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Pastor's Thursday Morning
Study Group at 10 am
Dead Sea Scrolls

We've (almost) finished "The Challenge of Paul" video discussion series, and will soon be starting an exploration of the Dead Sea Scrolls – and the Qumran Essene community that preserved them. What do these show us of Judaism immediately prior to Jesus? Was John the Baptist part or a guest in the community? Could Jesus be their "Teacher of Righteousness?" What was the "Community Rule" that all agreed to live by? Never too late to join the conversation!

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



RED CROSS BLOOD
DRIVE AT ST. LUKE'S
ON WEDNESDAY,
MAY 2, FROM
1 TO 5:30 PM

You may go online www.redcrossblood.org
or contact the church office or Robin Hampton
at 704/880-3572 to schedule an appointment.
Walk-ins are welcome. Donors will be entered
into a drawing for a chance to win a \$1,000 gift
card to Home Depot.



Pastor's Message

Trees and plants and flowers and growing things! Glory and beauty and new life!

We are into the great bloom of Spring, and reminded of new life after the season of winter. Well, there's also spring cleaning, and sweeping or washing away the yellow pollen. We already did some of the "clean out the closets" for the spring yard sale. Baseball is back and college football spring practice is underway, both with new players and coaches. All this reminds me that the cycles of old and new, restart and renew, never end. Christ's death on the cross and Easter rising. Our baptism is an echo of that death and resurrection. Our life in the church has its seasons and changes, with new folks taking leadership of some ministries, some new ways to grow and serve and reach the community like the upcoming Marriage Enrichment seminar series.

Spring is a wonderful, exciting time – and a good time to look at both ourselves and our ministries, and ask the questions: What's working well? What's not working so well? Is there something we should consider changing, adding, or stop doing? Like a plant, where do we put our energy? We put it into the roots growing down to reach the water of life and nourishment we need, and into the branches and leaves looking for the sun. Sometimes we need to prune a bit here and there, and give some special attention and fertilizer for another, sometimes clean up the litter of old leaves.

All that we might grow more healthy. For we, too, are like these plants – though we are looking for the Son, and the water of life.

Pastor Scott

Upcoming Sermons

May 6 – "Love One Another"

May 20 – "Past Present Future"

May 13 – Youth Sunday

May 27 – Outdoor worship and special message

Celebrate Moms! and Recognition of seniors

*****May 27 – Outdoor Worship & Fellowship Lunch *****

Join us here at St Luke's for an outdoors worship service in the shelter/grounds behind the sanctuary on Memorial Day weekend. We'll just jump inside if it is raining. We thank our Fellowship team for helping coordinate a congregational lunch afterward.

Special Charity Focus on NC Synod Outdoor Ministries will highlight NovusWay outdoor and camping activities in May. Kara Ridenhour will give a presentation at our 10:30 am worship this month (date to be announced)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May:
6: Grace Hodge
13: Youth Sunday
20: Steve Massey
27: Jeff Applewhite

ACOLYTE

Karley Clawson

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Holt Grover Holt
Ted Holt Julie Edwards
Chase Hovis Becky Edwards

Council Tellers

Chad Clawson Wesley Jones

USHERS

Jeff Poteat Terry Lee Hoffner
Julie Edwards Sally Morgan

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

May 6: Shana Putnam
13: Youth Sunday
20: Jennifer Perrell
27: Judy Getzlaff

GREETERS

May 6: Jennifer Perrell
13: St. Luke's Youth
20: Lori Corriher
27: Judy Getzlaff

150th Birthday Team

2019 is only 8 months away! And we're starting to plan for that special year and St. Luke's 150th anniversary. If you have any creative ideas, please chat with anyone on the planning team: Glenn Hoffner, Jody Perrell, Carol Parrish, Leanne Stanley, Ruth Hodge, Kathy Holt, and Pastor Scott.

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Schedule
for May

May 1: Sally Morgan
3: Joan Kennerly
4: Jeff Poteat
8: Alice Weaver
9: Karen Moore
11: Janice Poteat
15: Sally Morgan
17: Joan Kennerly
18: Nancy Harris
22: Dianne Davis
23: Ted Holt
25: Linda Clodfelter
29: Sally Morgan
30: Alice Weaver

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ALTAR FLOWERS (\$60)

May 6- Charlie Graham Family
13- M/M Donald Rand
20- Micki Karriker

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St. Luke's Youth (SLY) news

May 13: Celebrate Moms! Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition Day

May 20: Youth Fundraiser: Donations will be accepted for the Congregation Meal to be provided after worship by Carol Parrish, Ruth Hodge, Lori Corriher, and Karen Moore

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

Council Meeting 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, April 15. Notable actions and decisions include:

Finance committee has applied for a church credit card.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Evangelism team reported that Mark Parrish has accepted the role of chairperson.

Property reported that generator has been fully installed and tested. Windows project still underway, doors project due to start soon.

Council directed Property Team to review options for service contracts for the Activity Building generator and HVAC systems, and bring a recommendation to council.

Council hosted guest (Dot Luther, from Thyatira Presbyterian Church) who shared about their tutoring ministry.

Council approved Worship & Music request to purchase 2 wide-angle microphones and an additional wireless lapel microphone, for a total of \$559, allocating funds from a variety of accumulated sources.

Council approved a simple form for members to be able to use to request "community support" Fish Fry funds. Forms to be submitted to council prior to each Fish Fry.

Pastor shared that the Peeler/Smith family has completed the decorative cross for the Fellowship Hall, and that it is ready for mounting and for a dedication rite on May 20.

Pastor also shared that after evaluating the piano that had been offered to SLC, it was declined, with thanks, due to having a broken sound-board.

Next council meeting will be held on Sunday May 20, 7:30 am.

Thank You for your generous donation to support our spring performances at Williamsburg and Carowinds and equipment needs.

West Rowan Middle School Band

West Rowan Bible Teaching Association Fundraisers:

Vidalia Onion Sale – 10 lbs. for \$10. Call or text 704-640-2455 to order by May 7th. Pick up at West Rowan Ag Bldg. on May 10th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Annual flower sale on May 12th from 8 am-12 pm at Salem Lutheran Church and The Arbor UMC. We will have hanging baskets and bedding plants.

Evangelism Committee Update

We express our thanks and appreciation to Jennifer Perrell for her years leading our Evangelism Committee, and welcome Mark Parrish as the new chairperson for that team.

Update: Generator Windows and Doors

The Sanctuary building stained glass windows interior glazing renovation continues. Narthex and sanctuary windows completed, rear windows in Sunday School and choir areas underway. Property team working to schedule work on the sanctuary locking double doors.

Faith Basics – "The Gospels" - April 15

A great day! Nearly 30 joined us on Sun., April 15., after worship for "The Gospels." Next session "Life of Jesus" will be in about 2 months, date and details TBD.



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 will be 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 Your Way to a Better Marriage" and Danny Aiken's "A Biblical Marriage in a Broken World." 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 6 weeks. Talk with Pastor Scott and Kaye Sheets about your interest, and whether Thursday or Sunday evenings might be best for you. We'll also try and arrange child care if that is necessary.

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:

- Chase, Thomas, and Tanner for declaring "Worthy is the Lamb" in such a beautiful way
- Micki for all her planning and preparation for our Seder meal
- Laurie for directing the young singers and creating an inspiring quartet musical worship experience. Great work!
- Pastor Scott for thought-provoking Lenten services and powerful Holy Week and Easter worship
- Thomas for doing such a terrific part in the youth chorus on Sunday 3/18.
- Jason for surprising everyone with yet another talent, your solo, to praise and serve the Lord
- Grover for mounting the AED boxes and many other projects
- Chase for making the youth musical presentation on 3/18 such a special event
- Gracie for anchoring the youth foursome and then doing a super solo accompanist
- Aidan for doing such a good job with the youth choir on March 18
- Pastor Scott for leaving the prose and embracing the poetry of worship, very effective to drive home the purpose of the message
- Steve Massey and Leanne Stanley for serving as our NC Synod Assembly delegates

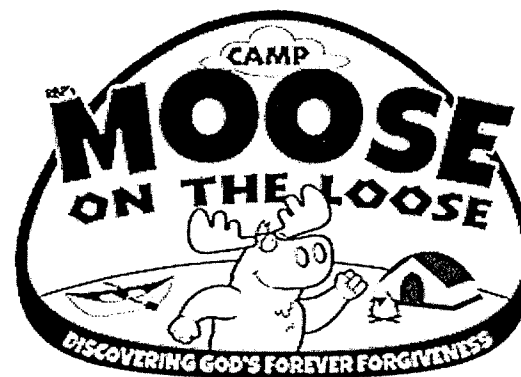
Mother – Daughter Banquet at St. Luke's
on Saturday, May 12, at 11:30 am

Ann Ferebee, Salisbury Post columnist, will be guest speaker

Please bring a salad dish (Meat, vegetable, fruit, or dessert) and Tea for each guest attending. (Please return RSVP form by May 3)

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

will be hosted by St. Luke's Lutheran Men in Mission on May 13, at 9 AM. Everyone is invited. (We will not have Sunday school)

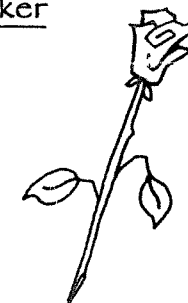


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Save the Date – June 15-18

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

Calling all VBS helpers! Please plan to attend a training session on Wednesday May 30th from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. Join us in the fellowship hall to learn all about Moose on the Loose and also to review our new child protection policy! If you have any questions, contact Shana Putnam at putnam5@mi-connection.com or Pastor Swix. Looking forward to an amazing VBS this year!

The Child Safety portion (led by Pastor Scott) is a required session for all folks that are and will be working with kids, so that we might best protect the children, our staff, and volunteers. We'll cover things to watch for and a variety of practices to prevent possible problems. As expected by insurance and congregation policy, an attendance/sign-in record will be kept. Shana will provide preparation and planning for the upcoming VBS, which starts on June 15.



For Our Faith"

The Signs of Total Forgiveness

"The signs to know you have totally forgiven can be summarized this way:

- (1) You do not tell anybody what they did to you (*this would be trying to punish the one who hurt you*);
- (2) you do not try to intimidate them;
- (3) you do not let them feel guilty;
- (4) you let them save face;
- (5) you accept the matter of total forgiveness as a "life sentence" - *you* have to keep doing it, indefinitely;
- (6) you pray that they will be blessed and let off the hook

When you do these things, you have fulfilled what Jesus had in mind for you. You will never be sorry. The blessings of the Holy Spirit on you will compound and multiply to exceed your greatest expectations. Finally, the greater (or deeper) the hurt, the greater the blessing that will be yours."

R. T. Kendall (Christianity Today, March 2005)



AED (Heart defibrillators)

St. Luke's now has AED units in the Fellowship Hall and Activity Building, helping us provide a safer space more prepared for emergencies, and now compliant with the expectation of the Red Cross for emergency shelter facilities. A special training session for members, guests and community will be arranged in the near future to teach AED use, CPR, and related life-saving methods. The purchase of the AEDs was made possible by the generous support of St. Luke's Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) (\$800) and the North Carolina Synod Peeler-Casey Fund (\$1600), for which we express our great thanks and appreciation!

St. Luke's Music Ministry

St. Luke's is blessed to be able to incorporate various arts forms into our worship services! This coming month, our Youth Worship Arts Team will celebrate our graduates and the impact their parents have in getting them prepared for the next chapter of their lives. The team is creating a video and will be sharing a song. This will be incorporated into the Mother's Day service, which will be led by SLY. Our Handbell choir will be playing both May 6 and again for our outdoor service on May 27. On May 20, we welcome Caroline Stephenson back as a guest pianist while Laurie visits with her mom and sister in Buffalo, NY (hopefully, they won't still be getting snow by then).

Take a look at our upcoming anthems! As always, if one or more is special to you, the Chancel Choir invites you to be a guest and sing it with us. All you have to do is attend our regular rehearsals until "your" song has been a part of worship.

During the month of May, our anthems will be The Lily of the Valley (May 6) and You Alone are God (May 27).

Looking farther out on the calendar, June's anthems will be How Beautiful (June 3), Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace (June 10), and Good, Good Father (June 17). Look for the rest of June and July anthems in our next newsletter. We are practicing all of these pieces now, so feel free to attend any Wednesday rehearsal, normally from 7:00-8:15. Please note changes as listed below.

Father's Day will be a bit different this year. Because cooking, serving, and cleaning up from the Father's Day breakfast makes it difficult to find time to learn a song for the anthem, we will give the ladies a break and have a MEN'S CHOIR that day. Good, Good Father was suggested by Jason Connelly a while back, and Father's Day seems to be a great fit for that particular song. Guys, please join us on Wednesdays, June 6 and 13, from 7:00-7:30 pm to learn this song, as well as June 17 at 10:00. We need tenors, baritones, and basses!

Speaking of special pieces, John Rutter's A Distant Land will be the anthem on July 8. Rehearsals for that will be on Wednesdays, June 20 and June 27, from 7:00-7:30, then Sundays, July 1 and 8, from 10:00-10:15.

Getting back to the current month, May has some changes in our regular schedule. YWA will only meet on May 6. On May 9, Chancel Choir will start at 7:30. There will be no Chancel Choir on May 16.

May blessings shine down upon you today and throughout the month!!

Laurie

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, etc. 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.

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*
 Ted Deal *nephew of Margaret Morgan*
 Kim Denning *sister of Grover Holt*
 Chuck Dudding *son-in-law of Mary Harkey*
 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.*
 Carol Null *sister-in-law of Margaret Morgan*
 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 *husband of Dana Corriher*
 Jon Faust *son of Margaret Faust*

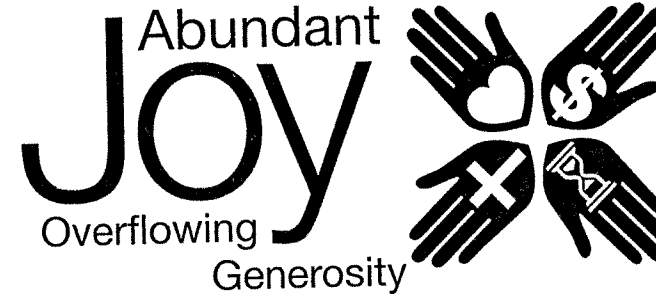
Lane McNeely *son-in-law of Gina & Earl Bond*
 Vince Price *nephew of David Arrowood*
 David Terry *son of Beverly Terry*



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 May 9 at 2 pm

Our Christian love and sympathy are expressed to the family of Mrs. Faye Graham (mother of Alice McDaniel) who passed away on April 20. -We also express our sympathy to Lane Lauder and her family at the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Drew Davis, on April 6.



-2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NRSV)

God deserves so much more than we give, but if we're honest with ourselves, life happens. We live in a world with complex demands on our time, energy, focus, and attention.

So rather than feel guilty that God does not get more of us, we can find security and experience growth in our faith and walk with the Lord through percentage living—giving God a specific and intentional portion of our day, our week, and our life.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The congregation gathered for a short meeting on April 15, at which time it approved a council motion to allocate \$20,000 from the surplus in the Current Expense Fund to be made as a special principal payment on the mortgage on the Fellowship/Office and Activity Building. That payment reduces the outstanding loan to under \$100,000!

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Treasurer's Report

	Current	Benevolence	Restricted	Capital Campaign	Total
Beginning Balance 3/1/18	\$45,831.98	\$0.00	\$70,541.10	\$23,243.65	\$139,616.73
Receipts March 2018	\$13,990.55	\$682.42	\$15,092.18	\$3,576.30	\$33,341.45
Charges/Fees March 2018	(\$61.40)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$61.40)
Transfers March 2018	\$682.42	(\$682.42)	(\$37.00)	\$0.00	(\$37.00)
Disbursements March 2018	(\$19,438.71)	\$0.00	(\$5,095.65)	(\$2,400.00)	(\$26,934.36)
Ending Balance 3/31/18	\$41,004.84	\$0.00	\$80,500.63	\$24,419.95	\$145,925.42

MIF Balance as of 3/11/18 _____ \$116,860.22

Offerings and attendance for March

	Current	Benevolence	Worship	SS	Wed. PM
3-4	\$ 5,122.40	\$ 362.60	99	36	56
3-11	2,539.61	74.20	109	30	59
3-18	2,168.09	37.40	99	39	54
3-25	2,529.65	184.31	85	28	Th.46; Fr.69



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

MAY 2018

June

1-2	NC synod Assembly Meeting in Raleigh
15-18	Vacation Bible School <i>Theme: Moose on the Loose/Camping & Wilderness</i>
17	Father's Day Breakfast 9 am
24	Homecoming/Golden Age Sunday Worship
27 (thru July 1)	ELCA Youth Gathering, Houston

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rachel Presley	1
Justin Graham	2
Ken Goforth	3
James Rollans	3
Mary Ann Hansen	8
Terry Hoffner	10
Ernestine Hoffner	11
Ty Clary	11
Erica Nelson	14
Allison Clary	14
Micki Karriker	15
Eli Adams	15
Marian Lytle	16
Eric Corriher	16
Will Lytle	23
Velma Bost	23
Russell Pruett	25
Karley Clawson	27
Rhonda McDaniel	28
Lauren Hood	29
Wayne Klutz	30
David Arrowood	30
Ricky Hoffner	31
Valerie Graham	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 1:00-5:30 pm Blood Drive at St. Luke's 7:00 pm Chancel Choir	3 10 am Pastor's Study Group 6:30 pm St. Luke's WELCA	4 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym	5
6 th Sunday of Easter 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Communion 5:00 pm – Handbell Choir 5:00-6:00 pm – Youth Worship Arts 6:00 pm – Worship & Music Committee	6 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise	7	8 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 2:00 pm Prayer/Spiritual Dir. 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	9	10 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	11 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 11:30 am Mother-Daughter Banquet
7 th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am – Mother's Day Breakfast NO Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Youth Sunday	13 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise	14	15 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym NO Chancel Choir	16	17 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	18 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym
Pentecost Sunday 7:30 am – Congregation Council 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship/Communion 12 noon – Cong. Meal/Youth Fundraiser 5:00 pm – Handbell Choir	20 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise	21	22 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	23	24 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	25 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym
Trinity Sunday 9:15 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship Outdoors at St. Luke's	27 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:30-7:30 pm Aerobics Exercise Church Office closed Memorial Day	28	29	30 8-10:30 am Walking in Gym 6:00-7:30 pm VBS and Child Safety Training. 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	31 10:00 am Pastor's Study Group	<i>Share with all the gospel faith, hope, and love</i>

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Grace Hodge	5
Elizabeth Applewhite	7
Hannah Allison	11
Payton Holt	13
Matt Karriker	14
Julie Poteat	18
Eleanor Ijames	19
Janice Poteat	21
Terry I. Hoffner	23
Mark Parrish	26
Linda Silliman	28
Paula Owen	28