



For 9 women and 19 children (ranging from 1 to 14 years old), St Luke's UMC was their refuge and shelter from August 12th through 19th. Well, make that 11 women and 23 children! On August 19th two new families joined the program because of an emergency placement the last night St. Luke's hosted the Family Focus program of CARITAS.

The guests arrived hesitantly on Saturday evening, not sure what to expect, not knowing the congregation of St Luke's and the care and concern of not only our congregation, but also the participants of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour and several other churches.

Each day, over 100 meals were organized and served to our guests and volunteers. Evening meals were prepared by the Youth Group, Prospector's and Pastor Lisa's Sunday School classes, Girl Scout Troop 5228, Boy Scout Troop 2874, St. Luke's Preschool, Young at Heart, Lois Callis Sunday School Class and St. Luke's UMM. We even enjoyed having some of the children offer the prayer before the evening meal. Lunches were graciously donated by LCOS. Breakfast items were donated by a host of hero volunteers.

In the evening, crews were comprised of a variety of volunteers who broke bread with the guests, helped tie shoes, led dance parties, and helped corral children at the laundromat or at the showers. We ventured to Ramsey UMC and St. Mark's UMC to utilize their shower facilities. Belmont UMC once again helped with our transportation needs. LCOS and VBS kindly provided all of the needed laundry supplies, detergent, dryer sheets and coins for use at the Coin Laundromat on Hull Street!



Laurie Haye is all ready to give our visitors a healthy Breakfast



Our youth prepare a mid-day snack

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CARITAS is truly a laity-driven mission – and each and every person heroically supported the CARITAS efforts. Towels were laundered, supplies were brought in, coins were given for laundry; donations of linens, clothes and toys were received, prayers were lifted up . . . everyone had a part. A dozen guests requested and received Bibles, which were donated by LCOS, and there were many late-night spiritual guidance talks with guests by our over-night volunteers.

Our last evening with our CARITAS guests was one fun surprise after another! We were visited by Chesterfield Police, who brought McGruff the Crime Dog, Liz from Duz Hair provided haircuts, Ze-bbo the Clown entertained the kids and adults, and the Chesterfield Fire Department gave us a tour of the fire engine and demonstrated all of the gear that firemen wear!

Thanks to everyone for their overwhelming help and support with this important outreach to help those in need right here in our local community. The demand for help is becoming more and more serious as fewer churches are volunteering to host the different CARITAS programs. With the help of the heroes of St. Luke's UMC and LCOS, we truly helped transform the lives of our CARITAS Family Focus guests.

Laurie & Dave Hay, Chris Halloran and Karla Lacy
CARITAS mission leaders

Upheld in our Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Courtney Amick	Dean Smith	Bill Brown
Ron Halloran	TJ Tucker	Barbara Stone
Laura P. Jackson	Marie Goodwyn	Raymond Fayle
Sam McCoin	Jack Parsons	Betty Ward
Marynell Kloss	Eden Kloss	Brian Myers
Gayle McGonigle	Opal Holshouser	Ron Kessler
Jo Richards	Doris Johnson	Wayne Kinney
Andrea Brown	Doris Courtney	Kerry Myers
Barbara Gardner	Katherine Fayle	
Kim D'Esposito	Lachelier	

Our Military
Robbie Bowen
Holden Russell

Aaron Frankey Larry Russell

Say CHEESE!

Say Cheese! It's time for a new pictorial directory! Our current one is out-of-date! Lifetouch will be back on Sept. 8th, 9th and 27th to photograph our congregation (see newsletter calendar for times). If you have not signed up for the directory, please contact the church office, 276-7000, ASAP. Thanks to Rebecca Morris, Audrey Vogen, Margaret Anderson and Karen Courtney who helped organize this project! Be expecting their call!

A Day At The Bay

A Day at the Bay for the Youth! Youth and families, please reserve Sept. 9 for a visit to the Russell's bay house in Madison! Bring a side dish or a dessert AND a 2-liter bottle of soda to share! We can't wait!

A Shout Out

Here's a Shout-out to Tom Proffitt, who has taken the two desperately needed new computers home to prepare them for use by our pastor and treasurer. It is a meticulous job, and we thank Tom for giving so graciously of his time to get us in the office up to speed, cyber-wise!

Back to School Time

It's Back-to-School Time! Please be doing your shopping for Jacobs Road Elementary. Bring the items in now and place them in the box on the table as you enter the carport door. Deadline: Sept.10th. Thanks to all for being so BUSY with mission!

BE INFORMED

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

<http://www.vaumc.org>

St. Luke's Sanctuary Choir

ST. LUKE'S SANCTUARY CHOIR kicks off our fall semester on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The handbell choir will resume in November. The children's choir will resume on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.

The fall schedule for St. Luke's music ministry will take on several new directions as well as time changes. These were decided on and made firm during August; as the music directors from St. Luke's, the Lutheran Church of our Saviour, and Southminster Presbyterian decided on the best course of action for special presentations of Advent and Christmas music. This presentation will take place on December 17, 2017, 7:30 p.m. at Southminster Presbyterian Church.

Fellowship Hall Ceiling

The Fellowship Hall Ceiling Renovation is going strong! Join the team by calling the Church Office or by signing up on the connection card and placing it in the offering plate. The Ceiling Team works Monday-Thursday, 10:00 am-4:30 pm.

Quilting Group

Our Dedicated Quilting Group is always there to bring comfort to those coping with devastating illnesses through the quilts they make and funds are running short. Please prayerfully consider providing monetary support to these talented ladies so that this wonderful ministry can continue in an unbroken fashion. Thank you!

Birthdays

September 1	Christi Soto
September 2	Sam Collier Brooks Warnick
September 3	Tom Fussell
September 4	Frederick Toney Adam Bowman Courtney Gold
September 5	Jeremy Pritchard
September 6	Shirley Weade
September 7	Cindy Driskill
September 8	Jared Calfee Brittany Pearse
September 9	Nancy Pearse
September 10	Lori Webb Richard McElfish
September 12	Troy Gary
September 13	Linda Engel Ashley Pearse Carol Shifflette
September 14	Beatrice Bradner Reg Whitton
September 15	Curtis Fry Sydney Kaeser
September 16	Sarah Salisbury
September 19	William Fussell Jennifer Kay Ronald Nunnally
September 20	Ashley Akers Dianne Johnson Wes Self
September 21	Amanda Jones
September 22	Pat Wolking Eddie Tharrington
September 23	Amanda McElfish
September 24	Todd Gary Michael Jones
September 26	Sue Fussell Jesse Bowman Joe Murdock
September 27	Ben Hicks
September 29	Heather Burnett Latham Tad McGonigle Bob Brinkley
September 30	Robert Williams Gail Warnick Jennifer Pavlansky

Anniversaries

September 1	Ronnie and Dixie Bowman
September 2	Chris & Kathy Bowen
September 5	Steve & Terri Edwards
September 6	Ron & Rose Kessler
September 13	John & Joan Crawford
September 26	Clinton and Shirley Gary
September 29	Mary & Pete Meador

"Sorrow and Love flow mingled down"


Our sympathy and love is extended to Gary & Ofelia Dunlap. Gary's father, Neal, claimed the promise of the resurrection on August 27th.

Our sympathy and love is extended to Clinton & Shirley Gary. Their sister-in-law, Romaldia Hodges, claimed the promise of the resurrection on August 27th.



Hunger Action Month

Recent correspondence from the Society of St. Andrew reminds us that September is National Hunger Action Month. This provides an excellent opportunity for our congregation to participate in taking "action to end hunger in the U.S." Please review the daily options on the calendar and prayerfully consider those ways in which you can do your part to help this worthy organization in its continuing efforts to achieve this commendable goal.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
EndHunger.org With your help, The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) nourishes souls, through spiritual life resources like this, and bodies, through nationwide gleaning and feeding ministries. Your donations, in response to these daily readings and activities, will share healthy, nourishing food with people in greatest need throughout the United States. Thank you!						September 1 Ezekiel 18:5-9 One practice to bring justice is to provide some food to your local food pantry.	September 2 Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Choose one meal today and fast. Use the time you would have spent eating in prayer.
September 3 Leviticus 23:22 Go Gleaning! Don't know where?? Check out our website. www.endhunger.org	September 4 1 Samuel 2:3-5 Pray for those who seek work in order to feed themselves and their families.	September 5 1 Samuel 17:29 People living in food deserts need local food. Put 50¢ in your coin box for each trip to buy groceries this month.	September 6 Exodus 16:1-12 Pray that God will watch over and take care of the hungry in your community.	September 7 Proverbs 16:3 Purpose in your heart to feed our hungry neighbors. Put your loose change in your coin box today.	September 8 Luke 12:41-44 SoSA is a great steward of both food and money. Our overhead is 3.22% with a cost per serving of about 3¢.	September 9 Matthew 25:35-40 13.1 million children live in food-insecure households. Help SoSA reduce this number.	
September 10 1 Corinthians 11:33 Ask God to bless your meal and to bless someone who is hungry. Put 21¢ in your coin box (1 meal=21¢).	September 11 Proverbs 25:21 True peace can be achieved if we see our enemy as someone we can win over—with food!	September 12 Isaiah 58:5-7 Looking for a great Bible Study? You can download SoSA's "The Fast I Choose" free from our website.	September 13 Genesis 1:29 God's abundance provides us a way to serve the hungry! Glean with SoSA.	September 14 Isaiah 58:6-11 Taking care of our hungry neighbors brings blessings from God!	September 15 Job 30:1-4 Hunger among our senior citizens exists! What shall we do about it?	September 16 Leviticus 2:19 Chronic hunger among children affects their development—now and in the future.	
September 17 Deuteronomy 32:10 Food Desert? In America? http://www.vsu.edu/news/vsu-today/videos/2015/03/food-desert.php	September 18 Psalm 79:4 The working poor sometimes get a bad rap! Pray for them to have a living wage.	September 19 Jeremiah 2:13-15 Food Waste is over 133 billion pounds each year! Help SoSA to reduce this waste.	September 20 Matthew 7:7-11 Pray for agencies in your community that feed the hungry.	September 21 Matthew 14:16 Meditate on Jesus's words, "You give them something to eat!"	September 22 Luke 18:15-17 Approximately 20% of children in the U.S. live in poverty. Stand in the gap for them!	September 23 Psalm 72 Pray for our nation's leaders to provide help and justice for the poor and needy among us.	
September 24 Isaiah 58:9-12 Pray to be a restorer of paths: the path from the gleaned produce to the forks of our hungry neighbors.	September 25 Psalm 72:12 Pray to be a restorer of joy: stand in the gap as a helper for the poor in our neighborhoods.	September 26 Psalm 23:3 Pray to be a restorer of souls: bring the Great Restorer to those who do not know him in our neighborhoods.	September 27 Isaiah 57:18 Pray to be a restorer of comfort to those in distress in our neighborhoods.	September 28 Jeremiah 30:17 Pray to be a restorer of health: help SoSA get nourishing food to hungry people in our neighborhoods.	September 29 Joel 2:25 Pray for the restoration of the years that people have been in poverty. God can do this!	September 30 Psalm 25:22 Pray for restoration of poor families to sufficient work and wages.	

Just 6¢ puts two servings of nourishing food on the table.

Come glean with us. Every pound of food you glean puts three servings of food on the table.

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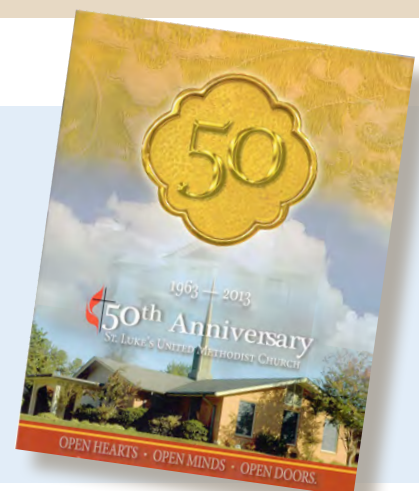
Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 14, 2017, 10:00am – 3:00 pm

for our Annual Fall Festival. Activities will include games for children, a bounce house, yard sale, bake sale, and craft vendors. Closer to the event, sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board going into the sanctuary. Mark the date on your calendar and come out and have a fun day!! Start saving your items for the yard sale and we will notify you as to when you may bring the items in.

Pictorial Directory

Our photography dates for our upcoming directory event are fast approaching on September 8 & September 9. Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected.

Every one will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits.



September, 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday, Sept. 3

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Trustees (P)

Monday, Sept 4

Office closed
4:45 pm
Safe Haven
5:30-7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)

Tuesday, Sept 5

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 6

10:00 am - 12 Noon
Susannah Wesley Circle
6:30 pm- 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 337 (F.H.)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M.R. & S)

Thursday, Sept. 7

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 5228 (B)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI (F.H.)

Friday, Sept. 8

9:00 am-12:00 noon
Quilting Group (F.H.)
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Pictorial Directory Photos (P)

Saturday, Sept. 9

10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pictorial Directory Photos (P)

Sunday, Sept. 10

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

Monday, Sept. 11

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Cub Scouts (Basement & Rms. 106, 108, 110, 112)
Boy Scouts (F.H. & all Rms. upstairs)

Tuesday, Sept.12

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept.13

10:00 am - 12 Noon
Young at Heart (F.H.)
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Cub Scout Parents (B)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M.R. & S)

Thursday, Sept. 14

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI (F.H.)

Friday, Sept. 15

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Administrative Council
Retreat (F.H.)

Sunday, Sept 17

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Pastor/Parish (P)
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Administrative Council
Retreat (F.H.)

Monday, Sept 18

4:45 pm Safe Haven
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Al-Anon (P)
7:00-8:30 pm
Cub Scouts (Basement & Rms. 106, 108, 110, 112)
Boy Scouts (F.H. & all Rms. upstairs)

Tuesday, Sept 19

9:30 am
District Clergy Meeting
Providence UMC
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 20

6:30 pm- 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 337 (F.H.)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M.R. & S)

Thursday, Sept.21

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop 5228 (B)
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI (F.H.)

Friday, Sept 22

9:00 am - 12 noon
Quilting Group (S)

Sunday, Sept. 24

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, Sept 25

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 pm
United Methodist Men (F.H.)
7:00-8:30 pm
Cub Scouts (Basement & Rms. 106, 108, 110, 112)
Boy Scouts (F.H. & all Rms. upstairs)

Tuesday, Sept.26

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 27

1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Pictorial Directory Photos (P)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (M.R. & S)

Thursday, Sept. 28

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
NAMI (F.H.)



DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4 - Labor Day Holiday

September 6, 2017 - 10:00 am - Noon
Susannah Wesley Circle

September 8 - 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Pictorial Directory Photos (P)

September 9 - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Pictorial Directory Photos (P)

September 27 - 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Pictorial Directory Photos (P)

September 13 - 10:00 am - Noon
Young at Heart

September 15 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Administrative Council
Retreat (F.H.)

September 17 - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Administrative Council
Retreat (F.H.)

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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