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### Youth Meals

April 8- April Weaver

April 22- Jennifer Kennerly

Tammy Garczynski

### Pastor's Thursday Morning Study Group at 10 am

Our Thursday morning group is in the midst of "The Challenge of Paul" a video and discussion series exploring his life, writings, theology and more. Never too late to join the conversation! We'll probably start the next topic (TBD) sometime in late April or early May.

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ST. LUKE'S WELCA is meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please join our community of women called to discipleship and engage in ministry and action.

WELCA Rowan Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, April 14, at Grace Lutheran Church. Please contact Kathy Holt by April 2 if you can attend. Cost is \$7. In-kind gifts of spaghetti sauce, crackers, and grits will be accepted for Main Street Mission.

### Mother-Daughter Banquet

will be held at St. Luke's on Saturday, May 12, at 11:30 am. Everyone is asked to bring a meat, vegetable, or dessert salad to share. Ann Ferebee, Salisbury Post columnist, will be our guest speaker.

*Blood Drive at St. Luke's  
Wednesday, May 2. (11 - 5:30 pm)  
Contact Robin Hampton at  
704/880-3572 or go online at  
[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to sign up.*



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### Pastor's Message – Lent-to-Easter, Discipleship and New Life

Our Lenten Journey is complete. In this season dedicated to examining ourselves, our relationship to God and our discipleship, about 60 of us gathered each Wednesday evening. We read scripture and explored our understanding of being a disciple and the purpose, the Why? of the church – that is, us individually and as a congregation. We identified and talked about 5 core purposes:

*Worship Discipleship Fellowship Service Outreach*

All our ministries and efforts revolve around and combine those 5 purposes in different ways.

And we talked and shared what that means for us, and how it could help us, to really better understand "why" we do what we do, and what we should do. We talked about the purpose and mission of some of our ministries here at St. Luke's, like LMM and WELCA, and helped crowd-source brainstorm some ideas that might help fulfill their calling to ministry and become stronger, more relevant, more faithful and meaningful to our members and the community. Our discipleship team members shared their thoughts and conclusions from the studies we've shared over the last 9 months, and some from what we talked about at our January leadership retreat with council and staff.

We end this Lent moving now into Easter – the celebration of resurrection, new life, new perspective and priority and promise. And with that transition, we shared a challenge to all our members and ministry committees and teams:

Explore that sense of purpose and ministry! Do it together!

We (me, Council & discipleship team) encourage all our groups to set aside some time to engage in this effort, and as a group (with Pastor or other helping guide) to explore and answer the following:

- 1) What is the purpose/mission for your team? What answers do you have for the "why?" and "what are we called to work toward" kind of questions? Not just a list of "what do you do" but more broadly who do you serve, how do you help them grow, why might this ministry be important to them, what are you hoping to accomplish, etc.
- 2) How does this influence identity, planning, decisions, priorities, activities, etc. Is it compelling? Would more folks feel and say "That is ministry that I want to be part of!"
- 3) What questions does this raise for a team responsible for a ministry?
- 4) Might it change the list of what we do, and how we do it?

Through the Resurrection of Christ we are given new life. That includes giving ourselves over to God so that God can help us grow, change, become something new. Let us all embrace the change that God calls for so that we might find the new life that God promises!

*Pastor Scott*

### Upcoming Sermons

April 1 (Easter) "Satan God Pranked"

April 8 "Life after Life – Resurrected Like Jesus"

April 15 "Life after Life" – Our Home in Heaven"

April 22 "Life After Life -That Other Place"

April 29 No sermon (Hymnsing in worship)

(Pastor Scott on Retreat)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

April:

- 1: Julie Hoffner
- 8: Russell Pruett
- 15: Thomas Perrell
- 22: Robin Hampton
- 29: James Rollans

**ACOLYTE**

Natalie Allison

**ALTAR GUILD**

Louise Cashion      Alice Weaver  
 Jennifer Perrell      Jody Perrell  
 Thomas Perrell

**Council Tellers**

Jason Connelly      Ruth Hodge

**USHERS**

David Arrowood      Mark Parrish  
 Larry Sheets      John Owen

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

- April 1: Deanna Allison  
 8: Julie Hoffner  
 15: Jennifer Perrell  
 22: Judy Getzlaff

**GREETERS**

- April 1: Mary Harkey  
 8: Alice Weaver  
 15: Dianne Davis  
 22: Peggy & Barry Curlee  
 29: Becky Edwards

**Fish Fry and Yard Sale**

St. Luke's spring Fish Fry and Yard Sale on March 17 was a great success. We served about 475 meals.  
 Yard Sale proceeds were \$1,725.75.  
 Fish Fry donations totaled \$8,430.15.  
 Total received for the day: \$10,155.90

**Meals on Wheels**

Volunteer Schedule for April

- April 3: Sally Morgan  
 5: Joan Kennerly  
 6: Jeff Poteat  
 10: Sally Morgan  
 11: Karen Moore  
 13: Janice Poteat  
 17: Alice Weaver  
 19: Joan Kennerly  
 20: Nancy Harris  
 24: Dianne Davis  
 25: Ted Holt  
 27: Linda Cloddfelter

**ALTAR FLOWERS (\$60)**

- April 1- Mr. Robert Hodge  
 8- M/M Ronnie Edwards  
 15- M/M David Arrowood  
 22- M/M Ty Clary  
 29- M/M Bill Hoffner

*St. Luke's Youth news*

- April 8: regular meeting  
 April 22 Morning worship: SLY's Sojourn to Houston  
 Evening regular meeting to plan Youth Sunday  
 April 27-28: Black Mountain retreat  
 May 13: Celebrate Moms! Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition Day  
 June 3, 6:00 pm: Houston Trip meeting  
 June 17 or 24: Youth and Parent Houston Trip Meeting  
 June 27: Leave for Houston Youth Gathering

**Kingdom Kids (Age 4-Grade 5)  
 SLY (Grade 6-Grade 12)**

Meal served at 6 pm, followed by meeting from 6:30-to 7:30 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Council Meetings Notes**

*A reminder: Council meetings are normally open for all members to attend and detailed minutes are on record, if desired. The Congregation Council met the morning of Sunday March 18. Notable actions and decisions include:*

Finance committee is narrowing down options for a credit card for use by church staff in select situations.

Property reported that generator is installed, last connections and startup tests scheduled. Windows project still underway, doors project due to start soon.

Treasurer's report and related audit updates were accepted.

Council decided to create a policy/practice to maintain a buffer of 10% of budget as an emergency buffer in the Current Fund

Council directed Property Team to review and explore new options for cleaning activity building and fellowship hall, since these spaces are not the responsibility of the church Sexton and there is no clear practice in place for these areas.

Council is encouraging members to consider attending the NC Synod Assembly

Council approved gathering a love offering for NC Synod outdoors ministries in April

Council received offer of donation of a piano, and approved said offer pending evaluation of the instrument by Laurie

Council discussed long-time dream of offering tutoring services to local school students, and is planning to host a conversation on that topic with local leader.

Council approved updated coaching/review forms for staff.

Council decided to recommend congregation use \$20,000 of Current Fund as a payment toward the mortgage loan, reducing the mortgage balance to just under \$100,000.

**Update: Windows and Doors**

The Sanctuary stained glass windows interior glazing renovation is underway and moving quickly.

The Sanctuary locking double doors will likely be started soon, now that much of the windows work is complete.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- Audrey Weaver 2
- Wade Jones 2
- Jayden Kerr 3
- Paula Owen 3
- Claire Hodge 5
- Mary Harkey 5
- Bonnie Russell 5
- Helen McNeely 6
- Grey Braddy 8
- Barry Curlee 8
- Andrew McBride 9
- Abigail Cameron 10
- Matt Karriker 12
- Joe Hampton 17
- Debra Cress 21
- Linda Silliman 21
- Thomas Perrell 24
- Tinley Summitt 26
- Shana Putnam 26
- Anna McBride 26
- Todd Hansen 27
- Jack Weaver 29

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

- Margie Karriker 2
- Leah Duganne 2
- Margaret Faust 2
- Gayla Schenk 3
- Ted Holt 3
- Alan Hoffner 3
- Kathy Holt 5
- Ruth Hodge 5
- Clyde Harkey 5
- Jackson Keys 9
- Peggy Curlee 10
- Amber Owen-Kennerly 14
- James Applewhite 17
- Drew Frederick 17
- Lisa Burns 18
- Clay Sheets 18
- Karen Moore 20
- Ashlie Ceips 22
- Larry Sheets 25
- Bill Hoffner 29

## April Special Charity Focus: NC Synod Outdoor Ministries

Every few months, we highlight a ministry outside of St. Luke's that we wish to support with promotion, prayer and a love offering or other contribution.

For April, we'll focus on the camping and outdoor ministries of the NC Synod. These ministries touch the lives of thousands each year through camping, retreats, seminars, small group gatherings, special events on and off property, gathering space for congregations, councils and other groups, etc. While children and youth are the typical focus during the summer months, adult groups are the most common participants during the rest of the year. The 4 sites in NC include Lutheridge near Arden/Asheville, Lutherock in Newland, near Linville, Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina south of Raleigh and Kure Beach south of Wilmington, these outdoors ministries connect us to God's great creation, offer many different kinds of experiences, environments, facilities and opportunities for folks throughout the synod and beyond.

Our support helps them maintain and improve the camps themselves, but more importantly our support helps them share the Gospel of Christ and provide the services and fellowship for our kids, and ourselves, to grow in faith and in relationship with God and each other.

*In April we'll be collecting a love-offering, and hearing a bit more about these ministries.*



### **little Dresses**

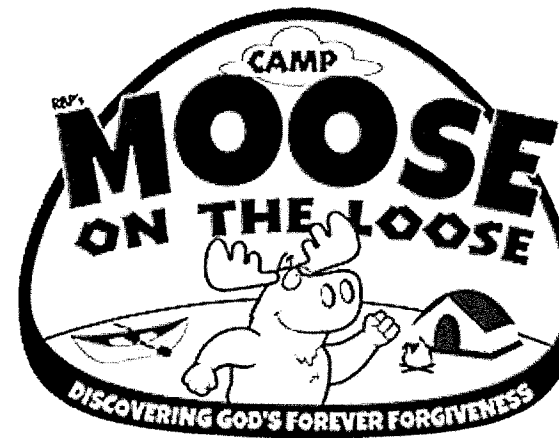
Alice and Carolyn and others are sharing their sewing and crafting skills to create little dresses for girls in the areas of the African mission we support with the Raymers and others. These simple dresses are easy to make, easy to ship, and loved by the girls that get them. Got the itch to stitch? Talk to Alice and Carolyn!

## COMPLIMENTS! FROM YOU, TO YOU.

*Look for that big white Compliments Box – usually in the narthex – and keep thinking about the folks that make this place special, and sharing your compliments with us so we can share them with all.*

Here's your notes of compliment and thanks to each other:

- Nearly Everyone for Fish Fry/Yard Sale – especially leaders Grover (Fish Fry) and Julie (Yard Sale) – and guys for cooking, ladies for desserts & serving, youth helping, Laurie and guests for music, etc.
- Discipleship Team (Micki, Steve, Robin, Cookie & David) for helping and leading Lenten Wednesday series
- Youth Worship Arts for singing
- Johnny Moore for removing big limb from front yard
- Shepherds' Ministry team for meals, visitations and calling to check on us
- Pastor Scott for being our pastor, all the work you do, and bringing us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Audit Team for 6 month review of financials.
- Emergency Response team for working on something we really need to do.
- Our Sunday School teachers (all of them) for preparing and leading our classes
- Pastor Scott for preaching from the pulpit



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
Save the Date – June 15-18

June 15: 5:30 – 8 pm  
June 16: 4-6 pm  
June 17: 4-6 pm  
June 18: family night and  
water day: 5:30-8 pm

Registration will begin May 1st  
and training sessions will follow (TBA)

**Holy Week Services**

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday Seder Meal service (7 pm) in the fellowship hall  
*\*\* This service include special preparation, table settings, etc. If you did not sign up, and wish to participate, please contact Pastor Scott \*\**  
 Friday, March 30 – Good Friday worship (7 pm) “Service of the Nails”  
 Saturday, March 31 – Easter Egg hunt (1-2:30 pm)  
 Sunday, April 1 – Community sunrise service and breakfast at Centenary Methodist (7 am)  
 Sunday, April 1 – Easter Worship at 10:30 am *NO Sunday School*

**Capital Campaign update**      **2017 “Mortgage Free & A Blessing Be”**  
 As of end of Feb. 2018, we have received 31 pledges, totaling \$87,988 total pledged. \$72,913 has been contributed so far toward our goal of \$150,000.  
**Council has called a short congregational meeting for April 15. Through generous giving St. Luke’s currently has a bit of a surplus in our Current/General fund, and council recommends we make a special allocation of \$20,000 to pay down the mortgage balance. That payment would reduce the outstanding loan to just under \$100,000!**

**For our Faith**

Last month we shared about St. Luke’s Confirmation ministry, for all ages not just youth. This month we’d like to share the topics that are part of the Faith Basics Series. This three year curriculum, meets about every 2 months for about 90 minutes each session. Over that 3-year cycle we’ll cover a wide range of topics to give a firm foundation about the Bible, theology, Lutheran tradition, prayer and spirituality and more.

<b>Faith Basic Topics</b>	
Luther & The Reformation	OT Overview & Genesis
The Small Catechism	OT People of the Promise
Bible – The Big Picture	OT Rise & Fall of Israel
NT The Gospels Overview	Lutheran Thought & Theology
NT Life & Teachings of Jesus	Apologetics
NT The Early Church	Prayer & Spiritual Life
Serving: Gods Work Our Hands	God and Jesus and Holy Spirit
Disciples in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	The Cross & Salvation
Worship	The Means of Grace – Baptism, Eucharist, Worship & Word

**Faith Basics – “The Gospels” - April 15**

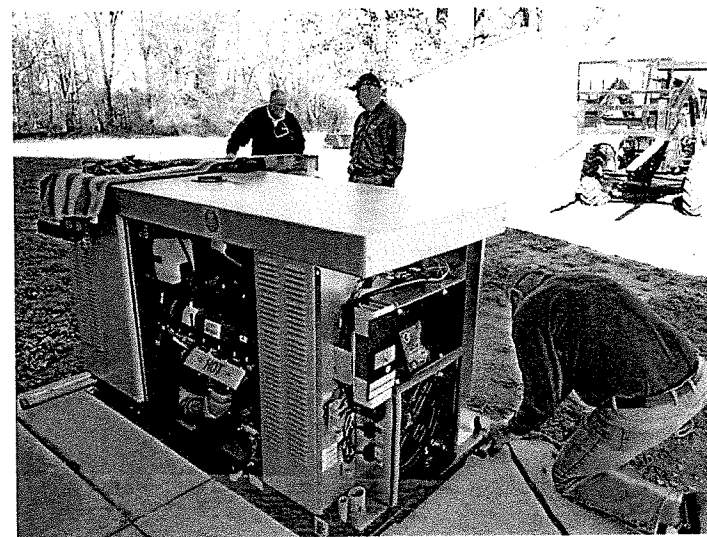
Join us on Sunday, April 15, after worship for “The Gospels.” All are welcome, and especially if you are involved in Confirmation, exploring this whole idea of faith, want a refresher or review, etc. We have a sign up sheet to help us plan for a light lunch, which will be provided.

**Fun Marriage Enrichment Seminar Series**

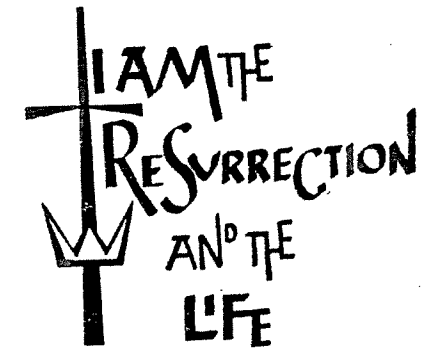
Married? Planning on it? Thinking about it? Maybe someday, out there, you don’t even know who?  
 This series is for you! St. Luke’s ~~wish~~ is hosting a series of sessions for those wanting to make their marriage better and stronger – even if you aren’t married yet! We’re combining materials from Mark Gungor’s “Laugh You Way to a Better Marriage” and Danny Aiken’s “A Biblical Marriage in a Broken World.” Topics include “A Tale of Two Brains,” “Your One True Love,” “How To Stay Married and Not Kill Anybody” and more. Good stuff for guys, and gals, and great for both.  
 We’re trying to lock down dates right now for this series that will last about 5-6 weeks, starting possibly late April or early May. Talk with Pastor Scott and Kaye Sheets about your interest, and whether Tuesday, Thursday, or Sunday evenings might be best for you. We’ll also try and arrange child care if that is necessary.

**Update: Generator**

The Activity Building generator has been installed!  
 Propane tank in, final electrical startup/test scheduled.



**BIBLE STUDY**



**West Rowan Bible Teaching Association**

**Hymn Sing” during our service on April 29th!**  
**Start thinking of hymns you would love to sing and watch for the song sheet that will be placed in the Narthex to request hymns.**

**Look in each Sunday bulletin for music ministry plans.**

In February, we hosted and highlighted the local West Rowan Bible Teaching Association on our Bold Women’s Sunday. We thank them for serving the community for the last 70+ years, teaching our kids (and many of us here at St. Luke’s), and we gathered a love offering totaling \$2,577.00 to support their efforts.



Friends and Relatives on our Prayer List

We thought it might be helpful if all of us know the relationship to our congregation of the people on our friends and relatives prayer list. We ask that as names need to be added or removed, you contact the church office. Prayer is a powerful entity and as we pray for our church members and others, we strengthen our faith in love and service.

Allen Bailey *friend of David Arrowood*  
 Vernice & James Beaver *sister & brother-in-law of Arnold McDaniel*  
 Lennie Cauble *sister of Bonnie Russell*  
 Pam Clough *sister of Eddie Poteat*  
 Mrs. Drew Davis *sister-in-law of Lane Lauder*  
 Ted Deal *nephew of Margaret Morgan*  
 Kim Denning *sister of Grover Holt*  
 Todd Getzlaff *son of Judy Getzlaff*  
 Debbie Hampton *sister-in-law of Joe Hampton*  
 Glenn Hester *friend of Jason Connelly*  
 Elvin Holt *father of Grover Holt*  
 Leslie Houston *wife of Preston Houston*  
 Mildred Huffman *mother of Micki Karriker*  
 Coyt Karriker *cousin of Joe Hampton*  
 Don Killian *friend of David Arrowood*

Marketta McIntosh *sister of Tracy Phillips*  
 Mary Myers *cousin of Sandy A. & Johnny M.*  
 Jerry Overcash *cousin of Bonnie Russell*  
 Lester Peeler *husband of Faye Peeler*  
 Rachel Peeler *sister-in-law of Faye Peeler*  
 Wendle Pruett *sister-in-law of Russell Pruett*  
 Diane Rivers *friend of Alice Weaver*  
 Stephanie Robinson *sister of Tracy Phillips*  
 Chris Shiflett *step-sister of Lisa McBride*  
 Betty Stewart *aunt of David Arrowood*  
 Jimmy Stewart *uncle of David Arrowood*  
 Mike Thompson *nephew of Eleanor Ijames*  
 Dot Walker *aunt of David Arrowood*  
 April Weaver *wife of Jonathan Weaver*  
 Len Wilson *Ashe Co. resident*  
 Tom Wilson *friend of Johnny Moore*

**Members and Friends Serving in the Military**

Eric Corriher *son of Craig & Lori Corriher*  
 Jon Faust *son of Margaret Faust*

Lane McNeely *son-in-law of Gina & Earl Bond*  
 Vince Price *nephew of David Arrowood*  
 David Terry *son of Beverly Terry*



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

**Our loving, yessing Creator**  
 has **given us** not the right or  
 the power; but the **ability** to  
 say **yes**. What a **gift!**

Prayer & Spiritual Direction - Wednesdays at 2 pm  
 Do you have a desire, or possible interest, in learning more about prayer and the art of listening for God's voice? Exploring many different kinds and styles of prayer, and what might work best for you? Perhaps a desire to intentionally discuss and work to discern God's working in your life, and how you might make yourself more open to the Holy Spirit?  
 Join Pastor Scott on Apr. 4 at 2 pm

Emergency Response Plan Underway -- Will You Help?

St. Luke's has launched a task team, led by Joe Hampton, to create an emergency response plan for St. Luke's. This will cover a wide range of situations – medical, fire/tornado and other emergencies, security for buildings and situations like suspicious persons, serving as an emergency shelter for the community. We invite and encourage you to participate in this process. The plans will touch most all of us and our ministries when we consider things like training, evacuation, equipment, communication, etc.

**Synod Assembly – Lay Delegates Needed!**

The annual NC Synod Assembly will be held on June 1 & 2 in Raleigh, and St Luke's is requested to select and send 3 delegates - 1 adult male, 1 adult female, 1 youth (HS/College). Laity participation is very important in the ELCA. It isn't run by pastors! The Synod Assembly rules require 2/3 of the voting participants to be lay members of congregations. Will you join us for this event? Any member is eligible. St. Luke's is committed to covering registration and hotel expenses. Please contact Council Chair Jason Connelly, any other council member, or Pastor Scott. Early (discounted) registration ends April 15.

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**  
**Treasurer's Report**

	Current	Benevolence	Restricted	Capital Campaign	Total
Beginning Balance 2/1/18	\$46,897.81	\$0.00	\$72,587.96	\$41,711.62	\$161,197.39
Receipts February 2018	\$15,253.68	\$446.20	\$3,932.03	\$4,005.46	\$23,637.37
Charges/Fees February 2018	(\$60.95)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$60.95)
Transfers February 2018	\$3,637.82	(\$446.20)	(\$3,191.62)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disbursements February 2018	(\$19,896.38)	\$0.00	(\$2,860.70)	(\$22,400.00)	(\$45,157.08)
Ending Balance 2/28/18	\$45,831.98	\$0.00	\$70,467.67	\$23,317.08	\$139,616.73

MIF Balance as of 2/11/18

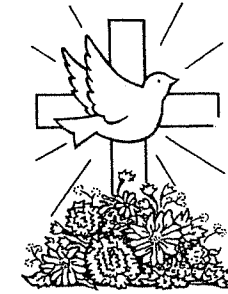
\$138,848.02

**OFFERINGS AND ATTENDANCE IN FEBRUARY**

	Current	Benevolence	Worship	SS	Wed.PM
2/4	\$ 4183.37	\$ 92.00	58	21	
2/11	\$ 4333.33	\$ 156.00	95	27	55
2/18	\$ 3592.80	\$ 85.20	98	30	55
2/25	\$ 3068.18	\$ 136.91	80	33	58



*Special Thank You to all who helped with Easter activities, the Easter egg hunt, the special music, all assistants in our worship services, and decoration of our beautiful sanctuary.*



# APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Easter Sunday 1</b> 7:00 am – Sunrise Service/Breakfast at Centenary Methodist 10:30 am – Worship/Communion at St. Luke's	<b>2</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 2:00 pm Prayer/Spiritual Dir.	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group 6:30 pm St. Luke's WELCA	<b>6</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym	<b>7</b>
<b>2nd Sunday of Easter 8</b> 7:45 am – L M M 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship 5:00 pm – Handbell Choir 5:00-6:00 pm – Youth Worship Arts 6:00 pm – Youth Meal 6:30-7:30 pm – Kingdom Kids 6:30-7:30 pm – SLY	<b>9</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	<b>13</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym	<b>14</b>
<b>3rd Sunday of Easter 15</b> 7:30 am – Cong. Council 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Communion 12 noon – Faith Basics lunch 5:00-6:00 pm – Youth Worship Arts	<b>16</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	<b>20</b> 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym	<b>21</b> 9:00 am WELCA Spring Gathering at Grace Lutheran
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<b>5th Sunday of Easter 29</b> 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Hymnsing 5:00 pm – Handbell Choir 5:00-6:00 pm – Youth Worship Arts	<b>30</b>					

- April**
- 1 Easter Sunrise Service/breakfast (@Centenary Meth.) 7 am
  - 1 Easter Worship @ St. Luke's 10:30 am
  - 15 Faith Basics/Lunch

- May**
- 2 Red Cross Blood Drive 1-5:30 pm
  - 12 Mother-Daughter Banquet 11:30 am
  - 13 Mother's Day Breakfast 9 am
  - 13 Youth Sunday /Worship 10:30 am
  - 27 Outdoor worship on-site 10:30 am

- June**
- 15-18 Vacation Bible School  
 Theme: *Moose on the Loose/Camping & Wilderness*
  - 17 Father's Day Breakfast 9 am
  - 24 Homecoming/Golden Age Sunday Worship
  - 27 (thru July 1) ELCA Youth Gathering, Houston

