

Wednesday at
10am & 5:15pm.

Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 30th
at 7pm

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

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



Lectio
Divina

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

Crafters meet every Thursday
morning at 10am

Crafters 4 Missions
Will meet May 25th at 5:30pm

If you have something to submit for the June newsletter or calendar, please
have it in the office by May 22nd. Our monthly newsletter can be viewed on
our website at stlukesumc.community. If you would like to have a news-
letter mailed to your home, please contact Sheri in the church office.

United Methodist Women
will meet Thursday, May 18th
at noon.

United Methodist Men
will meet Tuesday, May 30th
at 6:30pm


Missions Committee will meet on Monday,
May 1st and 15th at 5:30pm.

Worship Committee will meet on Tuesday,
May 2nd at 7pm

Trustees will meet Monday, May 15th at 7pm

Finance Committee will meet, Tuesday
May 16th at 6pm

Church Council will meet, Tuesday
May 16th at 7pm



VBS MEETING! For all adults
who are interested in
helping out!
Thursday, May 4th


St. Luke's Book Club

The St. Luke's Book Club will be discussing the first 10 chap-
ters of The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God
and His People on April 30th at 3:00 pm. Our May meeting will
complete the Old Testament with chapters 11 through 21. The
date will be determined at the April meeting. Join us for an
unfolding of "the greatest story ever told."



Looking for something
different?

May 19th
at 6pm



YOUNG
ADULT
MINISTRY

Tuesday Afternoons
At 5:45 to 6:45pm


Upper Third

Thursday, May 11th at 11:30am.
Sally Hamer from LSUS will lead
our program on "Writing Your
Own Obit." Please bring a
covered dish to share.



Healthy
Lifestyles

May 7th and
May 21st at
2pm



*My family and I deeply appreciate the many
kindnesses of the loving people of St. Luke's.
Thank you for your prayers and support through-
out Gene's illness and its aftermath. You made his
memorial service and reception so beautiful and
welcoming. We are forever grateful to you.*
Gerrie Grant and Family

Memorials/Honorariums

General Fund

In memory of Gene Grant from Ed & Kathy Chase
In memory of Gene Grant from Alton & Dianne Braddock
In memory of Gene Grant from Gregory & Bobbye Jones
In memory of Gene Grant from Eric & Kristina Phillips
In memory of Gene Grant from Dr. & Mrs. Frank Hughes
In memory of Gene Grant from Mac & Marilyn Hardy
In memory of Gene Grant from Lou Scott
In memory of Gene Grant from Lexine Adams
In memory of Gene Grant from Kathleen Ward
In memory of Gene Grant from Dr. & Mrs. Larry Marshman
In memory of Gene Grant from Joe & Kim Walters
In memory of Gene Grant from Upper Third

Labyrinth Fund

In memory of Gene Grant from Evelyn Miller
In memory of Gene Grant from Carolyn Wilburn
In memory of Gene Grant from Audrey Wibker



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Angeline Card
Children's Ministry Intern

Brittany Richardson
Nursery Coordinator

Worship Hours

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

Senior Sunday

On Sunday, May 7th we will recognize and celebrate with
our graduating seniors!



David Durel



Christian Fairchild



Matthew Willis

We congratulate *David Durel, Christian Fairchild, and Matthew Willis* as they bring one chapter to a close and begin a new one. I pray that you will join us as we offer our support during this transition in their lives as well as invite God's blessings upon them as they continue their journey.

The Silence was Delicious. Rev. Betsy Eaves

The silence was delicious. I know I talk a lot about the value of silence. But, it is for good reason, not the least of which is the reminder from the psalmist in Psalm 46 – “Be still and know that I am God.” It is simply true that silence, especially in the midst of great beauty puts things in perspective. On a recent vacation, Clay and I hiked the Bristlecone Trail at Bryce National Park. At the trailhead a sign asked hikers to respect the quiet, to silence cell phones and talk softly. The trail meandered through beautiful bristlecone pine trees, the path regularly interrupted by mounds of lingering winter snow, which required careful footing so as not to fall. At several points along the way the trail brought hikers to breathtaking vistas overlooking the amazing orange, pink and white of Bryce Canyon.

At one point it appeared that Clay and I were the only hikers on the trail. As we sat in silence looking out over falcons sailing on the updraft wind currents so close we could almost count feathers we whispered, “Thank you, God.” We felt as though we were sitting in the most magnificent sanctuary.

A few days later we were attending a seminar in Las Vegas, a city, like New York City that never seems to sleep. I wondered how anyone could find silence in such a place. At every turn there is noise, distraction, bright lights and loud noises. All of this draws mind and heart into its frenetic energy. While not all the noise is objectionable noise, it is nonetheless nonstop noise.

In these days of cell phones and computers, of endless connection, 24-hour television options, head phones and Sirius radio, silence can be hard to come by. Perhaps you ask, ‘Why does it matter?’

God is always available to us and there is within all of us something that seeks to connect with God. Within all of us is the divine spark, but two things must happen to connect to God and to connect with the Divine spark within. First, we must be still. We must cease the endless thinking and doing and feeling. We must learn to stop trying to constantly conquer things. We must learn that time well spent does not always require reaching a goal. We must learn to simply be. In that state of simply being, we open the space to discover God. And the second thing that must happen is that we must recognize the beauty that is God's creation. Of course that means the beauty of earth and sky and sea. But, it also includes the beauty that is each human being. Recognizing the beauty of God's creation allows us to see that everything God creates – every rock, every tree, every mountain, every stream.....and every human being-- is beautiful. This means you are beautiful. This means even the people who aggravate us are God's beautiful creation. Remember the words of the creation story when God looked at everything God created and said, “It is good.”

All noise isn't bad. Inspiring music is noise. Great conversations create noise. The celebration cheers after an exciting competition can be deafening. Noise alone is not a bad thing. But, when we seek God, there is something in the silence and stillness when it is included in each day that awakens our minds, hearts and spirits to see God in all places, all people and within ourselves. I hope today you see God...in yourself, in other people, in the beauty of creation. And when you do, I hope you will pause...sit a while....and know.....

Children's Ministries

Michelle Gaharan and Angeline Card

The Egg Celebration was great fun!

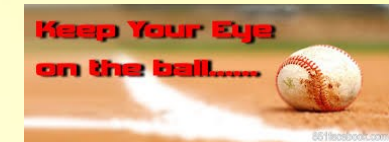


Mark your calendars for VBS!
Sunday-Wednesday
June 25-28
5:30-8:00 pm

VBS MEETING! For all adults who are interested in helping out!
Thursday, May 4th
5:30 pm

Youth Ministries

Momma T



As a child I loved playing baseball. Every afternoon starting in spring

the neighborhood kids would gather in the vacant dirt lot behind my house and play ball till dark. I usually played in the outfield and did a pretty good job as long as I kept my eye on the ball. Taking my eye off the ball for less than a second would result in a ball popping out of my glove or worse yet hitting me in the head!! As the runner would pass all three bases and score I could hear the sound of discus from my fellow team mates and I would cover my face with my glove. I have not played baseball in a long time but I still use the "keep your eye on the ball" to remind me to keep my eye on Jesus. Peter took his eye off Jesus for just a moment and almost drowned! As we wind down the school year, let's stay the course and finish well. Your focus determines your direction so keep focused!!!



May 7th is Senior Sunday. We will honor our graduating seniors during the 10:45 service.

May 14th mother's day. No youth that afternoon.

June 8th, 9th, & 10th is Annual Conference. We will need help with concessions.