

St. Luke's Charge Conference Presentation Oct. 1, 2017

Offered by Pastor Lisa Sykes, Mr. Bobbie Strum and Pastor Katie Pocalyko, our Guest from the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour.

Pastor Lisa:

On September 15th and 17th, Kathy Merry led St. Luke's Council in a visioning retreat. We affirmed that the DNA of St. Luke's contains a predominate genetic code of genuine friendship and missional concern for our community.

We are located in a stable community, with little demographic change in terms of race, age or income, but with the following identified challenges: poverty among children recently redistricted to Jacobs Road Elementary, grandparents serving as parents in addition to other non-traditional family structures, and a significant percentage of SBNR's. (People who identify as Spiritual But Not Religious)

Therefore, we will define disciple, in practical terms, by use of Matthew 11:

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." This scripture discloses to us that:

A disciple recognizes Jesus as teacher;
accepts Jesus' yoke or personal "call" in their life,
and offers to share burden bearing and faith with others as a way of life.

Discipleship, like good works, is our response to the Good News of our salvation, and we offer it in reverent imitation of Christ who first loved us, and His outpouring love. Strengthened by the word, then, we will focus on building ourselves and others through service.

(Bobbie Strum, Lay Leader)

While lifting our own loads with the help of the spiritual disciplines, we will seek to track our discipleship by how much we are able to lighten the load of those neighbors around us who struggle with their own loads/responsibilities.

Specific to the loads those in our community bear, we propose missional work that may include ideas such as: a family-friendly series of meals, which conclude with a short children's lesson; worship that is non traditional in form and time, such as a kid-friendly meal throughout Advent where scripture and carols can be shared by candlelight and where non-traditional families can feel comfortable entering in. Our goal is to teach children (and parents) the Gospel story in a popular Vacation Bible School format while welcoming them in a non-threatening way.

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Discipleship through service will also include exploration of sponsoring a Stop Hunger Now-style program at the local elementary school, to package nutritious ready-to-boil meals for students and their families who are hungry. Such a program would involve school, business and church cooperation. Also, we imagine an event where we serve our homemade Brunswick stew at Jacobs Road Elementary for those students and their families with economic need.

The final, vital part of our discipleship is happening in concert with our Lutheran neighbors, through an experiment in cooperative ministry that just keeps growing. Here to speak about this is the Rev. Katie Pocalyko, pastor of the Lutheran Church of our Saviour, a neighborly congregation within walking distance of St. Luke's:

(Pastor Katie Pocalyko, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour)

To illustrate the collaborative discipleship that is growing between our Lutheran and Methodist congregations, I thought immediately of that great, missional, cross-bearing, discipleship-laden text whose life lessons millions of parents have passed on to generations of children: If you Give a Mouse a Cookie.

Seeing that our collaboration started in 2015 . . . technically with cookies . . . when Lutheran Church of Our Saviour wasn't hosting CARITAS anymore and St. Luke's needed lunches for their newly-restarted CARITAS week, I present to you, "If You Give the Methodists Some Lunches":

If you give the Methodists some lunches for their CARITAS guests, you'll find yourself contemplating sharing Holy Week with them and celebrating Maundy Thursday and Good Friday together. And if you celebrate Holy Week with the Methodists, then you'll want to combine Youth Sunday School with them, which will lead to merging your Youth Group on Sunday afternoons.

And if you merge Youth Group then you'll unite Confirmation Classes and go to the ELCA's National Youth Gathering together. And if you plan to go to the Youth Gathering together, well then you may as well do Vacation Bible School together, which means you'll combine a summer worship service together (but not the offerings! - that's another story!) which will cause your Lutheran parents to ask (as of this week!) "Well, can we all do Sunday School together?"

So, as Jesus says, "Keep awake!"

If you give the Methodists some lunches And you'll find yourself, a Lutheran pastor, with the neighboring Methodist pastor and administrative assistant on speed dial, borrowing the UMC Book of Worship, locking up their church one Sunday afternoon, and growing more and more disciples for Jesus Christ, together.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Melissa and Neal Turnage on the birth of their daughter Rivera (Vera) Marye, 5 lbs., 13 oz., 18 1/2 inches long. Doris and Wayne Jenkins are the proud grandparents.

Get Back In The Swing

GET BACK IN THE SWING of Sunday School. If you are not part of a class, try one out! Pastor Lisa wants everyone to know they are invited into the current curriculum on "What United Methodists Believe" and our next subject, "Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When the Stakes are High." If you would like to be part of this study, to begin Oct. 22nd, please give your name to Pastor Lisa.

Brunswick Stew Preorders

BRUNSWICK STEW PREORDERS are being taken now. If you would like to preorder, call the Church Office, 276-7000. \$8.00/quart.

Laity Sunday

LAITY SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 15, and as a worshipful treat, Chip and Nikki Headley will be leading a musical service of praise that day! It will be a relaxed and joyful way to celebrate after Charge Conference and Fall Festival. You are invited to come casual, as we worship the Lord and lift our praises and spirits, both!!

BE INFORMED

Keep up with all that's going on within the Virginia United Methodist Conference by visiting —

<http://www.vaumc.org>

The Season of Fall

THE SEASON OF FALL is all about preparing for All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, and the seasons of Advent and Christmas as well as seeing God's nature take on new and beautiful colors. It is also a season of changing foliage, cool days and a sense and smell of change. My life is about to take on a new direction as heart valve replacement will place new perspectives on my horizon.

An extremely gifted young lady whom you all know will assist St. Luke's in the worship of God as she has done in my previous absence.

The St. Luke's children's choir and handbell choir will resume in November.

To safeguard any disturbances in the ongoing leadership of the sanctuary choir in Sunday morning worship, we have teamed with Southminster Presbyterian Church to prepare for our Christmas music to be presented at Southminster Presbyterian Church on December 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. We will commence Wednesday evening rehearsals at Southminster Presbyterian Church starting on October 4, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. This will ensure the success of the joint Christmas music as well as preparing all singers for the offertory/anthem to be sung at both churches during Sunday morning worship. Details are being worked out with the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour as they are placing a new music director on board.

The music at St. Luke's during Advent will be chosen from the music learned in joint rehearsals. We welcome any singer who is able to begin rehearsals with us on October 4 or shortly thereafter.

We will be working on transportation needs and car/van pooling to Southminster on December 17 as there are those who wish not to drive.

The only expense of this joint effort is patience, meeting and getting to know our neighbors, seeking new horizons, and fuel for transportation. May our hands and voices combine for this fall season as well as the Advent and Christmas holidays to fill us with a new sense of the glories of God's kingdom. Bob Ford

Birthdays

October 2	Ronnie Weade Clay Morris
October 3	Leanne Rohlk
October 5	Barbara Nunnally Jacob Proffitt
October 7	Rose Hudson
October 10	Bob Ford
October 11	Rhea Calfee Terri Edwards
October 13	Adam Sykes Richard Collins
October 14	Thomas Talbott
October 15	Meghan Gary
October 18	Dan Heath
October 19	Noah Sharp Claire Sharp
October 22	Roger Frankey
October 23	Colton Morris
October 26	Rosemarie Adkins
October 30	Samantha Jones
October 31	Jean Richardson

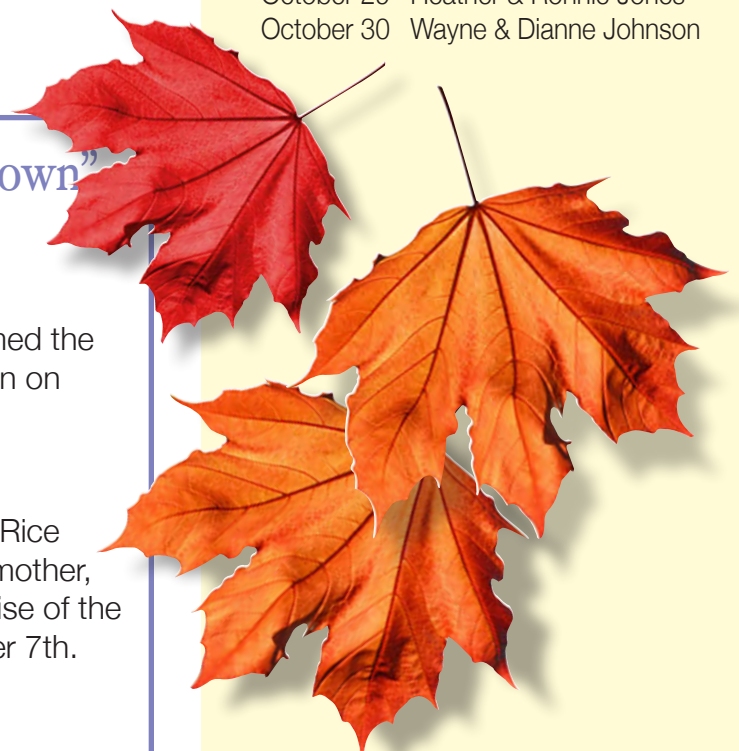
Anniversaries

October 11	Keith and Kay Callis
October 13	Gary & Ofelia Dunlap
October 16	Steve & Nancy Taylor
October 21	Robert & Diane Williams
October 23	Ray and Becky Jenkins
October 27	Lee & Tammy Morris
October 29	Heather & Ronnie Jones
October 30	Wayne & Dianne Johnson

"Sorrow and Love flow mingled down"

Our sympathy and love is extended to the family of Emily Chapin. Emily claimed the promise of the resurrection on September 7th.

Our sympathy and love is extended to C.W. & Kelly Rice and family. C.W.'s grandmother, Louise, claimed the promise of the resurrection on September 7th.



Upheld in our Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Bob Ford	Courtney Amick	Dean Smith
Bill Brown	Ron Halloran	T J Tucker
Barbara Stone	Laura P. Jackson	Peggy Uglow
Betty Ward	Marie Goodwyn	Sam McCoin
Jack Parsons	Wayne Kinney	Ron Kessler
Rena Hedrick	Marynell Kloss	Eden Kloss
Gayle McGonigle	Brian Myers	Opal Holshouser
Kerry Myers	Jo Richards	Doris Courtney
Bob Gardner	Heather Jones	The Hart Family
Dick Beadles	Reg Whitton	The Murphy Family
Kim D'Esposito Lachelier		
Katherine & Raymond Fayle		

Our Military

Robbie Bowen	Aaron Frankey	Larry Russell
Holden Russell	Cody Russell	

Don't Miss Hearing Chip and Nikki Headley

Chip and Nikki Headley are a multi-award-winning husband and wife team called into full time music ministry as encouragers through music and testimony. They share their original songs inspired by God and other favorites loved by all. As they travel all over the country SPREADING GOD'S WORD ONE SONG AT A TIME! They give God the Glory as hearts are stirred, lives are changed and souls saved through Jesus Christ! They are available for churches, senior groups, assisted living, retirement homes, nursing homes, festivals, fairs, private parties, home parties and other venues that God opens the door to.

FALL FESTIVAL OCTOBER, 14

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 8:00am-2:00pm
SAVE THE DATE! JOIN US FOR DAY OF FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDS.
COME FOR THE YARD SALE, STAY FOR THE GAMES, START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH OUR VENDORS, HAVE LUNCH AND A SWEET TREAT FROM THE BAKE SALE.

YARD SALE Starts at 8:00 am

CARNIVAL GAMES 10:00 am-1:00 pm

GET YOUR BRUNSWICK STEW EARLY! ALWAYS A SELL-OUT!

CHECK OUT ALL OF OUR EVENTS ON FACEBOOK

Want to help? Bring in priced yard-sale items, bake a treat for the bake sale, run a carnival game, help set up or clean up.

Please contact Rebecca Morris or Marcia Grubbs to volunteer.

BOUNCE HOUSE
BAKE SALE
BRUNSWICK STEW
PIZZA & HOT DOGS
CRAFTERS

CHIP & NIKKI HEADLEY

St Luke's UMC

4101 Fordham Rd N Chesterfield

**Sat Oct 14th @ 10am
Fall Festival and MORE!**

**Sun Oct 15th @ 10:30am
Sunday Worship Svc**

804-221-2491

**PO BOX 212
Sharps Chapel TN 37866**

St. Luke's U.M.C. Youth Schedule



October 1	Charge Conference, 3:30 pm, Huguenot UMC
October 8	Pumpkin Patch, 12:00 Noon
October 14	Fall Festival (Saturday), help at St. Luke's
October 22	Apple Picking, Carter's Mountain
October 29	Pancake Breakfast/Heart Havens*
November 5	Pancake Breakfast/Heart Havens*
November 12	No Youth – Help at LCOS Craft Bazaar,
Sat., Nov. 11	Tentative: Confirmation Orientation, time tba
November 19	Christmas Practice
November 26	Thanksgiving
December 3	Christmas Practice
December 10	Youth Christmas Dinner
December 17	Cookie Fundraiser & Christmas Celebration
December 24	Off
December 31	Off

**Heart Havens date to be confirmed – 1 of 2 possible.*



American Red Cross

The American Red Cross, even here in Virginia, has depleted its stores of

blood, red cells, and plasma after the Las Vegas shooting, because it has shipped hundreds of pints to the hospitals there.

As those who would respond to this tragedy in faith and hope, please register to donate blood at **St. Luke's on Oct. 24 from 1 pm-6 pm and on Oct. 25 from 9:30 am-3:30 pm.** We invite church members, preschool parents, neighbors, and fellow congregations to uphold those far away by sharing in this effort so close to home.

St. Luke's invites you to go to www.redcrossblood.org and type into the blue search bar in the upper right corner `stlukesgives`. You will need to create an account with basic contact information, and then register to donate.

You can pick what kind of blood product you wish to donate and also what 15- minute time slot you want. Smaller framed persons should just sign up to donate "blood". If you sign up to give red cells called "Power Red" on the list, you need to be at least 5 foot 5 inches, and 150 pounds.

May these tragedies stop, and in the aftermath of this one, may we respond in faith! If you have any questions, just call St. Luke's at 276-7000.

Thanks in advance for sharing the gift of life. We invite you to make the time you donate blood one of prayer for the victims.

Peace, Pastor Lisa



October, 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 1

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am-12:30 pm
Finance Committee (P)
3:00 pm-5:20 pm
Charge Conference -
Huguenot Road UMC
4:00 pm-5:30 pm
Youth (F.H.)

Monday, Oct. 2

10:30 am-10:45 am
Chapel (S)
4:45 pm-6:45 pm
Safe Haven
5:30-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Cub Scouts & Boy
Scouts (Entire building)

Tuesday, Oct. 3

10:05 am-10:30 am
Chapel (S)

Wednesday, Oct. 4

10:00 am - 12 Noon
Susannah Wesley
Circle (F.H.)
6:30 pm- 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop
337 (B)
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Chancel Choir Re-
hearsal (S)

Thursday, Oct. 5

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 5228 (B)
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
NAMI (P)

Sunday, Oct. 8

9:15 am Sunday
School
10:30 am Worship
4:00 pm-5:30 pm
Youth (F.H.)

Location Codes:

F.H. – Fellowship Hall,
P – Parlor,
B – Basement,
M.R. – Music Room,
S – Sanctuary

Monday, Oct. 9

10:00 am
Preschool Blood
Donor Program,
Pint-Size Heroes (B)
5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Cub Scouts & Boy
Scouts (Entire build-
ing)

Wednesday, Oct. 11

10:00 am-12 Noon
Young at Heart (F.H.)
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, Oct. 12

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI (P)

Friday, Oct. 13

9:00 am
Brunswick Stew
Preparation
9:00 am-12:00 Noon
Quilting Group (F.H.)

Saturday, Oct. 14

10:00 am-2:00 pm
FALL FESTIVAL
(Entire Building)

Sunday, Oct. 15

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am
Pastor/Parish (P)
4:00 pm-5:30 pm
Youth (F.H.)

Monday, Oct. 16

10:30 am-10:45 am
Chapel (S)
4:45 pm Safe Haven
5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00-8:00 pm
Cub Scouts & Boy
Scouts (Entire building)

Tuesday, Oct. 17

10:05 am-10:30 am
Chapel (S)

Wednesday, Oct. 18

6:30 pm- 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 337 (F.H.)
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, Oct. 19

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 5228 (B)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI (P)

Sunday, Oct. 22

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
4:00 pm-5:30 pm
Youth (F.H.)

Monday, Oct. 23

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
United Methodist Men (F.H.)
5:30-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00-8:30 pm
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts
(Entire Building)

Tuesday, Oct. 24

1:00 pm-6:00 pm
Blood Drive (F.H.)

Wednesday, Oct. 25

9:30 am-3:30 pm
Blood Drive (F.H.)
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
Chancel Choir
Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, Oct. 26

6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Preschool Family Fun Night
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 5228 (B)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI (P)

Friday, Oct. 27

9:00 am-12:00 Noon
Quilting Group (F.H.)

Sunday, Oct. 29

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
4:00 pm-5:30 pm Youth (FH)

Monday, Oct. 30

5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00-8:30 pm
Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts
(Entire building)

Tuesday, Oct. 31



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 4, 2017 - 10:00 am - Noon
Susannah Wesley Circle
- October 9, 2017 - 10:00 am
Preschool Blood Donor Program -
Pint-Size Heroes (B)
- October 11 - 10:00 am - Noon
Young at Heart
- October 14 - 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Fall Festival
- October 24, 2017 - 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
Blood Drive (F.H.)
- October 25 - 9:30 am-3:30 pm
Blood Drive (F.H.)
- October 26, 2017 - 6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Preschool Family Fun Night

FYI -- The Exercise Group will
meet in November

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*St. Luke's seeks to be a spiritual community
where all God's children experience Christ's
love and redemption and where we share this
through worship, fellowship, education and
mission for the community and the world.*

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