

## April Showers Bring May Flowers

*“See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”*

*(Matthew 6:28–29)*

There is something special about this time of year. The earth begins to wake up again, and beauty seems to rise from places that once looked empty. Flowers bloom in vibrant colors, reminding us that life is still moving, still growing, still being renewed. I have always loved flowers—and I don't know anyone who doesn't. There is just something about them that lifts the spirit.

I remember driving along Route 17 into Leesburg, Virginia, during the springtime. Just before entering the town, there is a breathtaking stretch of pink-blossomed trees lining both sides of the road. It always felt like a warm welcome, as if nature itself was saying, “You are entering a beautiful place.” And because pink is my favorite color, it felt even more personal—like a gift prepared just for me.

Jesus reminds us of this same beauty in Matthew 6:28–29, when He says: “*See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.*”

This passage speaks directly to the worries of our lives. We live in a time when it feels like there is always something weighing on our hearts—rising costs, job uncertainty, global conflicts, responsibilities at home, and the pressures of daily life. It is easy to become overwhelmed and ask, “What are we going to do?” But Jesus gently redirects our focus. He points us to something simple—the flowers.

Flowers do not worry. They do not strive or stress. Yet God takes His time to clothe them in beauty beyond anything man could create. If God cares so deeply for something as temporary as a flower, how much more will He care for you and me? April often brings rain—unexpected showers, cloudy days, and storms that interrupt our plans. In the same way, life brings seasons of uncertainty. But just as the rain nourishes the ground and prepares it for growth, our difficult seasons are often preparing us for something beautiful to bloom in our lives.

So instead of allowing worry to take root, let us trust God instead. Look at the flowers...

Pastor Tracey B Lyons



## From Our Finance Committee

Its Easter again. Please celebrate this beloved holiday with your St. Luke's family. St. Luke's hosts a wonderful Easter celebration. To make sure St. Luke's remains here for us, please make an Easter donation, if you can. The finance committee has been tasked with making sure all of the functions of this beautiful old church are funded. Your donation will help this to happen.

## Easter Memory

At the beginning of every spring my mother would say,

*Spring has sprung. The flowers have a-riz. I wonder where all the birdies is?*

In this season celebrating Easter someone else, his name is Jesus, has risen, but we don't have to wonder where he is! He lives in the hearts and minds of all believers. In this holy season and the upcoming year may his love and presence protect and guide each one of you. —A. Ray Kyle, Lay Servant

## Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame

The Chesterfield County Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame is seeking nominations to recognize Chesterfield seniors who have rendered unusual or outstanding volunteer service after the age of 60. \* Nominations are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 17. \* The ceremony will take place June 4 at 3 p.m. Nomination forms may be completed and submitted online at [chesterfield.gov/SeniorVolunteerHallofFame](http://chesterfield.gov/SeniorVolunteerHallofFame).

For more information, email [agingresources@chesterfield.gov](mailto:agingresources@chesterfield.gov) or call (804)768-7878.

## Upheld in our Prayers

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

Scottie & Ray Kyle

John & Joan Crawford

Doris Jenkins

Wilmer & Phyllis Downs

Deannie Reynolds

Bobbie Strum

Pat & Ken Knust

Chris Bowen

Zeb & Hazel Saunders

Chadd Ray Kyle

Bill & Andrea Brown

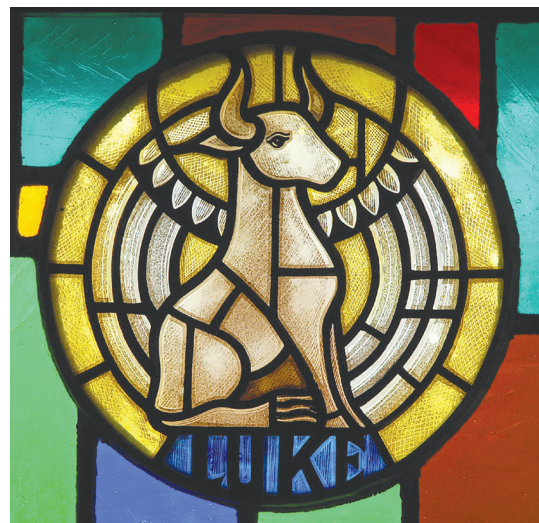
Shirley Weade

Diana Lee

### Our Military

Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey

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



### United Women in Faith

Meet Wed. April 1, 2026 In the Church Parlor at 10:30 a.m. Lesson: Blessed Easter (Future Seeds)  
Ruth Wickstrom

**Young at Heart** will meet on Wednesday, April 8. Our guest speaker will be Bonnie Urbanski All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

**Estimate of Giving Card-** If you have not had an opportunity to fill out the Estimate of Giving Card and you plan to do so this year, please do so as soon as possible so that your information for 2026 may be adjusted.

**2026 Flower Calendar-** is on the bulletin board going into the church sanctuary. If you would like to put flowers on the altar for a particular Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one, please sign up on the flower calendar. The cost is \$35.00. Make your check payable to St. Luke's United Methodist Church and designate in lower left-hand corner of check "Altar Flowers".

## 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>

## BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

## St. Luke's Calendar Important Dates — March 2026

- April 1 – Women in Faith – 10:30 am  
Choir Practice – 7:15 pm
- April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:00 pm
- April 3 – Home Schooling – 10:00 am -2:00 pm
- April 5- **Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service – 7:00 am**  
**Breakfast sponsored by the U.M.Men- 7:30 am**  
**Sunday School – 9:30 am**  
**Worship Service – 10:30 am**
- April 6 – Office Closed
- April 8 – Young at Heart – 10:30 am  
Choir Practice – 7:15 pm
- April 10 – Home Schooling – 10:00 am -2:00 pm
- April 12 – Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Worship Service – 10:30 am
- April 13 – Preschool Chapel 10:00-10:15 am
- April 14 – Preschool Chapel 10:00-10:15 am  
Finance Committee Meeting – 7:00 pm
- April 15 – Coloring With the Spirit – 10:30 am  
Choir Practice – 7:15 pm
- April 27 – Home Schooling – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- April 19 – Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Worship Service – 10:30 am
- April 21 – Administrative Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
- April 22 – Choir Practice – 7:15 pm
- April 23 – Evening Bible School – 5:30-7:30 pm
- April 24 – Quilting Group – 10:00 am-12:00 Noon  
Home Schooling – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- April 26 – Sunday School – 9:30 am  
Worship Service – 10:30 am
- April 27 – United Methodist Men – 6:30 pm
- April 29 – Choir Practice – 7:15 pm

**Mark Your Calendar – Evening Bible School will be on Thursday, April 23, 2026 ,5:30-7:30 pm. If you wish to participate, contact the church office. [stlukesoffice@stlukesrva.org](mailto:stlukesoffice@stlukesrva.org)**

### St. Luke's Easter Worship Dates

- April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:00 pm**
- April 5 – Easter Sunday:**
  - 7:00 am – Sunrise Service**
  - 7:30 am – Sunrise Breakfast sponsored by the U.M. Men**
  - 9:30 am – Sunday School**
  - 10:30 am – Worship**



## Church of the Nazarene Calendar Important Dates — March 2026

- April 3 – 7:00 -9:30 pm Disciple Class
- April 4- Saturday - ALL DAY  
7:00-8:00 Leadership Class  
8:00-11:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- April 5 – 1:30-5:30 p.m. Install Instruments and Worship Service
- April 6 – Report figures to Shirley
- April 10 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. Discipleship Class
- April 11 – Saturday - ALL DAY  
5:00-7:00 p.m. Band practice  
7:00-8:00p.m. Leadership Class
- April 12 – ALL DAY 1:30-5:30 p.m. Install Instruments and Worship Service  
5:30-7:30 p.m. Board Meeting
- April 13 – Report Figures to Shirley
- April 17 – 7:00-9:30 p.m. Discipleship Class
- April 18 – ALL DAY 5:00-7:00 p.m. Band Practice  
7:00-8:00 p.m. Leadership Class
- April 19 – 1:30-5:30 p.m. Install Instruments and Worship Service
- April 20 – Report Figures to Shirley
- April 24 – ALL DAY 7:00-10:00 p.m.prayer service at end of month  
7:00-9:30 p.m. Discipleship Class
- April 25 – 4:00-6:00 p.m. Band Practice
- April 26 – 1:30-5:30 p.m. Install Instruments and Worship Service
- April 27 – Report Figures to Shirley

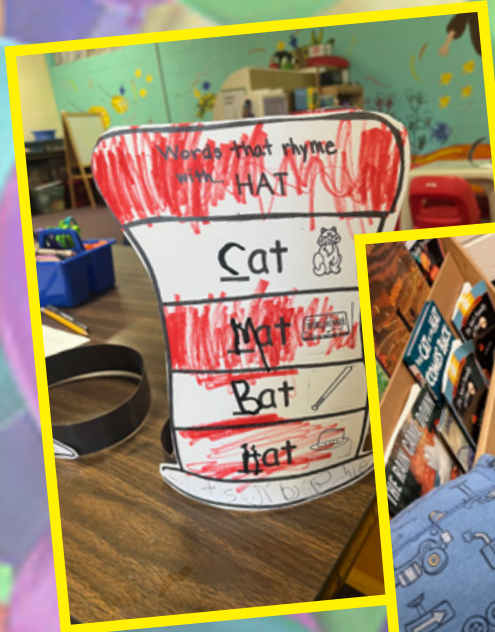


## April Birthdays

April 1	Emmett Jones
April 4	Wayne Jenkins Melissa Moore
April 6	Winnie Brown Ruth Wickstrom
April 7	Stella Jones
April 10	Rebecca Morris Susan Reed Andrew Gold
April 12	David Wellman
April 13	Rebecca Rohlk
April 14	Holly Phillips
April 15	Roger Ball Ray Jenkins Richard Jenkins
April 17	Shirley Gary
April 18	Heather Jones
April 19	Steven Edwards
April 24	Chris Bowen
April 26	Jane Barto

## Anniversaries

April 1	Reg & Karen Whitton
April 18	Wilmer & Phyllis Downs
April 20	Wayne & Doris Jenkins
April 22	Woody & Debbie Smart
April 27	Mike & Jennifer Pavlensky



The Cat in the Hat  
is a Funny Story



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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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