? YOU?	L Bourn	Jackie & Lily Fair		L Hafemeister
Sept 22nd 8:30	J /S Merickel	Warrens Fraleys	S Tipping J Merickel	Georgesons	Camden Barthle	J & C Moody	P Yockey
10:00	YOU? YOU?	Barthle Bunch	J Bock C Barthle YOU? YOU?	Cooks			
11:15	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	K Crammond, YOU? YOU?	D Chase	Austin Clise		E Beard
Sept 29th 8:30	J Combs	J Roberts K Bristol J Diener	YOU? YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	Jack Durivage		A Crammond
10:00	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	No Communion	Weiss		S Ressler, YOU?	
11:15	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	L Hafemeister, K Crammond	D Chase	Owen Freker		J Sengstock



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Worship Schedule (Summer Schedule)
May 26th Through September 1st
Standard Worship Services resume September 8th

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.

11:15 am — Traditional Service
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music

