

# The St. Luke Messenger

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## WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. LUKE

### April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter

9:00am Adult Forum  
 10:00am Worship Svc  
 11:30am Coffee Hour

### April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:00am Adult Forum  
 10:00am Worship Svc, Sunday Fun-Day  
 11:30am Coffee Hour

### April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

9:00am Adult Forum  
 10:00am Worship Svc, Sunday Fun-Day  
 11:30am Coffee Hour  
 11:30am Council Meeting

### April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am Adult Forum  
 10:00am Worship Svc  
 11:30am Coffee Hour



## FOCUS ON WORSHIP

**WORSHIP DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER:** Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, the "queen of feasts," of the Church year. Easter celebrates an event so great that it cannot be limited to one day. Thus, Easter consists of fifty days--a "week of weeks." Beginning with the Vigil of Easter and continuing through-out the Easter season, up to Pentecost Sunday. The candelabras are lit; and the lighted Paschal Candle is appropriately placed near the Gospel side of the altar. The theme of the season is the Resurrection of Christ, looking towards Christ's Restoration to His Heavenly Glory. The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is a foundation of the Christian faith. – The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God and is cited as proof that God will judge the world in righteousness. God has given Christians "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Christians, through faith in the working of God are spiritually resurrected with Jesus so that they may walk in a new way of life.

**PASCHAL CANDLE:** The Paschal candle is placed in the chancel and lighted for each liturgy during the 50 days of Easter. At times other than the Easter season, the Paschal candle is kept in its stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder of the connection between Baptism and Easter. It is lighted for each celebration of Baptism.

**ASCENSION:** The Ascension of Our Lord celebrates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven following his resurrection. This Christian teaching found in the New Testament that the resurrected Jesus was taken up to Heaven in his resurrected body, in the presence of eleven of his apostles, occurring 40 days after the resurrection. In the bible narrative, an angel tells the watching disciples that Jesus' second coming will take place in the same manner as his ascension. Ascension is professed in the Nicene Creed and Apostles' Creed.



St. Luke Lutheran Church is a member of the Virginia Synod of the Evangelical Church in America (ELCA).

To find out more about the Lutheran Church, please visit the following websites: ELCA, [www.ELCA.org](http://www.ELCA.org) or Virginia Synod, [www.vasynod.org](http://www.vasynod.org)

**Virginia Synod News:** The Virginia Synod's newsletter, The Virginia Lutheran, is available online anytime at [www.vasynod.org](http://www.vasynod.org).

**Are you interested in joining our St Luke family?**



If you have enjoyed worshipping with us and are contemplating becoming a member, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Rev. Josh Menke, our pastor; Tammy, the church administrator; or any member of our Evangelism committee for more info.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Josh, please contact the office at 804- 272-0486, ext. 1 or [admin@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:admin@stluckerichmond.org) to schedule an appointment. Thank you.



## Church Staff Contact Info



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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOSH



Dear friends of St. Luke,

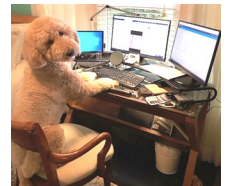
Christ is alive! Let Christians sing /  
The cross stands empty to the sky /  
Let streets and homes with praises ring /  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.  
-- ELW 389

Open any hymn book and you may notice that the section for Easter is much longer than most others. There's something about Easter that just longs for singing. Christmas gets all the credit, but poets and lyricists have always found incredible inspiration in the pathos and emotion of Holy Week, and especially it's culmination with Easter.

It is our fortune, then, that Easter is not limited to a single day. Liturgically we usually have seven weeks in the Easter season, but really Easter stands behind every day of the calendar. Easter, and this good news that Christ is truly risen and alive for us today, speaks to every ebb and flow of our own lives. We may not always feel like singing, but even in the lowest of moments, it is our promise that Christ's presence continues to be with us. There is now no place where the Christ does not reach. This spring, I invite you to really cherish this Easter music. Linger with the words. Hum the melodies. Enjoy this beautiful music that has the power to sing to us even as we raise our voices in bold proclamation.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring /  
good news to this and every age /  
Till earth and sky and ocean ring /  
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

With Easter joy,  
Pastor Josh



Pastor Josh will have scheduled appointments during the week.

Please call the office at 804-272-0486, ext. 1 if you would like to schedule an appointment with him.

You can also leave him a confidential message by calling the church office at 804-272-0486 and selecting ext. 2.

Pastor's email address is [pastor@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:pastor@stluckerichmond.org).

## We love visitors!

Bring your family and friends to Church. Everyone is most welcome at St. Luke. Please have them fill out a Visitor Card (located in each pew rack or from any usher) and return it in the offering plate. Or they can sign our Visitor Book, located in the narthex.

If they would like more information about our church, I will be glad to answer any questions they might have about St. Luke, including church membership. They can also call the church office at 804-272-0486 Ext. 1, for more information.

In Peace,  
Pastor Josh Menke





## Musical Meanderings for April....

*"Music can name the unnameable and communicate the unknowable." Leonard Bernstein*

Dear St. Luke Folk –

Many thanks to the many choir members, handbell ringers and instrumentalists who made our Lent and Easter celebrations so beautiful. We are fortunate to have faithful musicians who take the time to make wonderful, heartfelt music.

I believe that in the mystery of Easter season this quote aptly captures the essence of music: "Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife." *Kahlil Gibran*

May we have health and happiness all our days and especially at this Eastertime!

**Register for SUMMER CAMP – only a few spaces left!**



June 17: Our Annual **FREE** Summer Musical Theater Camp at St. Luke Lutheran Church will take place this year June 17th through June 21st, from 9:00am to 3:00pm, for students in grades 1 - 8 (*Middle and High School students may want to be camp counselors.*)

During the camp, we will rehearse the musical show "Once Upon a Parable". We will perform it on Friday, June 21st at 6:30pm. "Once Upon a Parable" is a 45-minute musical show complete with costumes and staging retelling biblical parables with wit, clever humor, and toe-tapping songs.

The camp is limited to 35 children and there are 31 children already registered. *This is as of March 26th*) Please see me soon if you have a child that is interested. You may also register at: <https://forms.gle/pxNnweWGXMBGqadv5>

Once participants are registered, they will be sent a link to begin learning the songs and dialogue of the show.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information about St. Luke Lutheran's Music Ministry programs.

Peace,  
Richard Barnett  
Director of Music  
804-272-0486, Ext. 3  
[music@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:music@stluckerichmond.org)



"He says he's a Soprano!"



ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS



Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS



Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm



*Thank you to everyone that participates in our musical ministry!*



If you would like more information about St. Luke's musical ministry, please contact our Director of Music.

Richard "Rich" Barnett  
804-272-0486, X3  
[music@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:music@stluckerichmond.org)



Director of Music

# APRIL

BIBLE STUDY: Wed., April 3, 10:30am  
 MOW: Thurs, April 4, 11am ((Dana/Dale)  
 ADULT FORUM: Sun., April 7, 9:00am  
 WORSHIP SVC: Sun., April 7, 10:00am  
 STEPHEN MIN. ZOOM: April 8, 6:30pm  
 WOMEN'S GRP: Tues., April 9, 10:30am  
 HANDBELL CHOIR: Tues, April 9, 6:30pm  
 ADULT CHOIR: Tues, April 9, 7:30pm  
 BIBLE STUDY: Wed., April 10, 10:30am  
 BOOK CLUB MTG: Fri., April 12, 12:00pm  
 SPRING HIKE: Saturday, April 13  
 ADULT FORUM: Sun., April 14, 9:00am  
 WORSHIP SVC: Sun., April 14, 10:00am  
 SUNDAY FUN-DAY: Sun., April 14, 10am  
 COUNCIL MTG: Sun., April 14, 11:30am  
 HANDBELL CHOIR: Tues, Apr. 16, 6:30pm  
 ADULT CHOIR: Tues, April 16, 7:30pm  
 BIBLE STUDY: Wed.. April 17, 10:30am  
 MOW: Thurs, April 18, 11am (John/Marty)  
 ADULT FORUM: Sun., April 21, 9:00am  
 WORSHIP SVC: Sun., April 21, 10:00am  
 HANDBELL CHOIR: Tues, Apr. 23, 6:30pm  
 ADULT CHOIR: Tues, April 23, 7:30pm  
 BIBLE STUDY: Wed.. April 24, 10:30am  
 ADULT FORUM: Sun., April 28, 9:00am  
 WORSHIP SVC: Sun., April 28, 10:00am  
 SUNDAY FUN-DAY: Sun., April 28, 10am  
 HANDBELL CHOIR: Tues, Apr. 30, 6:30pm  
 ADULT CHOIR: Tues, April 30, 7:30pm

## March 2024 Worship Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School
Sunday, March 3, 2024 Third Sunday in Lent	80	08
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Holden Evening Prayer	28	N/A
Sunday, March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Lent	64	06
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 Holden Evening Prayer	41	N/A
Sunday, March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent	68	N/A
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Holden Evening Prayer	43	N/A
Sunday, March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday	92	07
Thursday, March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday	49	N/A
Friday, March 29, 2024 Good Friday	47	N/A
Sunday, March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday	142	N/A

## Prayer Requests from March 2024



We pray for our needs and those of others. Please keep the following members, their families, and our friends in your thoughts and prayers.

**Recent Prayer Requests:** Angela Adams, Judy Bartulewicz, Marie Bushong, Linda Cool, Mary Dietz, Jim Fenerty, Adam Franz, Jonathan Funk, Ginger Hart, Nancy Hottinger, Sandra Jennings, Family of Joan Kuhn, Elvin Nicely, Mary Alice Okerlund, Adele and Savannah Pennington, Ronald Stewart, Ludi Webber

**Continuing in our Prayers:** Judy Ashcraft, Greg Austin, Carol Bernard, Diane & Stewart Blank, Charles Bowers, Heinz Briegel, Scott Cook, Wanda Ferguson, David Hahn, David Hynton, Dan and Donna Ludwig, Ren Mefford, Colleen Moore, Robbie Pennington, Evelyn and Jerald Spear, Jean Yerian

Please also remember our fellow members who are homebound. A card, a phone call or an email would be deeply appreciated by them.

*Names are kept on the Prayer List for four weeks unless otherwise noted.*

*Let us know if someone has a long term illness and needs to be kept on the Prayer List. Please keep the church office and Pastor Josh informed of any changes.*

## APRIL ST. LUKE WOMEN'S GROUP

On Tuesday, April 9th, we will meet at the church at 10:30am. We will carpool to Tea With Kip or meet at Tea With Kip.

Tea With Kip is located at:  
Genito Crossing Shopping Center  
11164 Hull Street  
Midlothian 23112

**We have an 11:30am reservations for tea.**

In April, we will be collecting twin sized comforters for Housing Families First.

Please contact Millie Olson or Ann Witheofft for more information or to sign-up.

**ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!**



## NEW ADULT FORUM SERIES BEGINS APRIL 7, 2024

**We are church for the sake of the world.**

In Jesus Christ all of life — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Freed by the transformative life of Christ, the ELCA is committed to accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising with our partners in the Holy Land and in the United States.

Sumud connects ELCA members to our companions in the Holy Land and seeks to follow the guidance, support the leadership and amplify the voices of our Palestinian partners.

Together with our Lutheran companions, we accompany Palestinians and Israelis, and many other Jews, Christians and Muslims, in working to establish the justice required for peace.

Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00am for Adult Forum.  
We meet in the last classroom on the left in the Sunday School wing.  
Please join us for as many sessions as you are able.

Vince Reedinger,  
Adult Forum Facilitator



# Wednesday

*April 10 - 6:00 PM*

## Soup & Salad Supper



*Soup  
&  
Salad  
&*



*Musical Evening with Rich Barnett*



*Join us for a mid-week evening of  
Food, Fun & Fellowship*

## ST. LUKE COUNCIL CORNER

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

April 14, 11:30am

May 19, 11:30am

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports are due by the Wednesday before each meeting  
stlukecouncil@stluckerichmond.org



Save the Date

### SOUP & SALAD SUPPER

Wed., April 10, 6:00pm

### SPRING HIKE

Saturday, April 13

### TAX DAY

Monday, April 15

### EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22

### ARBOR DAY

Monday, April 26

### TATUM STUDENTS RECITAL

Saturday, May 4, 3:00pm

### ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, May 9

### MOTHERS DAY

Sunday, May 12, 10:00am Svc

### ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday, May 18

### VA/RMTA CENTRAL AUDITIONS

Sat., May 18, 8:00am - 5:00pm

### DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 19, 10:00am Svc

### THE HOLY TRINITY

Sunday, May 26, 10:00am Svc

### MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 27, Office closed

### FLAG DAY

Friday, June 14

### FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 16, 10:00am Svc

### KID'S MUSIC THEATER CAMP

June 17 - June 21, 9am to 3pm

### JUNETEENTH

Wednesday, June 19

### MUSIC CAMP PERFORMANCE

Friday, June 21, 6:00pm

### FORTIN STUDENTS RECITAL

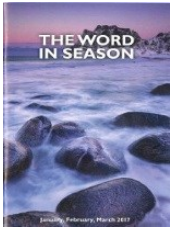
Saturday, June 22, 1:00pm

## 2024 Council Officers and Council

Rev. Josh Menke, Pastor  
Rick Witthoefft, President  
Brenda Reedinger, Vice-President  
Luanne Andreadis, Council Secretary  
Ron Diamond, Council Member  
Gerry Grass, Council Member  
Tim Hesson, Council Member  
Thom Kostenbauder, Council Member  
Linda Luebke, Council Member

Dean Ludwig, Council Member  
Claire Miller, Council Member  
John Olson, Council Member  
Ed Von Hoene, Council Member  
Ludi Webber, Financial Secretary  
Marty Witthoefft, Treasurer

## The Word in Season Devotionals



“The Word In Season” Devotionals are available in the narthex.  
It is free for all members and friends of St. Luke.

We currently have the following copies:  
April - June 2024

Please pick up your copy the next time you're at church.

## Calling all St. Luke folks! Join an Action Team!

Housing Families First is in need of three piece towel sets (towel, hand towel, washcloth) and twin bed sheet sets.

Join an Action Team by bringing in a towel set or twin sheet set.

Thrivent grant seed money will be used to purchase additional items.

Together we can make a bigger difference!  
Thank you!





## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Would you like to place Flowers on the Altar on Sunday?

If so, please sign up on the Flower Chart in the Fellowship Hall.

Questions?  
Please see the information below or call the Church Office at 804-272-0486 Ext. 1.



### 2024 Altar Flowers Calendar

The 2024 Altar Flowers Calendar is on the bulletin board near the kitchen in the fellowship hall. To those of you who give flowers every year during the same time frame, thank you. If you're new to St. Luke or haven't signed up yet to provide Sunday altar flowers, won't you consider doing so?



Flowers can be planned every year for a date on or near your special date. Please put an asterisk (\*), beside your info if you would like to do so. **Please check the new calendar to see if your planned dates are as you like.**

Flowers may be given in more than one name on any given Sunday. If your date seems to be taken, please sign up anyway or call the church office to do so. If you would like more information about our Flower Calendar or if you have any questions about Altar Flowers, please contact Tammy in the office at [admin@stlukerichmond.org](mailto:admin@stlukerichmond.org) or 804-272-0486 Ext. 1. You can also contact Debbie Shealy or Terri Cooper. Thank you.

### Altar Flower Dedications



The Ministry of flowers is an important part of the Sunday Service at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Flowers are used to beautify our sanctuary and are a gift to God and those who attend Worship services.

Altar flowers may be dedicated to "The Glory of God", "In Memory of" a loved one or "In Honor of" a special person, an anniversary, birthday, birth, baptism or other special event. *More than one person may find a certain date important so flowers may be given in more than one name on any given Sunday.*

If you would like to donate and dedicate flowers for any Sunday service, arrangements cost \$27.00 each. You will be billed directly from Coleman Brothers Flowers and the flowers will be delivered to the church. The flowers are yours to take home after the service that Sunday or you can ask that they be taken to one of our ill or homebound members. You may sign up on the chart located in the fellowship hall. *Please return the container the flowers are in to the church at your convenience.*

### ALTAR FLOWER DATES ARE AVAILABLE

**Flowers are still needed for the following dates:** April 28, June 23, July 21, September 29, October 20, December 22 and December 29.

Please remember, Altar Flowers may be given in more than one name on any given Sunday. If your date seems to be taken, please sign up anyway or call the office to do so. Thank you.



*Pastor Josh Menke's special dates:  
July 2 - ordination anniversary, July 4 - his birthday*



# Learning Ministry News

**Sunday Fun-Day every other Sunday at 10:00am**



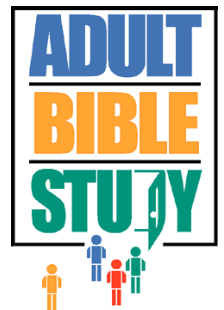
**Last Sunday Fun-Day will be May 12.**

**Please see Betty Walker or Allene Cahill if you have questions or need more info.**

## Mid-week Bible Study Class

Pastor Josh's Mid-week Bible Study Class meets Wednesday mornings from 10:30am to 11:30am. Please consider joining us for a weekly discussion on the upcoming Sunday's scripture.

Coming in April, our class study will be on the book, "When in Romans: An Invitation to Linger with the Gospel according to Paul" by Beverly Roberts Gaventa.



Pastor Josh uses a variety of study methods as we delve into the text of the bible. How do the words speak to us today? How can we apply them to our daily lives?

You don't even need to bring a Bible if you don't want to, we have plenty here at church that can be used.

Pastor Josh invites you to come to church on Wednesday mornings and discover new insights into the Bible with him.

Please email the office to sign up for a weekly email reminder with that week's study guide information.

[admin@stlukerichmond.org](mailto:admin@stlukerichmond.org)

## ST. LUKE LUTHERAN SPRING HIKE Saturday, April 13, 2024

2.2 miles of the HIGH BRIDGE TRAIL,  
Outside of Farmville, 65 miles from St. Luke. Parking at 555 River Road,  
Farmville, VA 23901 (GPS) Parking Lot for High Bridge Trail.

We will meet at St. Luke to carpool at 9:15am or meet at the High Bridge  
Parking Lot (555 River Rd, Farmville) at 10:30am.  
We will be hiking 2.2 miles to the bridge and back. Bring a water bottle!



### GENERAL INFORMATION

High Bridge Trail is 31 miles long and ideally suited for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. Once a rail bed, the trail is wide, level and generally flat. Its finely crushed limestone surface and dimensions make it easy to enjoy. The park's centerpiece is the majestic High Bridge, which is more than 2,400 feet long and 125 feet above the Appomattox River. It is the longest recreational bridge in Virginia and among the longest in the United States. High Bridge, a Virginia Historic Landmark, is on the National Register of Historic Places. The trail is a National Recreation Trail recognizing exemplary trails of local and regional significance, connecting people to nature, to each other, and to our shared history and culture. Please bring drinking water because none is available on the trail.

### TO PARK

West of the bridge: River Road, Farmville (Cumberland County) Use 555 River Road, Farmville, VA 23901, to get here. High Bridge is nearly a mile from the lot. After hiking, we will gather at Charley's Waterfront Café, 201 Mill Street, Farmville.

If you're not hiking, join us at Charley's for lunch! We should be ready for lunch around 1:00pm.

Please sign up below and turn into Tammy in the office or put in the offering plate. You can also email or call the office at [admin@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:admin@stluckerichmond.org) or 804-272-0486, ext. 1.

If you have questions, please call John Olson and he can also sign you up.



### SPRING HIKE SIGN UP

I would like to make reservations for (number in party) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Spring Hike on April 13th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We will meet at the church to carpool

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We will meet at the 555 River Road Parking Lot

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We will join the group for lunch

# The St. Luke Messenger

## St. Luke Book Club

Book Club meetings are held at the church on the second Friday of each month.

More information to follow on future books or movies we will be discussing.

### Next meeting

April 12, 12:00pm  
We'll be watching a movie.

Please bring your lunch.



## Do you have an important meeting or an event coming up?

If you would like an announcement listed in the weekly bulletin, please email the church office at [admin@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:admin@stluckerichmond.org) or call 804-272-0486 ext. 1 **before** 12:00pm on Wednesdays with your dates and times.

St. Luke's Scheduling Calendar is located in the Church Office in a black binder. It lists all confirmed activities and has planned activities penciled in. Please check to see if your date and time is open or has any conflicts.

Please let Tammy know what you have planned so she can list it in the bulletin for you.

Thank you for helping us keep the St. Luke Church Event Calendar up to date.



## Interested in becoming a member?



Free coffee. Everlasting life.  
Yes, membership has its privileges.

## Worship Service Assistants

Sunday Worship services are a very important part of our church life here at St. Luke. Every Sunday, our church members participate in our worship service as Acolytes, Assisting Ministers and Ushers.



We also have Altar Guild members who set up for Sunday services and communion, Altar Bread Bakers and other Committee Members who serve the Lord and St. Luke by providing their time, talents and energy.

In our music department, we have Chancel Choir members, Bell Choir members and all sorts of Musicians. We are so thankful to have these folks assist us every week but we can always use more help. We love music!



If you are interested in serving the Lord at our church and would like more info about these or other opportunities to be a part of our Worship and Music Ministry, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the following people for more information about Worship:

Pastor Josh Menke, [pastor@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:pastor@stluckerichmond.org)

Vince Reedinger, Worship/Music chair, [stlukeworship@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:stlukeworship@stluckerichmond.org)

For more info about our chancel choir, handbell choir or the music department, please email Richard Barnett, Director of Music at [music@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:music@stluckerichmond.org).

## St. Luke's Sharing Ministry and FeedMore's Meals on Wheels program

The Richmond Meals on Wheels program has resumed.

We usually participate by delivering meals to those in need who cannot leave their homes to get food.

We were unable to help during the pandemic and need to get back to assisting those folks who really need it.

*St. Luke's Meals on Wheels days are the third Tuesday and the third Thursday of each month.*

If you would like to assist us, volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers go through one training session before they begin.

Please contact John Olson or Dana Wiggins for details and to sign-up.

Meals on Wheels Day  
for St. Luke volunteers



## Do you have something for the next Church Newsletter?

The St. Luke Messenger, our church newsletter, goes to press on the 23rd of each month. Because of this, all information needs to be in the church office by the 20th of the month. This will help us in getting an accurate newsletter out in a timely manner.

Please call in or e-mail in your event and meeting submissions with all meeting dates and notices to the church office as soon as possible. We need to add your events to the church calendar as well.

Thank you.

Tammy 804-272-0486 X1, [admin@stluckerichmond.org](mailto:admin@stluckerichmond.org)



## Hearing Devices and Enlarged Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available on Sunday mornings.

Hearing devices which amplify the church sound system are also available. Please ask any usher for assistance.

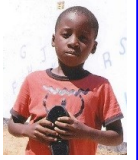
Please request these items prior to the beginning of the Worship Service. Thank you.



## OUR SPONSORED CHILD

Dear St. Luke members,

Our congregation has been supporting “our child” Paul from Zambia through Child Fund International since 2013 when he was 4 years old.



If you and your family would like to help support Paul, please consider sending in a payment of \$28.00 made out to St. Luke Lutheran Church with “Help Paul” in the memo line.

You can now also pay your support for Paul online at the St. Luke website. Please contact Marty Witthoefft to sign up or for more information.

Thank you so much for your support in this effort. Paul and his family greatly appreciate it.

Marty Witthoefft  
St. Luke Outreach Committee

## Outside Group Meetings

You may be interested in attending some meetings or events that take place at St. Luke but are not church affiliated. Please note, group membership may be required for some of these organizations. Please check with the group leader for details and more information.



- Came to Believe Al Anon** - Mondays at 6:00pm, meets all year
- Grateful Wednesday Al Anon** - Wednesdays at 12:00pm, meets all year
- Safe Place ACA Al Anon** - Wednesdays at 7:00pm, meets all year
- Help and Hope Al Anon** - Saturdays at 9:00am, Zoom also, meets all year
- Chesterfield County Concert Band** - Mondays at 7:00pm, meets all year
- Shepherds Center** - Mondays at 9:00am, Fall, Winter and Spring
- Southampton Hills Services** - Third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm

*Is your committee or group meeting info listed on pages 4, 5, 7 and 11?*

*Please email them in to the office at [admin@stlukerichmond.org](mailto:admin@stlukerichmond.org).  
You can also call them in to the office at 272-0486 ext. 1.*

*We want to make sure that we have your events and meetings listed on the church calendar.  
Thank you!*



## Pastor Josh Menke is online

St. Luke Lutheran Church has in person Worship Services every Sunday morning at 10:00am.

We are also “Live” on Facebook during that time.

The whole in person Worship Service is recorded and will be uploaded to our Youtube channel sometime after the Worship Service.

If you have internet access, the links to Our Worship Services can also be found online at the St. Luke website, on Facebook and on YouTube.

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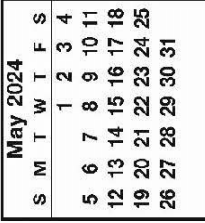
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# ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Shepherd Center 6:00pm Came to Believe AI Anon 7:00pm Chesterfield Concert Band 	<b>2</b> 6:30pm Handbells rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir practice 	<b>3</b> NO Bible Study 12:00pm Grateful Wed AI Anon 7:00pm Safe Place AI Anon	<b>4</b> 11:00am MOW, Dana/Dale 	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 9:00am Help & Hope AFG AI Anon Meeting 	
<b>7</b> 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00am Adult Forum 10:00am Worship Svc Please join us after the Service for 	<b>8</b> 9:00am Shepherd Center 6:00pm Came to Believe AI Anon 6:30pm Zoom Stephen Ministry 7:00pm Chesterfield Concert Band 	<b>9</b> 10:30am Women's Group 6:00pm Oxford Civic Assoc. 6:00pm Handbells rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir practice 	<b>10</b> 10:30am Bible Study Class 12:00pm Grateful Wed AI Anon 6:00pm Soup and Salad Supper 7:00pm Safe Place AI Anon 	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Book Club Mtg 	<b>12</b> 12:00pm Book Club Mtg 	<b>13</b> 9:00am Help & Hope AFG AI Anon Meeting 10:30am Spring Hike 
<b>14</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00am Adult Forum Class 10am Worship Svc/Sunday Funday 11:30am Council Mtg 	<b>15</b> 9:00am Shepherd Center 6:00pm Came to Believe AI Anon 7:00pm Chesterfield Concert Band 	<b>16</b> NO Handbells rehearsal NO Adult Choir practice	<b>17</b> 10:30am Bible Study Class 12:00pm Grateful Wed AI Anon 7:00pm Safe Place AI Anon 	<b>18</b> 11:00am MOW, John/Marty 6:30pm Southampton Svcs Board Meeting 	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 9:00am Help & Hope AFG AI Anon Meeting 
<b>21</b> 4th Sunday of Easter 9:00am Adult Forum Class 10am Worship Svc/Sunday Funday 	<b>22</b> 9:00am Shepherd Center 6:00pm Came to Believe AI Anon 7:00pm Chesterfield Concert Band 	<b>23</b> 6:30pm Handbells rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir practice 	<b>24</b> 10:30am Bible Study Class 12:00pm Grateful Wed AI Anon 7:00pm Safe Place AI Anon 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 9:00am Help & Hope AFG AI Anon Meeting 
<b>28</b> 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00am Adult Forum Class 10am Worship Service 	<b>29</b> 6:00pm Came to Believe AI Anon 7:00pm Chesterfield Concert Band 	<b>30</b> 6:30pm Handbells rehearsal 7:30pm Adult Choir practice 	<b>May 1</b> 10:30am Bible Study Class 12:00pm Grateful Wed AI Anon 7:00pm Safe Place AI Anon	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 



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