




Every Wednesday at  
10 & 5:15pm.



We have received some of the pictures from Lifetouch. Please check the hospitality area today to see if your pictures have arrived.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat . . .*

Breakfast on Sundays from 8-9am.  
All are Welcome!!!


**Leadership Team Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 25th**  
**at 7pm**

**Koinonia meets**  
**every Wednesday**  
**morning at 7am**  
**for breakfast**  
**and Bible study.**


If you have something to submit for the May newsletter or calendar, please have it in the office by April 17th. Our monthly newsletter can be viewed on our website at [stlukesumc.community](http://stlukesumc.community). If you would like to have a newsletter mailed to your home, please contact Sheri in the office.

**St. Luke's Book Club**


Have you always wanted to read the Bible from cover to cover, but never have? Now is your opportunity to read from Genesis to Revelation! *The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People* is based on the *New International Version* and presents the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible in novel form. With a foreword by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, this book tells the true story of God's love for us. Join the St. Luke's Book Club as we resume meeting on **April 30th at 3pm**. This selection will be a multi-month adventure in intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption.



Tuesday Afternoons  
At 5:45 to 6:45pm



Every Thursday at 8am in the Seeker classroom. Led by Rev. Rachel McConnell-Switzer.



*The Road Back To You* Study Group meets on Sundays (March 19-April 9) at 3pm.



Looking for something different?  
Join us for Low Key Worship

**April 21st**  
**at 6pm**

<p><b>United Methodist Women</b> will meet Thursday, April 20th at noon.</p>	<p><b>United Methodist Men</b> will meet Tuesday, April 25th at 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Upper Third</b> Thursday, April 13th at 11:30am. Pam Crews from YWCA Senior Advocacy will lead our program. Please bring a covered dish to share.</p>	<p><b>Crafters meet</b> <b>every Thursday morning at 10am</b> <b>And April 27th at 5:30pm.</b></p>



**April 9th and 23rd**  
**at 2pm**

**JOIN US FOR THE EGG CELEBRATION!**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH 3:00-5:00 PM**

**EGG HUNTING, JUMPERS, CRAFTS, MUSIC BY "OUT BEHIND THE BARN", AN "ICE CREAM BAR" AND A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY**



*The Egg Celebration is not just for kids!*

It is for everyone. While the kids are hunting eggs, and playing on the jumpers, adults can enjoy the country music band “*Out Behind the Barn.*” There will an *Ice Cream Sundae Bar*, and it is going to be a great day! Bring your friends and neighbors.



**March 23, 2017**

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**Worship Hours**

8:30am & 10:45am  
Traditional Service  
9:30am  
Sunday School



St. Luke's is committed to being an open church, welcome to all. We take the United Methodist theme “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors” very seriously. If you haven't already, we hope you find your peace in our community.

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*Holy Week Schedule*



*Holy Thursday Service,*  
*April 13th at 5:30pm*



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**service**  
**April 14th at noon**

JOIN US FOR

**EASTER**

CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOUR

**April 16th, 8:30am & 10:45am**



**The Building** ..... Rev. Betsy Eaves

I was struck this morning by something that I read from John Pavlovitz and thought it worth sharing with you. The following are some excerpts from his post today that are worth our hearing:

Christian,  
You may likely find yourself in a church this Sunday. That's potentially a fine, noble, and beautiful thing. There's nothing at all wrong with gathering in a building with people on the same journey you're on and seeking community and inspiration and guidance there. These are, in fact, wonderful aspirations. And yet for all that might go on in that building, for all you may feel and hear and experience there—I want you to know that the building is not the point.....That building can be incredibly seductive; promising you comfort and safety and belonging. It can make you hunger only for that building and it can lull you into believing that faith is what happens in there. You can forget what exists outside.  
And so while you are inside that building on Sunday doing whatever you're doing and feeling whatever you're feeling, please try to remember:  
Outside that building people are hungry.  
Outside that building people are hurting.  
Outside that building they are exhausted.  
Outside that building they are terrified.  
Outside that building they are alone.  
Outside that building people are feeling invisible.  
Outside that building people are hanging by a thread.  
Outside that building they are wondering how they're going to make it another day.  
Outside that building people are falling apart.  
Outside that building all hell is breaking loose.  
The people outside are looking for compassion and peace and hope; they're waiting for someone to see them and let them know that their lives matter. They're outside that building and they need you to take something from that building, meet them where they are and show them what love looks like. That is the point of the building; putting flesh to faith. Making spiritual things tangible things.  
If your church were to close down today and the neighborhood around you wouldn't profoundly feel the loss, you need to change how you do what you do in that building. If the only people who would grieve your absence are the people already in that building, you're not doing what you're called to do. You are hoarding blessings from people who need and deserve to be blessed.....

That building isn't the goal. It isn't the thing. That building isn't supposed to be a landing pad, it's supposed to be a launching pad. It is supposed to be what propels you to go and be the radical, counterintuitive love you are called to be on the planet.....  
While you're inside the church today, pray for a heart prepared to pour itself out to the waiting world. This is what worship is. That is the point: other people being loved because of your love for God. So yes, get every good and beautiful and redemptive thing in that building that you can—and remember it is not just for you. Take it to the people outside. --- John Pavlovitz

Brothers and sisters, what we do inside the building does matter. It prepares us. And there are people inside the building who are also hungry, hurting and lost. We need to be aware of each other's needs, too. Either way, let's not be a landing pad for just feeling good. Let's launch ourselves to meet needs inside and out!

Blessings, Pastor Betsy

# Children's Ministries

Michelle Gaharan and Angeline Card



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
VBS IS JUNE 25-JUNE 28  
5:30-8:00 PM  
IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!**



**PALM SUNDAY IS APRIL 9TH  
THE CHILDREN WILL WAVE PALMS AT THE  
10:45 AM SERVICE.  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR  
CHILDREN FOR THIS SPECIAL CELEBRATION!**



**JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY,  
APRIL 16TH AS WE CELEBRATE  
THE RISEN LORD!  
SUNDAY SCHOOL -9:45 AM  
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-10:45 AM**

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# Youth Ministries

One of my favorite passages of scripture is Ephesians 3: 14-20. It begins with Paul kneeling before the father praying for you and me. Now remember he is in prison and in chains. And yet he is kneeling and praying that we might grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is for you and for you to know this love. As we begin the second week of Spring I encourage you to notice all around you hope bursting forth in living color and remember Paul's prayer for us. This week share Gods love by giving words of encouragement to those that God has put along your path. Lent is a time we usually "give up" something but I challenge you instead to give: thanks, compliments, forgiveness, encouragement, hope, time to God! Give up: complaining, harsh judgements, revenge, negativism, despair, wasting time, prejudice, selfishness; give up that which keeps you from God.

There will be an important youth meeting immediately following 10:45am worship next Sunday 04/02/17. Parents, grandparents, & anyone interested in youth are encouraged to come as well as the youth. We will be discussing important upcoming summer activities.

E-3 .. Encourage 3 people before the day is over!

Grace and Peace from the Youth Department