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St. Luke's United Methodist Church Newsletter June 2026

"Gone Fishing: Finding Peace Through Life's Transitions"

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Hebrews 10:24–25:



As the weather begins to shift from spring into summer, I find myself pulling out my fishing pole. I was hoping to spend a quiet afternoon fishing, but lately the weather has been unpredictable—raining in the morning and clear by evening. Still, there is something peaceful about sitting by the water's edge. The gentle movement of the river, the soft sound of the waves, and the beauty of nature all around can calm the soul like a lullaby to a child. Watching fish jump from the water reminds us that God's creation is still alive and beautiful, even in a chaotic world.

Fishing also reminds me of the disciples. Many of Jesus' disciples were fishermen, and after the death of Christ, they returned to fishing because it was familiar to them. They were overwhelmed, confused, and uncertain about what would happen next. Jesus had died, and rumors of His resurrection were spreading. Life had changed so quickly. In the middle of all their emotions, Jesus appeared on the shore cooking fish for them. This beautiful moment in Scripture is often called "Breakfast on the Beach."

The disciples returned to fishing, something familiar because they were trying to cope with change. And if we are honest, many of us do the same thing.

The month of June is filled with transitions. Students graduate from high school, colleges, and universities. Couples begin new lives together in marriage. Families prepare for vacations and summertime routines. June also brings the longest day of the year and the beginning of summer—a season that invites us to slow down, rest, and reflect.

But transitions are not always easy. Change can affect our routines, our relationships, and even our sense of identity. During seasons like these, we often search for stability and comfort. We look for reminders that we are not alone.

That is why fellowship is so important. The Bible reminds us in Hebrews 10:24–25: *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another*."

As Christians, we are called to walk together through every season of life. We celebrate together, support one another, pray for one another, and encourage one another through life's many changes. We truly are better together.

So as we move into this season of transition, let us continue to gather in faith, love, and fellowship. And if the weather cooperates, maybe I'll finally get to go fishing.

Now, who wants to come with me?
Grace and Peace,
Rev. Tracey B. Lyons

Father's Day

June 21, 2026

What do you give to a mother who has everything? Remember your mother or a special woman this Mother's Day by dedicating the burning of a special Mother's Day Candle. Names will be listed in the bulletin to honor/remember a special woman in your life. ($10.00 per name).

Name of person making this dedication:

_____

Name/names of man/men to be listed:

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Please check one:

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



Deadline June 14, 2026
($10.00 per name)
On your check indicate Father's Day Candle Burning and all proceeds will go towards United Methodist Missions and Ministries.

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Upheld in our Prayers

Prayers for peace in Iran, Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine
Prayers for our Military and for those listed below.

Scottie & Ray Kyle
John & Joan Crawford
Doris Jenkins
Wilmer & Phyllis Downs
Deannie Reynolds
Bobbie Strum
Diana Lee
Chris Bowen
Zeb & Hazel Saunders
Bonnie Urbansky
Bill and Andrea Brown
Shirley and Ronnie Weade
Chad Ray Kyle

Our Military
Robbie Bowen, Aaron Frankey

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

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 Wednesday June 10 at 10A.M. Plan on an outing to be announced.

United Women of Faith will meet: Wed. June 4 at 10:30 a.m.in the church parlor.Program; Past, Present & FutureVisitors are most welcome Ruth Wickstrom

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 Check and designate in lower left-hand corner of check "Altar Flowers".

Reminder: Kelly Rice is collecting plastic bags for Addison's school until December!!

Graduate Sunday –

is Sunday, June 7, 2026. If you have someone in your family who is graduating, please let the church office know no later than May 31, 2026

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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 — June 2026

June 3 – Wednesday – 10:30 am. Women in Faith
7:15 pm – Choir Practice

June 7 – Sunday – 9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

June 9 – Tuesday – 7:00 pm by Zoom – Finance Committee Meeting

June 10 – Wednesday – 10:30 am -Young at Heart Meeting

June 14 – Sunday – 9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am. – Worship

June 16 – Tuesday – 7:00 pm by Zoom – Administrative Council Meeting

June 21 – Sunday – 9:30 am -Sunday School
10:30 am – Worship

June 22 – Monday – 6:30 pm – United Methodist Men's Meeting

June 26 – Friday – 10:00-12:00 noon – Quilting Group

June 28 – Sunday – 9:30 am – Sunday School
10:30 am.- Worship



June Birthdays

June 4	Richard Sineath
June 5	Shannon Bridgeman
June 6	Michele Hart
June 8	Betsye Russell
	Bonnie Gold
	Joan Varner
June 9	Marcia Grubbs
	Karen Courtney
	Bonnie Urbanski
	Haley deKrafft
June 12	Andrew Rohlk
June 14	Jean Martin
June 16	Emily Anderson
June 18	Sophie Wise
June 22	Ashley Worner
June 24	Carson Barefoot
June 25	Mitch Glover
	Lia deKrafft
June 28	Mary Meador
	Amber Gardner
June 29	Kathy Gardner
June 30	Dennis Haley
	Doris Jenkins

Anniversaries

June 6	E.W. and Linda Toney
June 9	William and Andrea Brown
June 12	Jim and Marcia Grubbs
June 14	Brian & Rachel Kaeser
June 18	Bobby and Deannie Reynolds
June 19	Jerry & Margaret Anderson
	Wayne and Katie Haley
June 22	Kevin & Tee Leigh
June 24	Roger and Beth Ball
June 30	Paul & Colleen Cassada

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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