

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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A WORD FROM PASTOR MIKE...

June 2009

Dear Friends,

It's been quite a ride! For the past six and a half years we have shared in ministry together, grown in Christ together, sought God's will together, laughed together, wept together and loved one another. Shirley and I cannot thank you all enough for the love you have shown us, and for the responsiveness you have demonstrated to our preaching, teaching, leadership and ministry among you.

St. Luke's is a great church, and we hand you over to John and Melinda Walls with full expectation that God is going to continue the good work in you that was going on long before our watch, and will continue long after. As the Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians in the second chapter of his first letter: *"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow."*

We pray that God will continue to anoint and use St. Luke's to change lives for eternity. We love you and will always cherish the love and friendships we have experienced in Kokomo. I need to state again what I said in the letter announcing our appointment to Dayton, back in February: Shirley and I will treasure the friendships we have among you. Friendships last beyond the formal time of a new appointment of a pastor to a Church. Pastoral duties must end at the time of a new appointment. I will have a new Church to tend, and you will have a new pastor to welcome and love and let into your hearts. It will be inappropriate for me to return to Kokomo to officiate at weddings or funerals, or to perform other pastoral duties.

It's been quite a ride! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

God is good...all the time!

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Pastor Mike and Shirley

Pastor Mike & Shirley's farewell Sunday

June 21, 2009

Sunday School at 9:15

ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:30

Congregational Dinner at Noon

(Meat and drinks provided – please bring a well-filled basket of food to share!)

Gospel Echoes

ST. LUKE'S NEWS YOU CAN USE....

HOPE CIRCLE will meet at the Crystal Tea Room on June 2nd at 12:00 pm. Those wishing to carpool meet at the church at 11:30am. Fannie Rody will do the calling; Joan Kellar will have devotions. Mary Kay Tedlock will serve June communion. Our "special word" for the month is GROWTH. John 15:5 tells us: "Yes, I am the vine; You are the branches."

NAOMI CIRCLE will meet Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7:00 pm at Lou We-stray's home, 5719 Lance Dr. Carolin Smalley will have the lesson. Visitors welcome!

ALL CHURCH CAMPOUT: This year's campout will be Friday, July 24th, through the 26th. We will go to Potato Creek State Park, Family Electric Campground C. See the board by Fellowship Hall for more details. Contact Jeff or Beth Davis at 457-3011 for questions.

REMEMBER the youth Nerf night on Friday, June 12th, from 6:00pm to 12:00am.

POVERTY PLUNGE: St. Luke's Youth are participating in Poverty Plunge, a weekend Mission Retreat in Kokomo meant to change their hearts, minds, focuses, and world. Youth interested in participating should pick up a packet outside the youth room, read it, fill out the form on the back, and turn it in by June 12th in order to attend. This event is free and open to Jr. and Sr. High youth (those entering 6th grade through high school graduates). The retreat takes place on June 19th-21st. Participants must stay for the duration of the retreat.

WEDDING INVITATION:

Our loving church family is invited to attend Annie Downey's wedding on July 25th, 2009, at 2:30 pm here at St. Luke's.

WANTED gently used costume jewelry, also coffee mugs. To be used as extra gifts for the Kokomo Rescue Mission "Red Ribbon" Christmas boxes. Please leave them in the Parlor and label them for Fran Jones.

THE LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS! Thank you to all the volunteers for helping our food pantry with this project. 17 tons of food was collected from the community, and St. Luke's received 51 boxes.

JOY FELLOWSHIP will meet on Friday, June 5th, at 11:00 am in St. Luke's chapel. Gary Reed will provide a special program as we celebrate all of our birthdays! Following the program, we will have lunch. Ham salad sandwiches and birthday cakes for each month will be provided. Come and celebrate with us! Bring a covered dish and white elephant. Bring a friend, too!

"Fizz and Friends" will come to Joy Fellowship on Friday, June 19th, at 11:00 am. You are sure to enjoy this talent show! Join us! After this exhibition of youthful energy, we'll have a carry-in lunch. Meat loaf will be provided. Bring a covered dish, a friend, and a white elephant!

THIS YEAR'S UNITED METHODIST CLUSTER VBS will be held at Grace United Methodist Church, Sunday, June 14, through Thursday, June 18 from 6pm to 8pm. This year, we're going to Rome to learn about the early church from Paul...but right now the Marketplace is quiet, Paul is missing, and no one is worshipping at the Underground Church! We need your help to make Rome a city bustling with the Good News of Jesus Christ! We need plenty of shopkeepers, actors, group leaders!

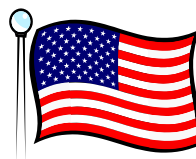
UMM BREAKFAST will be at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 6th at St. Luke's. Bruce and Paula Shrock will bring us a music ministry.

YOU ARE INVITED TO a Graduation Open House for Drew Householder on Sunday, June 7th, from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at our house located at 1511 Bramoor Dr, Kokomo.

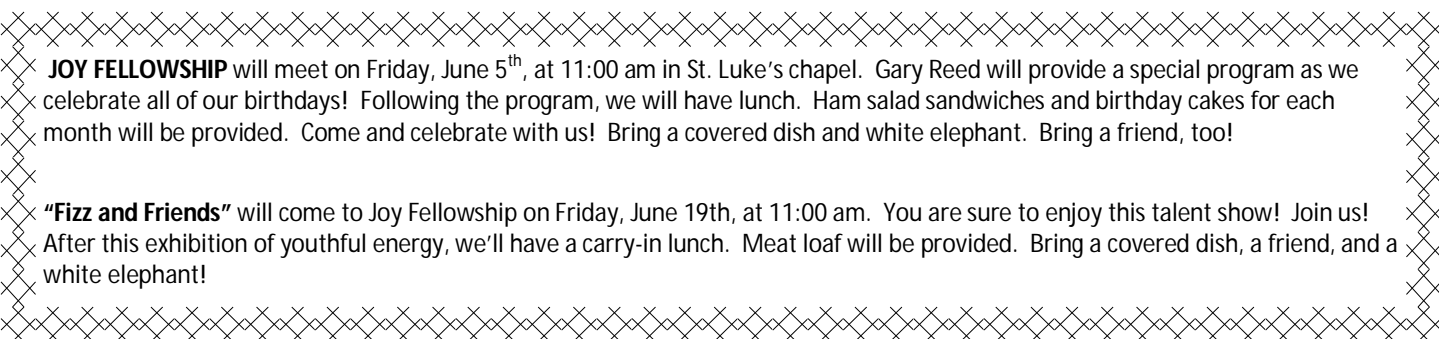
OPEN HOUSE FOR DEREK RODY on June 13th, from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at his house located at 4720 S 650 W, Russiaville.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES: Lunch at 1:00pm at McAlister's Deli on Sunday, June 7th, for those entering 9th grade only. We are offering transportation for these youth to McAlister's from the church if parents prefer.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES: Lunch at 1:00pm at CiCi's on Sunday, June 14th, for those entering 6th grade only. We are offering transportation for these youth to CiCi's from the church if parents prefer.



Sunday, June 14th is **FLAG DAY**. Wear your red, white and blue to church!



Parish Nurse News We All Need to Use!

We all have to deal with anger, in ourselves, in others, in the workplace and at home. More and more we hear of anger on the road, also known as road rage.

I found the following information in State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Co. 2008 News and Notes. The source: NHTSA I feel this information is helpful for all of us.

“Curb the Aggressive Driver Syndrome”

We have all grown aggravated with them-the drivers that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration {NHTSA} nicknames the tailgaters, the red light runners, and the frequent lane changers.

If you encounter an aggressive driver, remember:

Do not challenge them by speeding up or blocking them. Safely move out of their way.

Avoid eye contact with an aggressive driver

Wear your seat belt.

If someone provokes you, take a deep breath, remain calm.

You can help reduce the aggressive driver syndrome by making sure YOU never drive when you are upset.”

I would like to add suggestions that were not mentioned in the article.

Make every attempt to leave early, so as to anticipate any detours or potential road blocks along the way. If you are not ‘hurrying’ and anxious you will drive more safely.

If you find you are driving along side an aggressive driver, consider another route, turn off and let him/her get well ahead of you.

By all means, pray for them!

God has a lot to say about anger, but here are a few:

“In your anger, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, do not give the devil a foothold.” Ephesians 4:26, 27

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you which can save you.” James 1:19-21

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love...”
Psalms 103:8

As Mike ends his sermons from the oldest known benediction, “Aaron’s Benediction found in Numbers 6, may it seep into your very being!

***“May the LORD bless you and keep you!
May the LORD make His Face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you!
May the LORD turn His Countenance upon you and grant you PEACE!”***

Dear Members and friends of St. Luke's UMC:

Greetings in Jesus' name! Melinda and I are very busy packing up and getting ready for our move to Kokomo, and we're finding that 21 years in one place has allowed us to accommodate a lot of "precious memories", as well as too much "stuff" that forces us into the mode of deciding what to keep and what to discard. Isn't it amazing how difficult it is to get rid of some of our "junk"? (I think there may be a sermon illustration here!)

We appreciate your prayers as we are preparing to say "good-bye" to this precious church family who has touched our lives in so many ways. Despite the sadness of moving on from this place, we want all of you to be assured that we have known for quite a while that it is time for us to leave Dayton and embark on a new journey. We are looking forward to this new season of ministry with a great sense of anticipation, because we believe that God is leading us to just the right place!

I can't wait to see what God is going to do as we labor together with our new church family at St. Luke's!

Onward and Upward,
Pastor John Walls

Many thanks to Pam Ditmer and Tanya Saul for our recent program "Picnic with the Potter". It was a delightful evening and we appreciate all who were in attendance.

Wondering about the date for our fall Angels' Attic Bazaar? It will be on October 10th, under the capable leadership of Tanya Saul.

Safe Sanctuaries for our children, teens and seniors is an important part of St Luke's. We must remember that our churches are holy places of sanctuary for the children of God. Our churches must continue to be places where people of all ages can come together for worship, study, and service, with the assurance that they are safe and secure in the community of faith.

The Education Department is offering on **June 13, at 9:00am** a training to help us keep St Luke's a safe sanctuary. We are requesting that **all** teachers, and staff of the church attend the training. We are also requesting that the staff parish members, ad council members, and any other friends of the church attend the training to help us be firm and steadfast in our commitment to careful recruiting, screening and hiring practices.



St. Luke's Vitals for the Month of
MAY



ATTENDANCE

5/03/2009
9:00 220
11:11 72
Total: 292

05/10/2009
9:00 205
11:11 65
Total: 270

05/17/2009
9:00 180
11:11 64
Total: 244

05/24/2009
9:00 173
11:11 61
Total: 234

05/31/2009
9:00
11:11
Total:

May Attendance
w/o 5/31
1040

OFFERING

05/03/2009
\$14,397.61

05/10/2009
\$8,026.91

05/17/2009
\$6,924.00

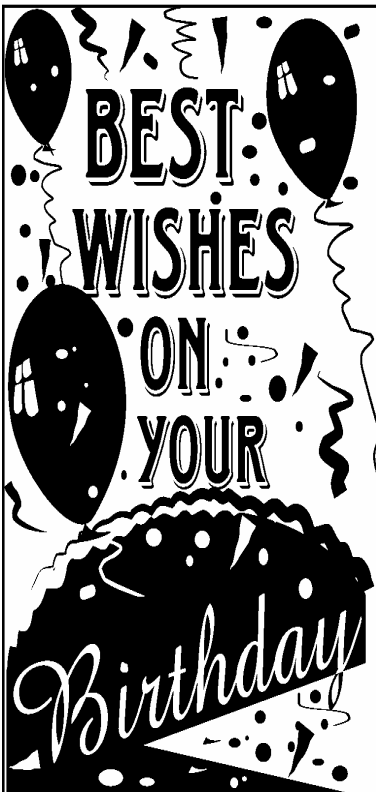
05/24/2009
\$5,114.91

05/31/2009
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Total MAY Offering w/o 5/31
\$34,463.43

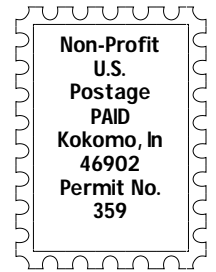
Needed this Month
\$54,012.90

Difference w/o 5/31



Ron **GALLOWAY**, Josh **MAURER**, Anna **HUFFMAN**, (1); Wayne **SOZANSKY**, Mike **SINGLETON**, (2); Steve **SALKIE**, Emily **BEARD**, Christian **ROBINSON**, (3); Rex **GRAINGER**, (5); Wilma **GARD**, Vicki **TEDLOCK**, (6); Grace **HARSHMAN**, Melissa **BALL**, Brooklyn **MARSHALL**, (7); Thea **BARBER**, (9); Barbara **GRAINGER**, Courtnie **HARMON**, (10); Alice **RICHEY** (12); Roger **SAILOR**, Zachary **PHIPPS**, (13); Scott **HARRIS**, (14); Dick **BARKER**, Clarence **JOHNSON**, Verda **CLICK**, Julie **WAGNER**, Claire **SMITH**, (16); George **LAFLIN**, Marilyn **RAINES**, Ann **TAYLOR**, (18); Lois **HOBAN**, Nina **SOZANSKY**, (20); Stacy **FACKLER**(21); Ila **HOSTETLER**, Paul **HINKLE**, Joanna **SILVER**, Dennis **PREISER**, Peter **DOMINICK**, Rachel **DOMINICK**, (22); Alasha **LOTT**, Mike **VANWINKLE**, (23); Liz **ARMSTRONG**, Blake **SINGLETON**, (24); Sharon **LANDIS**, Steve **DUFFY**, Craig **HOROHO**, Madison **PARR**, (27); Chip **HOLDER**, Katie **EVANS**, (28); Bob **TRENT**, Sara **BENSON**, (29); Jacob **WALL**, Emily **FULLER**, (30).

Happy Birthday to you!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

God wants us to know the state of our finances.

"Be sure you know the condition of your flocks,
give careful attention to your herds;
for riches do not endure forever, and a crown
is not secure for all generations" (Prov. 27:23-24).

OFFICE NEWS

MONDAYS in June

June 1
June 8
June 15
June 22
June 29

On Mondays I need a volunteer from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm to answer phones and sit in the church office while I am away at our weekly Staff Meeting.

FRIDAYS in June

June 5
June 12
June 19
June 26

On Fridays I need a volunteer to stuff the bulletins from 1:00 pm until they are finished.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH.



BULLETIN DEADLINES ARE THE THURSDAY OF THE WEEK AT 8:00 AM.

Please stick to the above deadlines.