

Celebration of Worship

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "To God Be the Glory" arr. Karrick

*Call to Worship

Leader: This is the call! Face this new day, even when you aren't sure.

People: *We lift up our heads to meet the day.*

Leader: Get ready for life, for life is all around.

People: *We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.*

Leader: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of hope and set out anyway.

People: *For we are called to dance again!*

***Hymn** "Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

Opening Prayers

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation –We know your voice, the sounds of your steps. Your love gathers us, urges us, encourages us. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Anthem "I Cannot Tell" arr. Lutherton
Chancel Choir

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, as we gather this day in the presence of the risen Lord, send your Holy Spirit to open our minds and hearts so that we may understand your words and live them out in the world as a sign of new life for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

New Testament Lesson I John 3:1-7 Courtney Eggleston

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Time of Meditation "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus" arr. DeCou

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:36b-48

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon "While in Their Joy: Dancing Sure"

Hymn "The Day of Resurrection" UMH 303

Joys, Concerns, and Prayers

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

3090 North Main St.
Danville, VA 24540

April 21, 2024
10:30 am
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Invitation to the Table

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. As we prepare to attend the heavenly feast, we especially pray for those who have no earthly tables, or no place at a table, and so little daily bread. We confess this day that we have been slow to join the dance that brings life to all, brings love to all, brings sustenance to all. In silence, let us lift up our individual prayers of confession...

Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear this good news! God is love! God has loved you from the very beginning. The invitation of Christ is never-ending because resurrection can happen at any moment. The Holy Spirit is transforming you even now! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! ***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.***

***Giving of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

***Doxology**

UMH 95

***Blessing of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy; in Jesus' name. ***Amen.***

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Shepherding God, we praise and thank you because you gathered your flock around Abraham, and through Moses and Joshua you brought your sheep to a place of safety. In Jesus you came to us as a Passover Lamb to take away the sins of the world. As our everlasting Good Shepherd you promise that those who hear your voice shall never be in want, for you know your sheep by name, and you call us your own and give to each of us a place in the sheepfold of your kingdom, where angels and arch-angels and all the company of heaven, sing your unending praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sustaining God, as you lead your sheep to green pastures and guide them beside still waters, so you have led us to this table where in bread and wine you restore our soul. Send down your Holy Spirit and restore your church through the abundance of this sacred meal. As we remember the story of your Son's life laid down for us, sanctify this bread and cup and make them for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Saving God, your rod and staff comfort all who look to you in faith. Search out your sheep that are lost and bring them home. When you find them in the valley of fear, gather them in your arms. When they face evil in the presence of their enemies, follow them with your goodness and mercy all the days of their life. On that day when the shadow of death covers them, bring them to dwell in your house forever. Shepherd us with all your saints of every age into your glorious presence, where we shall behold your Lamb in seated glory, most Holy Trinity, now and always. ***Amen.***

Receiving of the Elements

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

"Teach Me to Dance"

Insert

***Benediction**

We have heard the risen Jesus speak peace and offer us hope through his very body. We have danced with dreamers past and present. Send us forth now, O God, to live in the freedom of the peace that you still speak to us, making our steps more sure each and every day. Go in peace, and may the Loving God, Risen Christ, and Dancing Spirit fill you with all you need for the days ahead. Amen.

***Postlude**

"Make Me a Blessing"

arr. Fetke

April Mission Emphasis

Henry Fork Service Center

Paper towels First Aid supplies
 Hot Wheels Cardstock
 Lego sets Dolls
 Craft kits Science kits
 Mailing envelopes Copy paper

Paper products-Cups, bowls, plates, forks, spoons

Board games-Chess, Checkers, Clue, Monopoly, Yahtzee, etc.

Action Figures-Superheroes, Transformers, etc.

Bleach-free cleaning supplies

Trash Bags (39,30 & 13 gallon)

First class postage stamps

Gift cards from Walmart or Food Lion

If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check out to St. Luke's and write Henry Fork on the memo line.

Backpack Ministry

Individual cups of vegetables

Fruit snacks

March Financial Summary

Contributions	\$ 22,255.83
Disbursements	\$ 21,628.48
Difference	\$ 627.35



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

Virginia Conference

Bishop Rev. Dr. Sue Hauptert-Johnson
 (804) 521-1102
 Email bishop@vaumc.org

Mountain View District

District Superintendent Rev. Denise Bates
 Phone (276) 638-2688
 Email mountainviewds@vaumc.org

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Pastor Rev. Timothy J. Barth
 Cell phone (302) 943-5459
 Email timothybarth@vaumc.org

Office Manager Lisa Thomasson
 Phone (434) 836-9345
 Email stlukesumc@comcast.net

Music Ministries Terry Payne
 Cell Phone (434) 250-8326
 Email tapayne0926@hotmail.com

Children & Youth Ministries Juli Odell
 Cell Phone (336) 676-2539
 Email juliodel1982@gmail.com

Sexton Jan White
 Cell Phone (434) 203-4456

Website www.stlukesdanville.org

Facebook St. Luke's United Methodist Church - Danville, Va

YouTube St. Luke's United Methodist Church - Danville, VA

Office Hours
 Monday - Friday
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

In Our Prayers

St. Luke's Family

M. Ray Barbour
 Dennis Blackstock
 Judy Burnette
 Wendy Burnette
 Carol Caplan
 Ed Caviness
 Martha Caviness
 Thadd Christian

Louise Dalton
 Linda Easley
 Joyce Elliott
 Judy Elliott
 Mary Elliott
 Danny Gammon
 Teresa Gammon
 Darrell Hawkins

Ola LaPrade
 Faye Ligon
 Gene Martin
 Hazel Morris
 Ethel Motley
 Shirley Owen
 Wayne Owen
 Ethan Parker

Susan Riddle
 Emma Turner
 Jan White
 Maxine Whitt

St. Luke's Friends & Loved Ones

Arch Adams
 Virginia Adkins
 Jamie Arca
 Linda Arrington
 William Barcalow
 Daniel Barnes
 Rev. Joseph Barth
 Rev. Matt Benton
 Bonnie Bowling
 Milton Bowling
 Ken Bruce
 Beverly Buck
 Sonya Bumgarner
 Ashley Carpenter
 Gloria Chrisman
 Mike Coffey
 Lisa Cooley
 Dawn Davis
 Darlene Dyer
 Jackie East
 Carolyn Evans
 Debbie Flint
 Joan Forth
 Angelia Fountain

Rosemarie Franke
 Marie Gallimore
 Robert Gammon
 Mark Geiger
 Darlene Glass
 Barbara Glover
 Billy Grant
 Sheryl Harrell
 Michael Harris
 Louise Hendricks
 Ralph Hicks
 Dianne Hollandsworth
 Ann Marie Howard
 Caitlin Howell
 Samantha Ingraham
 Roy Isaac
 Judie Johnson
 Julian Johnson
 Joyce Jones
 Ray Jones
 James Key
 Caroline Laughorn

Kelly Lefler
 Jim Lewis
 Regina Light
 Tim Long
 Leigh Ann Love
 John Marlowe
 George Martin
 Helen Meetze
 Harry Milam
 Kathy Millner
 Debbie Ann Moore
 Hazel Morgan
 Bo Phillips
 Doug Price
 Carson Pruitt
 Kent Pruitt
 Cole Rardin
 Dickie Reavis
 Tiffany Reynolds
 Ariya Richardson
 Lucas Richardson
 Terry Riggins
 Anna Sanfilippo
 Jean Searce

Danny Scism
 Dominic Scott
 D.J. Spencer
 Vicky Shelton
 Lea Smith
 Louise Smith
 Diane Tate
 Helen Thomasson
 Jenny Vernon
 Becky Waggoner
 Janice Walker
 Betty Wells
 Dr. Bill Wentz
 Jerry Wentz
 Wayne Whitt
 Vicki Wiles
 Luke Wright
 Elizabeth Yeaman

Families Grieving a Loss

Brian Cody Glen Coleman Barbara Miragliuolo Eva Pyron
 Kenyon Scott

In Our World

All teachers, administrators, parents
 and students
 All those impacted by gun violence

All those impacted by natural disasters
 All those impacted by military conflicts

Inside *St. Luke's United Methodist Church*

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Sunday, April 21

- 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Children's Handbells (CR)

Monday, April 22

- 8:30 am Coffee with the Pastor (Links)
7:00 pm Bible Study (ZR)

Wednesday, April 24

- 10:00 am Bible Study
1:30 pm **Team C** Backpacking (MH)
6:15 pm Heavenly Ringers (SNT)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Friday, April 26

- 5:00 pm Yard Work at England Trail
5:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, April 27

- 9:00 am UWF Bible Study (Nana Karen's)
3:30 pm Fountain Home Dedication

Sunday, April 28

- 9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:45 am Children's Handbells (CR)
12:00 pm All God's Children
12:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, April 29

- 8:30 am Coffee with the Pastor (Links)
6:00 pm Missions Committee (SNT)
7:00 pm Bible Study (ZM)

Wednesday, May 1

- 10:00 am Bible Study (LB)
5:30 pm **Team A** Backpacking (MH)
6:15 pm Heavenly Ringers (SNT)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (CR)

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 am UWF Bible Study (Nana Karen's)
9:00 am Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, May 5

Worship at the Park
Dan Daniel Memorial Park
Shelter 17
10:00 am

Incase of rain, this event will be held at St. Luke's.

Worship Volunteers

Greeters: Carl & Judy Taylor
Bulletins: Phyllis Fisher & Sissie Gillie
Offering: Betty Martin
Lay Reader: Courtney Eggleston
April 28: Philip Winstead

Communion Servers

Today: Philip & Virginia Winstead,
and Ciera Barth
April 28: Thadd, Leslie, & Mac Christian

Nursery

Today: Bev Nixon & Hunter Phillips
April 28: Teresa Gammon & Mac Christian

Children's Church

Today: Vicky Aherron & Kaylee Odell
April 28: Leslie Christian & Hunter Phillips

Hall Monitor

Today: Rhonda Tucker
April 28: James & June Scheier

Giving Opportunities

An offering plate is located in the rear of the sanctuary.
You can give online through text.
Text STLUKESGIVE to 73256, followed by gift amount.
You can also give by scanning the QR code with your smart phone.



Library Update

As most of you are aware, Church Council agreed to begin the process of revamping our library and created a library committee to oversee the project. The committee has met twice to begin the work and to decide how to best move forward. We are all aware that this will be a long and time consuming process. We have decided to begin with the purchase of a new computer and software program. We have received grants to cover both of these expenses.

The children's section will be our next endeavor as these books are the most outdated. In the future we will offer a children's book sale after we have reviewed and made a decision on each book. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or suggestions.

Lisa Thomasson & Rhonda Tucker
Co-Chairs of the Library Committee.

Membership Sunday

On May 19th, Saint Luke's will celebrate Pentecost by witnessing God's actions in the baptismal waters, in confirmation, and welcome the confirmands who choose to join St. Luke's into professing membership within the United Methodist Church.

We acknowledge there may be others who are feeling the prompting of the Holy Spirit to faithfully participate in the life and ministry of our local congregation as professing members.

Whether you worship with us online or in person, we want to offer you the opportunity to commit yourself to the work, ministry, and covenantal relationships of the church. If you are interested in joining or transferring your membership to Saint Luke's, please call, email, or chat with Pastor Tim.

Home Dedication

In preparation for the home dedication at England Trail, we will be completing yard work at the Fountain home (212 Seminole Dr.) on Friday, April 26 at 5:00 pm. Please contact Philip Winstead or Pastor Tim if you are willing to help. The home dedication will be held on Saturday, April 27th at 3:30 pm. St. Luke's is invited to come and tour the home and meet Ms. Fountain.

General Conference April 23-May 3, 2024 Charlotte, NC.

Please keep in your prayers:
The United Methodist Church
the Bishops, Delegates,
and all who will gather in Charlotte

"Worship at the Park" Dan Daniel Memorial Park Shelter 17

We are excited to join together with Trinity UMC and Mt. Vernon UMC for a day of worship, food, and fellowship on Sunday, May 5th. We will gather at 10:00 am for worship, District Superintendent Rev. Denise Bates will be our speaker. Following our service, we will share a meal together. The provided part of our meal will be chicken, creamed potatoes, and green beans. Each church is asked to provide something additional for the meal. St. Luke's is responsible for desserts. There are two sign-up sheets on the lighthouse for this event. One is for how many of your family will be attending and the second one is to volunteer to bring a dessert. You are also asked to bring any games that we can play and you may also want to bring a folding chair.