

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

“Finish What You Start”

That's good advice, isn't it? I can remember hearing that sentiment when I was working on a hard project in school or when I had taken too many veggies on my plate. “Finish what you start.” And generally in life, I have. I have certain impatience with loose ends. I like things tied up neat and tidy.

But to finish what is before us often takes time and determination, I'd say. For example, consider that shortly after I arrived in 2011, half the fellowship hall ceiling came loose from its moorings and lurched toward the floor. The Staff Parish committee held my welcome reception on one side of the Fellowship Hall while repairs were beginning on the other.

Our intention was always to get to the other half of the ceiling. But then improvements for fire code appeared, and the need for a permit. Building materials were stored far away from the ceiling for which they were intended, down in the basement. Months, and then years, went by as the Trustees sorted through the building codes, diagrams and plans, and pursued an engineer's stamp.

Now here we are in 2017, almost a full six years later, with lots of effort invested in planning, and even more now being invested in renovating; and the fellowship hall ceiling is on track to being completed! A fine cadre of retired men on ladders, and one mighty school teacher, too (Yea, Debbie!), are making improvements and putting our Fellowship Hall back together again, so that it is even better than before.

Tenacity, perseverance, teamwork, and faith . . . what a winning combination! And not only when it comes to ceilings!

We are asked to move another project toward completion, aren't we? The spread of the Gospel. And this takes innovation as well as renovation. Personal investment of thought, care, time and energy. It takes not being satisfied with what was, even though we are thankful for it, and seeking what is to be.

The theme for Annual Conference this year is “A New Thing!” Bishop Lewis wants the Virginia Conference to do a new thing. That means appreciating the past while we build for the future. It means enjoying the familiar while we dare to architect something novel.

St. Luke's, we have some of that newness here—and not just in the Fellowship Hall! We are new in reaching outside our walls and we are new in collaborating with our Lutheran neighbors, and we are new in getting involved with our Neighborhood Watch.

Will you watch for the new, welcome the new, give thanks for that which is new? Can you see the new being done to fulfill our promise to finish what we started as the church—to spread the Gospel to people and places that have not received it?



THE FELLOWSHIP HALL CEILING RENOVATION began May 30th at 10 am! Three cheers for Wilmer, Ronnie and the whole crew! Volunteers are welcome to call the church office to add your name to master schedule posted on the Volunteer Bulletin Board. You can also sign up on the Connection Card in the bulletin by placing it in the offering plate.

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In this 'great commission' of a project, we do not have to do it all ourselves and we do not have to do it all alone. Through the church, this church and all churches, our Lord is seeking to make all things new. Like our Bishop, let us do what we can, to complete one more step in building the body of Christ and in taking one more step in the journey of the Gospel, to new people, new places and into new hearts. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Lisa

From Jacobs Road Elementary School

Jacobs Road staff and teachers would like to say a big thank you to the following people for volunteering their time: Joan Bowker, Ray Jenkins, Shirley Jones, Cheryl Nester, Debbie and Woody Smart and Lisa Sykes.

We appreciate the effort that these volunteers put in during the school year so our students are successful. The support that we get from St. Luke's UMC is invaluable. We look forward to having them back next year. Please prayerfully consider helping in the new school year; just contact Debbie Smart. Have a wonderful summer!
God Bless



Tutors Ray Jenkins and Joan Bowker with Jacobs Road Elementary School Principal Eileen Traveline

LET'S BE PREPARED – CARITAS IS COMING AUGUST 12-19, 2017!

St Luke's will welcome 30 guests to help provide some shelter and comfort during hard times. Each night, our guests will arrive at St Luke's for dinner around 5 pm and will participate in different events across the week (a family service, laundry, showers) and then spend the night in the fellowship hall before departing the next morning.

Please take a moment to think about how you, your committee, group or others can meet a need – donate needed supplies, prepare a meal, pack lunches, stay overnight with the guests – no effort is too big or too small to make a difference to the lives of people in need of shelter, support and care! Evening and overnight coordinators are needed, and we can always use some friendly faces to help welcome these families.

We welcome everyone to join us in helping to provide fellowship and the support needed for our church to host these important guests. Anyone who is interested in learning more, please contact Chris Halloran, or Laurie and Dave Hay. (FYI – Overnight volunteers are especially needed. We eagerly anticipate fulfilling our Lord's command to provide for those in need and to welcome the stranger with great hospitality.)



BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

Shazam!!

42 Fabulous Volunteers have filled all the slots for our VBS Super Hero Staff, and 70 children are registered to be Heroes in Training! WOW! If you have not registered your child or grandchild, please do not delay. We are very excited that this year's VBS is a combined ministry of St. Luke's and the Lutheran Church of our Saviour. Our make-up orientation session will be Sunday, July 9th at noon. Teachers can also pick up tentative class lists at this meeting.

How Neighborly!

The Lutheran Church of our Saviour extends to St. Luke's an invitation to join their "5th Sunday Diners," a fellowship meal for adults. The meal takes place on Sunday, July 30th, at 12:00 noon. Please use the Connection Card in the bulletin to indicate your plan to attend, and whether you will bring a salad or a dessert. Pastor Lisa will look forward to seeing you there!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

"It's not an embarrassment! It's giving him a pat on the back for making a hard, difficult shot that very few ever get to make." These words of wisdom came from a friend of Clinton Gary. And that wasn't all! He continued with words of praise for another mutual friend at St. Luke's, Bobbie Strum! What do both Clinton and Bobbie thoroughly enjoy? Why, golfing of course! And it's a pleasure to tell you that these men made eagles at their respective courses, accomplishing what many golfers only dream of!

Bobbie set the links on fire at Waterfront Golf Club at Smith Mountain Lake, while Clinton created a crescendo at Brookwood Golf Club in New Kent. Their friend suggested that "maybe Clinton and Bobbie could be the founding members of St. Luke's Eagle Club to encourage others to enjoy some fellowship in playing golf." Said he, "Who knows where this might lead?" For sure, we know that St. Luke's has at least two great golfers! Fellows, congratulations to you both!

Golfers – when you make an eagle, let St. Luke's know and we will add your name to St. Luke's Eagle Club!!

Ladies Night

LADIES' NIGHT is coming and all are welcome! The United Methodist Men's Fellowship is sponsoring its annual Ladies' Night at St. Luke's Church on Monday, July 24, 2017, at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per person and payment is requested upon reservation. The deadline date for reservations is July 21st, and we hope you will join us.

Welcome Mason!!

Mason Timothy Tucker, born Tuesday, June 27th, weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz., and is 21 inches long. His parents are Mathew and Molly.

Mason is the great grandson of Margaret Tucker. Best wishes to all!

From Annual Conference



The St. Luke's delegation at dinner and Bishop Sharma Lewis with Ray Kyle.

Upheld in our Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers.

We give God thanks for the birth of Mason Timothy Tucker, the great grandson of Margaret Tucker and the son of Matthew and Molly.

Dean Smith	Bill Brown	Ron Halloran
T J Tucker	Barbara Stone	Laura P. Jacson
Muffin Morris	Kevin Hoffman	George Burnett
Betty Ward	Sam McCoin	Renae Hedrick
Margaret Tucker	Marynell Kloss	Eden Kloss
Gayle McGonigle	Brian Myers	Josie Clark
Neal Dunlap	Raymond Fayle	Katherine Fayle
Kim D'Esposito	Lachelier	

Our Military

Robbie Bowen	Aaron Frankey	Larry Russell
Holden Russell		

Person to remember

Annie Davis — 5410 Claridge Drive
Chesterfield, VA. 23832

Birthdays

July 2	Rick Beeckler
July 6	Woody Smart
July 8	Jim Grubbs
July 9	Chris Halloran
July 10	Kay Callis
	Cheryl Nester
	Brian Smart
July 12	Mandy Wellman
	Jeremy Reed
July 13	Matthew Wertz
July 14	Jordan Calfee
July 15	Margaret Hutchison
	Sara Wertz
July 16	Kevin Johnson
July 18	John Richardson
July 19	Stacy Pritchard
	Amanda Nolen
July 20	Jim Brown
July 24	Shane Halloran
July 26	Margaret Anderson
July 28	Karen Miller
July 29	Robbie Bowen
July 30	Joel Calfee
	LeAnn Nunnally

Anniversaries

July 7	Kent and Rhea Calfee
	Bruce & Robin Anderson
	Elton & Kathy Gardner
July 8	Vernon and Louise King
July 15	Tommy and Cindy Driskill
July 18	Ronnie and Shirley Weade

From the Church Treasurer -

Below is a spreadsheet showing our progress in paying 2017 Apportionments. The large payment in June is due to sharing of funds from the Silent Auction and Easter offering, in addition to our usual designated monthly receipts. Some people direct part of their offering for use by the global United Methodist Church (designated apportionments).

2017 Apportionments

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Balance	Total Paid
401 Conference Mission & Ministries	\$3,699.00													
402 Conference Services	\$2,268.00													
403 District Superintendents Fund	\$2,340.00													
404 Equitable Compensation	\$399.00													
405 Church Extension and Development	\$768.00													
406 Virginia Education Fund	\$1,026.00													
407 Active Clergy Health	\$12,639.00	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$450.00	\$1,050.00	\$800.00	\$4,350.00						\$4,819.00	\$ 7,800.00
408 Retired Clergy Health	\$6,900.00													
409 Pension Liability Assessment - Pre	\$1,137.00													
410 Episcopal Fund	\$1,026.00													
411 World Service	\$3,456.00													
412 General and Jurisdictional Connect	\$549.00													
413 Ministerial Education Fund	\$1,167.00													
414 Black College Fund	\$468.00													
415 Africa University Fund	\$105.00													
416 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	\$99.00													
2017 Apportionments	\$58,040.00													\$ 7,800.00
District	\$1,817.00													
Missions	\$354.00													
Westview	\$1,377.00													

VA Conf Disaster Response
VA Annual Conf Giving
GBGM Advance Specials (Health Kits)

July, 2017

CALENDAR

sunday, July 2

Sunday, July 2, 2017
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Trustees (P)

Monday, July 3

4:45 pm
Safe Haven
5:30 pm-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Boy & Cub Scouts (S)

Tuesday, July 4

Fourth of July Holiday
(office closed)

Wednesday, July 5

9:15 am
10:00 am
Susannah Wesley
Circle
7:15 pm-8:15 pm
Lay Leadership
Committee Mtg. (P)

Thursday, July 6

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI

Sunday, July 9

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am-12:30 pm
Finance (P)

Monday, July 10

5:30-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00-8:30 pm
Boy & Cub Scouts (S)

Tuesday, July 11

11:00 am-12:30 pm
Bible Study (Grits &
Grace)

Wednesday, July 12

11:30 am Young at Heart
meet at church -
lunch at Applebee's)
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Cub Scout Parents (B)
7:15 pm-8:15 pm
Lay Leadership Commit-
tee Mtg. (P)

Thursday, July 13

7:00 pm-9:00 pm
NAMI (P)

Friday, July 14

9:00-12 Noon
Quilting Group (P)

Sunday, July 16

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Set up for
Vacation Bible School
2:00 pm Staff Parish
Committee Meeting
6:30-8:30 pm Vacation
Bible School

Monday, July 17

4:45 pm
Safe Haven
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 18

11:00 am-12:30 pm
Bible Study (Grits & Grace)
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, July 19

6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Vacation Bible School

Thursday, July 20

6:30-8:30 pm
Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 23

Vacation Bible School
Sunday
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, July 24

5:30pm-7:00 pm
Al Anon (P)
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
UMM
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Boy & Cub Scouts

Tuesday, July 25

11:00 am-1:00 pm
Bible Study
(Grits & Grace)

Wednesday, July 26

7:15 pm-8:15 pm
Lay Leadership
Committee Mtg. (P)

Thursday, July 27

7:00 PM-9:00 pm
NAMI

Friday, July 28

9:00-12 Noon
Quilting Group (P)

Sunday, July 30

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
12:00 noon LCOS
Adult Luncheon
2:00 pm Administrative
Council(F.H.)

Monday, July 31

5:30pm-7:00 pm
Al Anon (P)
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Boy & Cub Scouts



DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 4 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

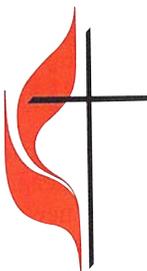
JULY 16 - JULY 20 - 8:30 pm - VBS

JULY 30 - ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

**AUGUST 2 - LAY LEADERSHIP
COMMITTEE MEETING**

AUGUST 12 - 19 - CARITAS

Location Codes: F.H. – Fellowship Hall, P – Parlor,
B – Basement, M.R. – Music Room, S – Sanctuary



*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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