



One Nation
under **GOD**,
indivisible,
with Liberty
and **JUSTICE**
for
ALL.

A Flame of Fire in the Sky

This past year, my husband and I traveled to Santorini, Greece. It is an island that was created by volcanic ash. It is known for its whitewashed buildings and blue-topped roofs. We stopped there while on a cruise sailing the blue Aegean Sea. The Aegean Sea is really as blue-green as the pictures in the magazines. While there, I had the opportunity to watch the sunrise over the sea. It was breathtaking. The sea was dark with only the lights of the early morning fishing boats shining. Then the sky began to lighten up with the rays of the sun, and hues of yellow, orange, and blue filled the sky. Then, the sun burst into the sky like a flame of fire, brightly shining above the hues. It was a sight to behold.

We are in the season of Pentecost for the church. The day of Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit entered the hearts of men. It is symbolized by a flame of fire. This fire landed on the heads of the disciples on that special day, giving them a touch of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3)

With this touch of the Spirit, they were able to speak in different languages, telling those around them about the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord. The Holy Spirit brought to the world a genuine love from the God of the Universe, and God imparted that love into us. Thanks be to God. *"The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease."* (Lam. 3:22) May the Holy Spirit burst in our hearts like a flame of fire in a sunrise in the sky of Santorini, and that we spread that incredible moment to others all around us.

Pastor Tracey

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Summer is here and everything around the church tends to slow down, including our giving. But things that don't slow down for summer are our expenses. We must continue to pay salaries of our staff and maintain our beautiful church building and parsonage even when we are away in the summer. There are several ways to get your donations to the church even when you are away, the newest of which is online payment. If you need assistance with online payment, please call the office and any of us will help you. St. Luke's Church is so appreciative of the gifts that we have received from our members and friends that have permitted us to pay the bills in 2025. Thank you for being such a loving, dedicated group of people. God loves you and I love you. Please have a relaxing summer, be safe and stay well.

Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine
Prayers for our Military

John & Joan Crawford	Bonnie Urbanski
Doris Jenkins	Dan and Carol McSpadden
Wilmer & Phyllis Downs	Bill & Andrea Brown
Deannie Reynolds	Shirley & Ronnie Weade
Bobbie Strum	Suzanne Jones

Our Military
Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey

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

Anniversaries

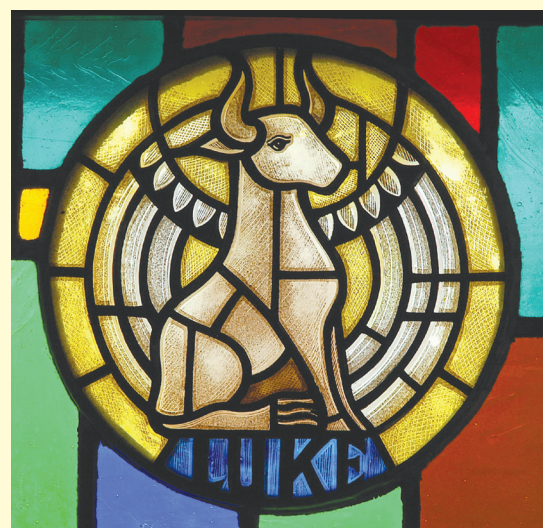


July 7	Kent and Rhea Calfee, Elton & Kathy Gardner
July 18	Ronnie and Shirley Weade
July 20	Jason & Michele Hart
August 5	Ken & Pat Knust, Clay & Rebecca Morris
August 14	John and Betsye Russell
August 16	George & Melissa Moore, Bill & Pam Coleman

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://www.facebook.com/share/162y11mMZw/?mibextid=wwXlfr>



Young at Heart will meet July 9, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have an indoor picnic with games. Please sign up for a side you would like to bring. Meat will be furnished. There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall. We will also discuss plans for the August Meeting.

United Women in Faith No United Women in Faith until the 1st Wednesday in September



On Father's Day Pastor Tracey recognized the oldest and youngest Fathers, Chris deKrafft and Clinton Gary

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<http://www.vaumc.org>

St. Luke's Calendar Important Dates — July/August 2025

July 4	Happy 4th of July!
July 6	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship
July 8	NO Finance Committee Meeting
July 13	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship
July 15	NO Administrative Council Meeting
July 16	10:30 am – Coloring with the Spirit with Pastor Tracey
July 18	10:00 am -12:00 Noon – Quilting Group
July 20	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship
July 21 – 24	6:00 – 8:00 pm, Vacation Bible School. St. Luke's is teaming with St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Family Fun night – July 25th
July 27	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship

August:

August 3	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship
August 4-7	9:30-12:00 Noon – Preschool Summer Camp
August 10	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship
August 12	NO Finance Committee Meeting
August 15	10:00-12:00 Noon – Quilting
August 17	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 – Worship
August 19	NO Administrative Council Meeting
August 20	10:30 am. – Coloring with the Spirit with Pastor Tracey
August 24	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship
August 31	9:30 am – Adult Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship

July Birthdays

July 2	Rick Beeckler
July 4	Reinah Morris
July 6	Woody Smart
July 8	Jim Grubbs Autumn Papczynski
July 10	Kay Callis Brian Smart
July 1	Rachel Kaeser
July 12	Mandy Wellman Jeremy Reed
July 13	Matthew Wertz
July 14	Jordan Calfee Sara Wertz
July 16	Kevin Johnson
July 18	John Richardson Amanda Nolen
July 20	Jim Brown
July 24	Shane Halloran Amelia Marie Russell, Annabelle Louise Russell
July 26	Margaret Anderson
July 28	Karen Miller
July 29	Robbie Bowen
July 30	Joel Calfee LeAnn Nunnally

August Birthdays

August 1	Brian Kaeser Zach Morris
August 6	Chris deKrafft
August 9	Tammy Morris
August 14	John Russell
August 15	Zeb Saunders
August 18	Cindy Burnett
August 21	Rhea Strum Riley Beeckler
August 22	Campbell Eden Moore
August 23	Cameron Callis
August 26	Wilmer Downs
August 28	Bobby Reynolds
August 30	Jo McDowell





Vacation Bible School

This year we are partnering with St. Mark's United Methodist Church by partnering with St. Mark's we will have more children and less staff required from St. Luke's.

Our Vacation Bible School is scheduled for

July 21st - 24th, 6p.m.-8p.m.

The theme is "Road Trip".



Volunteer Code



Participant Code

If you are interested in helping as a volunteer, please use the **volunteer registration QR Code** included here.

If you want to be a participant please use the QR code for **Participant Registration** included here.

PreSchool



We have openings for the upcoming school year in each age group (ages 1-5).



Some of our Preschool children enjoying our summer camps!

Michele Hart
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director@stlukespreschoolva.com



JUL,4 7:30-9:30 discipleship class
 JUL,5 8:00-11:30am Morning Prayer
 JUL,6 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
 JUL,7 Report figures to Shirley
 JUL, 7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
 JUL,12 4:00-6:00 Band Practice
 JUL,13 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
 5:30-7:30 Board meeting once a month
 JUL,14 Report figures to Shirley
 JUL18, 7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
 JUL,19 4:00-6:00 Band Practice
 JUL 20 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
 JUL 21 Report figures to Shirley
 JUL 25 7:00-10:30pm prayer service at end of month
 JUL 26 2:00-6:00 Wedding decorate, and cleaning at the end
 Saturday 4:00-6:00 Band Practice
 JUL 27 Install Instruments and worship service
 JUL 28 Report figures to Shirley

August

AUG 1 7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
 AUG 2 3:00-6:00 continue Marriage conference, no morning prayer this day
 AUG 3 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
 AUG 4 Report figures to Shirley
 AUG 8 7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
 AUG 9 4:00-6:00 Band Practice
 AUG 10 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
 5:30-7:30 Board meeting once a month
 AUG 11 Report figures to Shirley
 AUG 15 7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
 AUG 16 4:00-6:00 Band Practice
 AUG 17 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
 AUG 18 Report on figures to Shirley
 AUG 22 7:00-9:30pm Discipleship class
 AUG 23 4:00-6:00 Band Practice
 AUG 24 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service
 AUG 25 Report on figures to Shirley
 AUG 29 7:00-10:30pm prayer service at end of month
 AUG 30 4:00-6:00 Band Practice
 AUG 31 1:30-5:30 Install Instruments and worship service



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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