

“Change, but not for Change’s Sake”

At another church I pastored, I remember a wonderful man, a lawyer by profession. And he was unhappy in his work—the “billable hour” was keeping him spending time with people based on relationships rather than profits. During this time of restlessness in his soul, we studied “The Purpose Driven Life,” a book by Rick Warren, and this lawyer began to find a new direction for his life. Before long the right doors opened, and he became a judge, and in his new work he found great satisfaction.

Change is not always good, if it comes only for change’s sake; however, change that comes as a result of study and reflection because of the Word, can be life-changing. We are in a time of change due to Covid, and the changes we are making at Saint Luke’s are not for change’s sake, but for a purpose: to adapt our ministries to these changing times. We seek to do Christian education, mission, worship and fellowship in all the ways safely available to us during this pandemic. Just how to do so can be the cause for a lot of head scratching as we search for new ways forward.


In this newsletter, you will notice some of the changes we are making. In order to provide Christian Sunday school not just to a few, but to many, a few brave volunteers (yes, I twisted some arms!) are launching into cyberspace as teachers in our new podcast series on the Parables. You will be able to watch these 20-minute segments on your computer and find them posted to our Facebook page.

We also have become students of the weather forecast. Good weather means there’s more of a chance to gather safely outside and do evangelism. Kelly Rice has begun a new thing in our midst with “Soccer Shots,” a program that brings very young children to learn soccer skills and share fellowship along with their parents. This little beginning could be the start of something big!

Finally, as we look toward November and All Saints’ Sunday, it is our opportunity to minister to the hurting hearts of those in our community. This year, we will invite all our neighborhood to join with us by live stream or in person for a special All Saints’ Sunday, Nov. 7th. During this service we want to remember all those lost to, and during, this pandemic, whether to the virus or something else. Let us invite those we know to submit the names of loved ones who are now among the saints of heaven and join in our worship.

As we go forward, the future is still unclear. How Covid will impact the church going forward is something we wait to see clearly, but in the meantime, we are trying to figure out changes we can make that are purposeful in helping us and others continue on in health, in strength and in faith through the times in which we live. God keep you safe and watch over you and all those you love.

In Christ, Pastor Lisa



And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

Mark 2:22



Christian Education for Adults

Chart for Adult (Cyberspace) Sunday School

"Release" DATE	SCRIPTURE	TEACHING TEAM
10/7/21	Luke 10: 25-37	Lisa and Ruth
10/14	Luke 15: 1-24	Roger and Ray J.
10/21	Matthew 25:14-30	Chris and Charlotte
10/28	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23	A. Ray and Lisa
11/4	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Richard and Rhea
11/11	Luke 15: 11-32	Lisa and Ruth
11/18	Luke 18: 9-14	Roger and Ray J.
11/25	Matthew 22: 1-10	Chris and Charlotte
12/2	Luke 15: 25-32	A. Ray and Lisa
12/9	Matthew 20: 1-15	Richard and Rhea
12/16	Luke 13: 6-9	Lisa and Ruth
12/23	Matthew 25: 1-13	Roger and Ray J.

Hi All!

How do we offer Christian Education for Adults in a time of Pandemic concerns?

Zoom has fostered excellent small groups of 6 to 8 but, we are a church with 100 active members. As I've sought for a way to make Christian Education readily available to more of our members and attendees, an unusual idea came to me!

The solution I came up with is quite unprecedented. Short segments, recorded and uploaded to the internet, led by two St. Luke's teachers! they will be teaching in two's, conversing with each other about a selected text. You will be able to watch, or should I say, eavesdrop on the resulting conversation about the Gospel at your convenience this way!

St. Luke's Face Book Page

Make sure you like the St. Luke's Facebook page to keep up with everything going on at church. Also, please like and share the posts and events. The more we share and like, the more others will see what a wonderful place St. Luke's is -- and all the things that we are doing! Here's a link to our page:

<https://m.facebook.com/St-Lukes-United-Methodist-Church-486188658201339/>

A Day of Remembrance in a Time of Covid

St. Luke's has the habit of celebrating All Saints' Day on the first Sunday in November. This year that date is November 7th. Knowing so many have lost loved ones to Covid during this pandemic as well as to other conditions, we plan to have a special All Saints' Service to remember those who have entered the Kingdom in the past year and to comfort those who mourn. Please be with us November 7th at 11 am, and invite those from our community to come, too. All are welcome!

Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS to Rowan Spence, oldest granddaughter of Jan and Bob Hall, and daughter of Nancy and Jeff Spence of Charlottesville. Rowan, a fourth-year pharmacy student at VCU, is the recipient of the Rowan Spence Award. This award recognizes Rowan as the "PharmD student" submitting "the best poster for a survey of pharmacies offering National DPP," a diabetes prevention program. She has worked for Kroger's Pharmacies since high school.

Baptism

On Sunday, October 10th, we will celebrate with Andrew Russell's son, Larry and family, as they join the church. Larry will join by reaffirmation of faith. His wife Cassy and new born son, Larry Robert will join by Baptism

Important Date

Important Date – Mark your Calendar.

Charge Conference will be done in clusters this year due to the District Superintendent's increased responsibilities. Our Charge Conference will be on Sunday, October 24, 4:00-5:30 pm at Providence UMC in Chesterfield. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

“Sorrow and Love flow mingled down”

Our sympathy, love and prayers are extended to Ray & Scottie Kyle and family. Ray’s cousin, Matt Stowers, claimed the promise of the resurrection September 1, 2021. Please continue to pray for Matthew’s wife, Tatiana, and all the family.

Our sympathy, love and prayers are extended to Ofelia and Sean Dunlap and family at the loss of Gary Dunlap. Gary claimed the promise of the resurrection on September 3rd, 2021.

Our sympathy, love and prayers are extended to Hugh Harris. Sharon, Hugh’s wife, claimed the promise of the resurrection on September 4th, 2021.

Our sympathy, love and prayers are extended to Sue Fussell and family at the loss of Roland Fussell. Roland claimed the promise of the resurrection September 17th, 2021.

Please keep Ibbie Smith’s neighbor, Betty Faulkner, and her family in your prayers. Betty recently claimed the promise of the resurrection.

Ibbie requests that you also remember in prayer Tayshone Perry and his loved ones. Tayshone, fiancé of Dean’s caregiver’s daughter, recently claimed the promise of the resurrection.

Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace, unity and justice across the nation

Florence Smith
Joan & John Crawford
Katherine Peterson
Ronnie & Shirley Weade
Dennis Haley
Bettie Jones
Jim Brantley
Tom Brown
Curtis Perry

Wilmer & Phyllis Downs
Bob & Jan Hall
Dianne Rust
Sennie Case
Dean & Ibbie Smith
Terry & Louise Kyle
Chuck Fayle
Deannie Reynolds
Opal Holshouser

Our Military

Robbie Bowen Aaron Frankey Holden Russell

See our weekly Tuesday email for a complete listing of all prayer requests.

October Birthdays

October 2 Clay Morris
Ronnie Weade
October 3 Leanne Rohlk
October 5 Barbara Nunnally
Jacob Proffitt
Matt Strum
October 7 Rose Hudson
October 10 Bob Ford
October 11 Rhea Calfee
Terri Edwards
October 13 Adam Sykes
October 15 Meghan Gary
October 19 Roger Frankey
October 23 Colton Morris
October 26 Rosemarie Adkins
October 29 Andrew Russell
October 31 Jean Richardson

Anniversaries

October 5 C.W. & Kelly Rice
Matt & Susana Strum
October 11 Keith and Kay Callis
October 16 Steve & Nancy Taylor
October 23 Ray & Becky Jenkins
October 27 Lee & Tammy Morris
October 29 Heather & Ronnie Jones
October 29 Bob & Barbara Armstrong
October 30 Wayne & Dianne Johnson

Stewardship Month

October is stewardship month. Look for your packet with your estimate of giving cards inside. They will be received on Sunday, October 31.



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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Music Ministry Notes

The mallet-percussion choir is busily preparing to assist in the leadership of the morning worship service on October 17, 2021 in celebration of Children's Sabbath. The rehearsals are on Sunday mornings following the 11:00 worship service. They will finish practicing on that Sunday and resume later in November to prepare for Christmas.

The Sanctuary Choir will resume Christmas rehearsals on Sunday, October 17, 2021 depending on the positivity rate and factors involving the containment of Covid-19. A decision will be forthcoming by the end of the first week of October.

Message from The Finance Committee

Thank you for being ever faithful with your gifts. St. Luke's continues to be blessed by your financial support through pledges, special offerings for missions and community needs, and your immeasurable gifts of time and talent.

As we prepare the 2022 budget, once again we ask for your help. In early October to kick off our stewardship campaign, you'll receive a packet of materials either in person or by mail. This will include an estimate of giving card.

Please prayerfully consider these materials and fill out and return the card by October 31. This information will greatly assist in planning for 2022. Thank you again for your generosity.

From The Staff Parish Committee: "Please Remember..."

As you may expect, the pastor has many demands on her time, both with her duties here at St. Luke's and personally. To meet those many responsibilities, it is helpful to remember she cannot always alter her schedule, especially of her family time, at the last minute.

For this reason, the Staff-Parish Committee and our pastor would ask that you consult with her before setting a hard and fast date and time for important events such as weddings and funerals if you would like Lisa to officiate. Thank you for being considerate of our pastor in this way as she seeks minister to our congregation.

Bill Brown, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee

Jacobs Road Mission Project

As we continue to work on missions, we will collect school supplies for Jacobs Road Elementary school for the whole month of October. As usual, the basic supplies of scissors, notebooks, crayons, glue sticks, etc., will be needed. Other suggestions are hand sanitizer, tissues, disinfectant wipes, all sizes of resealable storage bags and copy paper.

For those interested in volunteering at Jacobs, I have not heard anything. Once school schedules have been determined, I will reach out to the principal and see if she has a need for volunteers.

Debbie Smart

Helping Afghan Refugees

Along with school supplies for Jacobs Road, St. Luke's is also collecting supplies for the Afghan refugees being welcomed at Fort Pickett. Supplies that are needed include: hygiene products, travels kits for both men and women, snacks (manufacturer wrapped), games, toys, puzzles, coloring books.

These can be brought to church on Sunday or dropped off to the church office, Monday-Thursday., 9 am - 1 pm.

Worship Calendar October 2021:

- Oct. 3: World Communion Sunday
- Oct 10: A Service of Holy Baptism for Cassandra and Larry Robert Russell and A Profession of Faith by Larry Russell
- Oct. 17: Children's Sabbath with the Mallet-Percussion Choir and the Recognition of our "Soccer Shots"; Leadership by our young people!
- Oct. 24: Stewardship Focus
- Oct. 31: Dedication of Estimates-of-Giving and Laity Sunday



As of September 1, 2021

Pfizer (12 and Older), Moderna and J&J (18 and older)

Vaccines will be offered at the Rockwood Vaccination Center located the former Big Lots building in Rockwood Shopping Center

Mondays 3 - 7 p.m. Thursdays 3 - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays 3 - 7 p.m. Saturdays 9 - 12 p.m.

Rockwood Vaccination Center

**10161 Hull Street Road,
Midlothian, VA 23112**

If you have questions call 1-877-829-4682

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BOOSTER DOSE — If you are eligible, you can receive a booster dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 wherever vaccines are available. Options include community vaccination clinics, your healthcare provider, or a pharmacy.

A single Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine booster dose is recommended for certain individuals, **at least 6 months** after completion of the primary series:

People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings,

People aged 50–64 years with underlying medical conditions.

Additional individuals may receive a booster shot of the Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at **least 6 months** after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks:

People aged 18–49 years with underlying medical conditions, and

People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting.

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/chesterfield/chesterfield-health-department/>

Memorial Flowers Given by Barbara and Leann Nunnally

These are photos of flowers dedicated to the memory of Ronnie Nunnally.

They were to have been placed on the altar on Sunday, September 19, 2021 to honor what would have been Ronnie's 81st birthday.



Soccer Has Arrived at Saint Luke's!

Nine children, ages 2-5, took the field at St. Luke's for the inaugural Soccer Shots Program! Soccer Shots is a unique experience that is a high-energy program that introduces children to fundamental soccer principles through fun games, songs and positive reinforcement. The children are experiencing the joy of playing soccer and being active. Each week the coach will highlight a positive character trait such as respect, teamwork and appreciation. The season will run on Tuesdays from September 28 – November 9th.



ROCKS!