



Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

As the evening Low Key service came to a close, David (aka Bing) thanked St Luke for the generous hospitality that you provide the recovery community. This was not unusual. He expresses gratitude to St. Luke every Friday night at the Low Key service. But, this night, his voice broke. After a moment of collecting himself, he said something like this: "I have never known a church with so much love and kindness, so much grace for broken people. They have received me and allow me to serve. And every week, they welcome scores of broken people through their doors. Because of this church, this broken crayon can still color."

Isn't that what church is all about? Welcoming everyone, binding up wounds, providing a safe and welcoming place for all of God's children to experience the love of God— that is what it means to be a community of Jesus followers. That's the kind of church I want to be part of.

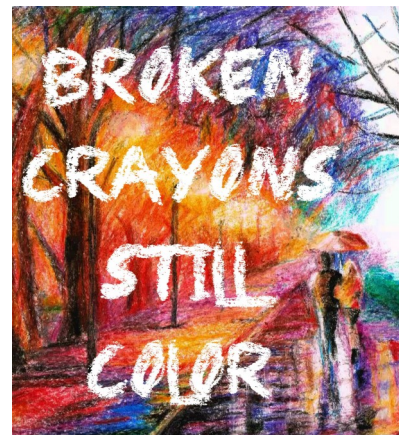
Oh, I know how exciting it is to have a big, beautiful new box of crayons. You know how pretty they look when you first open the box? The colors are all lined up perfectly, crayons in the right order, tips all perfectly sharpened, no peeling paper and no crayon broken. But, that is only the way they look before they have actually become instruments of color. In the box, they just look pretty. Crayons aren't created to sit in a box and look pretty. Crayons are created to give expression and beauty to the world. Once they fall into the hand of the artist, they discover their purpose. And sometimes, if not often, the paper peels, the sharp tips become round and sometimes they are broken. Over time, sometimes the box begins to fall apart. So we get an old plastic container out of the cabinet and throw all the old crayons together. They may no longer be stacked neatly in a box. But, their purpose remains and the potential for beauty is not diminished.

I don't know what your condition is right now. I don't know if you still have a sharp point and look pretty

much like you did when you started. Or if you have peeling paper and rounded points and cracks. Maybe you are just a fraction of who you once were. But, let me tell you this. You are welcome here. Because truth be told, most of us around here are broken. We have our own unique little quirks that make us less than perfect. Some of us have been through some hard times and we look pretty tired and worn. But, we are offering our particular color to the painting of the body of Christ in our little corner of the universe. I hope you will join us.....bring your color and any other colors you know, too. Because we can use all the colors of the rainbow to paint the picture God is calling forth. ALL are WELCOME here.....even, maybe especially, the broken crayons.



Blessings, Pastor Betsy



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

It is very exciting in the children's area!

We have had several new friends join us for Sunday School and Children's Church.

We have also had a wonderful response to our **SignUpGenius** volunteer app for helpers and snacks. If you are interested in working with some awesome children, please choose a Sunday and sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094DAAA62CA1F85-volunteer>

The children learned about how Jesus loves them and how he wants them to share his love with family, friends and people who may not be nice to them. We have enjoyed having several new helpers in our classroom & nursery and having yummy snacks each Sunday. Please continue to sign up to volunteer on our sign up genius page.

We will be learning about Lent in March. We will also have our Bunnies & Baskets family event Saturday, April 13, 9:30-11:30. We would love volunteers for helping at the event, hiding eggs, and to donate filled plastic Easter eggs & cookies.

Thank you for supporting our children.



Thank you for your support! Christy Terrill, Director of
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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

The dedicated participants in the Music Ministry program here at St. Luke's continue weekly rehearsals. Both the Chancel Choir and the Handbell Choir are preparing special music to deepen the worship experience for the congregation during the approaching Lenten season. The Handbell Choir will play for both services on March 17th. The Chancel Choir will present meaningful anthems each week leading to a special musical program on Palm Sunday.

I am grateful for all those who develop and share their musical gifts. I would like to especially acknowledge the Scholarship Musicians. St. Luke is blessed to have these musicians who provide leadership, quality, and energy making both performing groups stronger. St. Luke benefits from their participation and I hope that their participation at St. Luke benefits them as well. This ministry needs funding to continue. I will soon be reaching out to request support from the congregation to continue this vital ministry for another year. Please begin to prayerfully consider how you will respond. Thank you so much!

Beth Duet

Director of Music Ministry / music@stlukesumc.community



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We continue to have excellent attendance for our Senior high Thursday morning breakfast. We eat, talk about what's going on in their lives, take prayer request, and have a short devotional. Not anything big but as one of the youth said "it helps him get through the rest of the week" We are working on something similar for the junior high likely something midweek after school. Our soul searching class formerly known as "Sunday school" will be going through some change in March. We will be combining the 4th & 5th graders with Jr. High in the junior high room and the senior high will gather in the youth room. This will help with the over crowding in the children's area and add energy to the junior high. The senior high is beginning a new study from Cokesbury entitled Canvas. This past January our youth attended a Mud Bug game and returned to the Church for a lock-in.

Momma T



Crafting 4 Missions

Crafting 4 Missions will again be hosting another Scrapbook/Craft Event March 30 9AM-6PM. Come bring your craft project and fellowship with us, and give to missions by renting table space. 1/2 table is \$25, whole table is \$40. All proceeds go into the Crafting 4 Missions fund for mission projects. See Debbie Laffitte or Marsha Parham for a registration form. We hope to have the Methodist Men provide their concession stand if we get enough people attending the event.

Debbie Laffitte

Healthy Lifestyles Meetings

What is Healthy Lifestyles all about? Healthy Lifestyles is about more than just what you eat. It involves food for your body, your mind, and your spirit. Please join us at 2 PM on the second Sunday of each month as we explore these topics. We will begin each monthly meeting with an easy 15-minute exercise routine, then move into our discussion. All are welcome to join us! We will have fun and learn also as we journey into 2019!

Debbie Laffitte



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

MARCH 6TH, 12:15 PM AND 5:30 PM



St. Luke Book Club

Our selection for March is *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline.

Join us on March 17th at 3:00 p.m. as we discuss the powerful story behind the subject of Andrew Wyeth's famous painting, *Christina's World*. The only daughter in a family of sons, Christina Olson's entire world is her family farm in coastal Maine. Tied to her home by health and circumstance, Christina's small world enlarges when she becomes the inspiration for one of the best-known paintings of the twentieth century.

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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 AM

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MARCH 2019

SUNDAYS

MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 WORSHIP, 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP, NOON - 2 PM
BIBLE BLITZ 5 PM (NO MEETING ON 10TH)
AA, 7 PM

MARCH 10 HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, 2 PM
MARCH 17 CIRCLE SERVICE, 5:15 PM
BOOK CLUB, 3 - 5 PM

MONDAYS

MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25 AA, 8 PM

MARCH 4 MISSIONS, 5:30 PM
MARCH 18 COMPANIONS IN CHRIST, 5:30 PM
TRUSTEES, 7 PM

TUESDAYS

MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26 STAFF MEETING, 10:30 AM
CENTERING PRAYER, 4 PM
YOUNG ADULTS, 5:45 PM
(12TH IS TACO TUESDAY)

MARCH 5 WORSHIP COMMITTEE, 2 PM
MARCH 26 COMMUNICATIONS, 7 PM

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27 KOINONIA, 7 AM
HANDBELLS, 5:30 PM
CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30 PM
AA, 7 PM

MARCH 6 ASH WEDNESDAY SVC, 12:15 PM
(LABYRINTH) 5:30 PM
MARCH 13 ENNEAGRAM GROUP, 4:00 PM
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THURSDAYS

MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 YOUNG ADULTS, 6:50 AM
LECTIO DIVINA, 8 AM
CRAFTERS, 10 AM
AA, 7:30PM

MARCH 7 COMPANIONS, 9 AM
MARCH 14 COMPANIONS, 9 AM
UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM
MARCH 21 COMPANIONS, 9AM
WOMEN'S MINISTRY, NOON
MARCH 28 CRAFTERS 4 MISSION, 5:30 PM
UMM, 6:30 PM

FRIDAYS

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

SATURDAYS

MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AA, 10 AM
ALANON, 10 AM

MARCH 16 SRSG, 10 AM - 2 PM
MARCH 30 CRAFTING 4 MISSION EVENT
9 AM - 6 PM