St. Luke's Newsletter

JUNE 2020

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Dear Friends,

One of the hardest things we have all had to do these past 11 weeks is worship in new ways because of the COVID-19 virus. Thanks to the blessing of online streaming technology that we began using in August 2019 (Mevo, Facebook Live and YouTube), we were able to seamlessly offer online worship to our congregation when in-person worship ended following the worship service on March 15th.

We are grateful to God for the blessing that:
* most of our congregants have been able to continue to worship online these past 11 weeks,
* we have added 100s of people in different geographical locations to our worshiping community, and
* our brothers and sisters at Merritt Island Presbyterian have joined us as worship partners until they begin livestreaming their worship services in July.

Please know that no matter what happens as we move forward into the next part of our journey with God while COVID-19 is part of our lives, we will continue to offer our weekly 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship services via Facebook Live and YouTube.

For Congregants Who Are Self-Quarantining/Remaining At Home

COVID-19 is still a very real danger. If you are self-quarantining, have an underlying health condition, and/or are of an age where your body's cells are more vulnerable to COVID-19, please know that we absolutely support and honor your decision to remain at home. We invite you to continue to livestream the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service via the church's Facebook page and on YouTube as your best option to protect your health and worship our Lord each week.

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Important Updates

The Congregational Vote to approve Pastor Jody's 2020/2021 Terms of Call unanimously passed. Thank you to everyone who emailed or called in your vote!

Plans for our 2020 Vacation Bible School are still being discussed, but a decision will soon be made by our VBS Team. Please watch your email and our church Facebook page for details.

Youth Group in June

Youth Group is about growing deeper in our faith, participating in mission projects, making friends, and having fun. Here's our line up of Youth Group activities this month:

- Sunday, June 7th 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Youth Group in Fellowship Hall
- Monday, June 15th 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip
- Tuesday, June 16th 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip
- Wednesday, June 17th 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip
- Sunday, June 28th 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Youth Group in Fellowship Hall

Summer Youth Mission Trip

Because of COVID-19, our 2020 Summer Youth Mission Trip plans have changed. By unanimous decision, our mission trip team voted to cancel our trip to Savannah, GA and stay home in Titusville. We have had to make additional adjustments to our plan given the current recommendations of the CDC.

Our revised 3-Day Mission Trip will be a "Day Camp" model:

- Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and
- Wednesday, June 17 from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

Parents will drop off and pick up their youth each day, we will use safe spacing, wear bandanas when working close together at our project sites, and masks in both the cars and Fellowship Hall. We will regularly use hand sanitizer, check our temperatures each morning, and have a safe/practiced plan for taking all meals together.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make this Home Mission Trip happen!
All youth participating must RSVP by Monday, June 8th to Pastor Jody.

June Worship Plans

Trinity Sunday and More
We will celebrate Trinity Sunday (God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) on June 7th, Men of the Church/Father's Day on June 21st, and then mark the Sundays through the rest of June as the Sundays after Pentecost.

Sunday, June 7th is Trinity Sunday, Communion Sunday, and people whose last names begin with A-F are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. We will continue to offer our 10:00 a.m. worship service via livestream on the church's Facebook page. Livestream worshipers are invited to take Communion at home using your own bread and juice/wine. The preaching text will be Matthew 28:16-20, Pastor Jody will be preaching, and the sermon title is "A Triune God."

Sunday, June 14th is a Communion Sunday and people whose last names begin with G-L are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. We will continue to offer our 10:00 a.m. worship service via livestream on the church's Facebook page. Livestream worshipers are invited to take Communion at home using your own break and juice/wine. The preaching text will be Matthew 6:25-34 and Pastor David will serve as the Preacher of the Day.

Sunday, June 21st we will celebrate Men of the Church/Father's Day, it is a Communion Sunday, and people whose last names begin with M-R are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. We will continue to offer our 10:00 a.m. worship service via livestream on the church's Facebook page. Livestream worshipers are invited to take Communion at home using your own break and juice/wine. The preaching text will be Matthew 9:9-13, members of the Youth Mission Trip will help lead worship, Pastor Jody will be preaching, and the sermon title is "Follow Me!"

Sunday, June 28th is a Communion Sunday and people whose last names begin with S-Z are invited to worship in the Sanctuary. We will continue to offer our 10:00 a.m. worship service via livestream on the church's Facebook page. The preaching text will be Matthew 9:35-38 and Pastor David will serve as the Preacher of the Day.

Worship Note: Communion will be served every Sunday in June (see next page for details). Worshipers in the Sanctuary may bring their own Communion elements or receive a Communion kit complete with cup and a wafer as you enter the Narthex. Worshipers will be invited after worship to put their Communion cup/wrapper in an open collection container in the Narthex as they leave.

Pastor's Note/In-Person Worship Plan

Our New In-Person Worship Plan Beginning Sunday, June 7th

The Session and I have been working diligently for the past month to put together the following new plan for in-person worship that will begin on Sunday, June 7th. Each piece of the plan follows CDC and Presbyterian Church/USA guidelines for the best practices to protect your health.

Please note that the plan details are not optional and you must follow them in order to be part of our in-person worshiping community.

In-Person Worship Rotation

Based on a 6' spacing requirement for safe distancing, 40 people plus 10 worship leadership team members can attend in-person worship. We have approximately 160 people who attend worship at least one time each month, so we can offer each person in our congregation the opportunity to worship in-person 1 time each month. The Session has considered many models for how to be fair to everyone and has determined that we will organize in-person worship opportunities based on the first letter of your last name. Here is the schedule for in-person worship in June:

Sunday, June 7th: A - F
Sunday, June 14th: G - L
Sunday, June 21st: M - R
Sunday, June 28th: S - Z

We recognize that some people come to worship with friends who pick them up, so in these cases please use the first letter of the last name of the person who drives as the day for you to worship. Ex: Dee Baker drives and brings Barbara Sarro to worship with her, so they will use B to determine the day they will come to worship.

Sanctuary Worship MUSTS

On the Sunday when it is your turn to worship in the Sanctuary ...

* You MUST be in your seat in the Sanctuary no later than 9:55 a.m. This will give you time to get settled into place, center yourself in the feelings that will come from being in the Sanctuary with so few people present, and give you an opportunity to offer a prayer to God for whatever is on your heart as you come to worship our Lord in his house for the first time in 3 months.
* You MUST wear a mask to worship and it MUST cover your nose and mouth throughout the entire service.
* You MUST use the hand sanitizer provided in the Narthex before going into the Sanctuary.
* You MUST sit on one of the blue painter's tape X's in the pews that mark out the 6' safe distancing locations. Up to 2 people living in the same household may sit side by side at an X.
* You MUST remain seated throughout the worship service to ensure that everyone stays safely distanced.
* You MUST NOT sing during the hymns. The CDC has said COVID-19 chiefly spreads person-to-person via respiratory droplets. The act of singing projects respiratory droplets that carry distances greater than 6', even when someone is wearing a mask. So, until a vaccine for COVID-19 is available, the Sanctuary congregation will not be singing in worship. Sheila King will play the hymns on the organ, Pastor David and I will sing the hymns from the back/side of the Communion Table, and you may speak or hum the hymns.

A New Way Of Worshiping In-Person

The worship services via Facebook livestream or YouTube these past 11 weeks probably felt very unusual and you may have said to yourself, "I can't wait to get back to church so worship will feel normal again."

There are lots of things about worship now in the Sanctuary that will feel "normal"

You may park in your usual parking spot and walk the same path to/from the Sanctuary as you always did.
The pews, hymnals, and Bibles are all the same and you may touch them without gloves on.
There is still 15 minutes of awesome pre-worship music before the worship service begins .
The worship leadership team (Sheila, Mike, the Elders, and I) is the same, and we hope you have been able to "meet" the Rev. David Lindemer through our online worship services.
The choir is still made up of cheerful members, though they are a little "stuffy."
The organ and piano music are as beautifully played as ever and you will get to hear the music in-person.
The worship liturgy and service are still laid out in the same familiar pattern.
The sermon is still the Word preached and proclaimed, and you will get to hear it in-person. AND
You will see some of the people you know and have missed being in worship with over the past 11 weeks.

Pastor's Note/In-Person Worship Plan

And there are MANY new things that, until a vaccination for COVID-19 is available, will be part of your Sanctuary worship experience:

You will put your mask on before you get to the Sanctuary doors.
You will need to keep safe spacing of 6' between you and the people in front of you entering the Sanctuary.
An usher wearing a mask and gloves will open the outside Sanctuary door for you (the inner doors will be open).
An usher wearing a mask and gloves will invite you to use the hand sanitizer.
You will sit on an X in a pew that may not be near where you used to sit.
Your bulletin will be on your X in the pew and we will not use a PowerPoint.
You will be in worship with no more than 50 people, including the worship leadership team.
Your nearest worship neighbor will be at least 6' away.
You will remain seated throughout the entire worship service.
You will quietly hum or speak the hymns.
You will place your offering in the offering plate by the Narthex door as your leave the Sanctuary.
At the conclusion of the service, you will remain in place until I invite the people in your pew to leave the Sanctuary.
You may remove your mask once you are outside the Sanctuary doors. AND
Everyone should maintain safe spacing of 6' from people until you are back to your car.

Weekly Communion in June

On March 25, 2020, the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of the General Assembly issued an advisory opinion stating that "During an emergency or a pandemic in which the church is unable to gather or advised not to gather in person for reasons of public health, a congregation's session may determine that this includes observing communion online."

Our Session voted at the end of March to approve that our online congregation may partake of Communion as part of our livestream services until in-person worship for all congregants resumes. Until a vaccine for COVID-19 is available for all, we will continue to offer our worshipers the opportunity to partake of Communion as part of our online worship services.

Additionally, we have some congregants who do not have the technology/knowledge of how to access our online worship services and others who, for reasons of conscience, have not partaken of Communion as part of our online worship services. For both of these groups of congregants, the last time they would have had the opportunity to partake of Communion was the first Sunday of March.

In an effort to meet the minimum requirement of our Book of Order that Communion be provided to our congregation a minimum of once every three months and because we are dividing the congregation up into four groups during the month of June and want to give people in every group the opportunity to partake of Communion in the Sanctuary, we will be serving Communion all four Sundays in the month of June.

Congregants partaking of Communion in the Sanctuary will have the option of receiving a self-contained Communion set that will be handed to you as you enter the Narthex by an usher who is wearing a mask and gloves OR congregants may bring your own Communion elements (bread and juice) to partake of for Communion. At the conclusion of the worship services, congregants worshiping in the Sanctuary will be asked to bring the self-contained Communion set wrapper and cup to the Narthex to put into an open trash container before exiting the building.

Coughs and Health Challenges

It is good to remember that not every cough means someone has COVID-19 ... sometimes it's allergies, sometimes it's that dry spot in your throat that decides to tickle and a cough is one way to make the tickle go away.

And sometimes coughs are because someone has a cold, sinus infection or another health issue that would not be good to pass on to someone else. If you are sick with a cold or other health challenge, please remain at home to worship through Facebook Live or YouTube so we can be good stewards of each other's health.

No Sunday School or Treat Time

There will be no Sunday School or Treat Time in June. Please watch for additional information on programming decisions for July.

As we make the turn into June, I invite you to pray that God will continue to bless us all with his wisdom, patience, and creativity as we problem solve. And, may our congregation all hold together as God's people, unified in our commitment to do what is right for the entire body of Christ!

In God's Love,
Pastor Jody

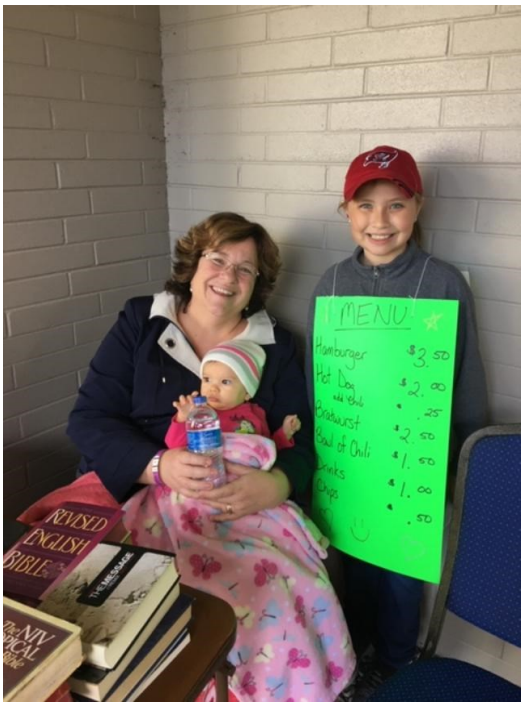
Staff Work Anniversaries

St. Luke's is very grateful to have Pastor Jody and Sheila King as our staff members! Both Jody and Sheila celebrate anniversaries with us in the month of June:

Friday, June 14th - Pastor Jody's 6th anniversary

Tuesday, June 25th - Sheila King's 13th anniversary

Thank you to Pastor Jody and Sheila for serving our church, and we look forward to many more years of journeying together!



"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for people."

~ Colossians 3:23

"The More You Know ..."

In our church life there are so many things that you may have questions about or that would be helpful for you to know, so our Session (the leadership body of the church comprised of 9 elected congregants called Elders) is working hard to try to give you as much information as possible so you can be "In The Know." Here is a bird's eye view of our recent work:

- The ice machine given to us by First Presbyterian Church has been professionally cleaned and installed in the Fellowship Hall Church Pantry. Thank you to Tony Cook for getting this project accomplished!
- June will be the final month for our expanded Food Pantry as many of our families' parents are starting to go back to work part-time! Please continue to bring your food donations from 10 am - 12 noon on Wednesdays through June to Jeff Moody and M.E. Kelly in Room 4. We praise God that we have been able to help 25 children/youth, 16 adults, and 3 senior citizens have food and financial help over the past 7 weeks so they were able to weather the rough employment waters without sinking.
- The painting team of M.E. Kelly, her professional painting friend Bert Forbush, and Mary Anne Snyder completed the painting of Room 5 and two big walls in Room 4.
- Due to challenges with the contractor's scheduling of our project, we have decided to use a different company to do the work of removing the Sanctuary roof cross. Once the cross is taken down, Jerry Stanga will be working with a team to put together a plan for fabricating a new cross, and its future installation on the Sanctuary roof when affordable.
- The Session has given final approval for the Fellowship Hall Kitchen Renovation. Thanks to Glen and Crystal Hedden (Quality Woodworks), we will be receiving new counter tops and white shaker style cabinets at a fantastic discount, and they will oversee the installation. Later this month, we will be asking congregants to help with the tear out of the existing kitchen cabinets and painting of the church kitchen, 321 Floors will install new flooring, and then the new cabinets and countertops will be installed. Our existing refrigerator and extra freezer will remain in the kitchen. If anyone would like to donate funds for two newer oven units, please contact Pastor Jody.

The Elders and Pastor Jody are always available to answer any questions you may have about our church life together. Please know that we are here for you and are doing our best to be worthy of your trust!

"The More You Know ..."

Pastor Jody

You are welcome and encouraged to visit Pastor Jody in the church office for spiritual counseling, visiting, and just getting to know each other better. She has an office that can accommodate a 6' safe distance for conversations. Please call Pastor Jody (cell: 419-306-4591) to set up an appointment.

OFFICE HOURS

In addition to Sundays, Pastor Jody is generally in the church office each week on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., as well as other times by appointment. Pastor Jody's Sabbath Day is generally Friday but, if there is an emergency, please never hesitate to contact her.

New Member Class

Plans are coming together for our first New Member Class of 2020. The 20 people who have said they would like to join St. Luke's include:

Fran Askew	Carol Carlson	Trinity Dontell
Eleanor Jollay	Dannell Lake	Haley Mann
Charlye Massey	Janice Massey	Kathy Nichols
Tom Nichols	Betty Phillips	Phil Phillips
Jim Seaman	Joan Seaman	Kari Stiles
Joany Threlkeld	Nancy Turkali	Joni Wendorff
Willie Wendorff	Barbara Wilhelm	

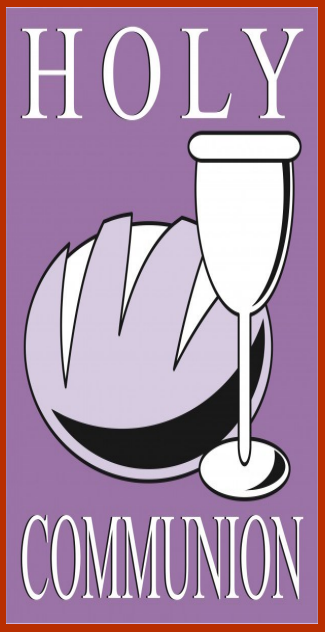
Because we have been delayed in having the New Member Class join the church, there is still time (deadline is June 15th) for others to join with this New Member Class. We expect to be able to have the New Member Class meet with the Session and join St. Luke's at the end of June. Please contact Pastor Jody (419-306-4591) if you would like to be included.

Year To Date Financial Information

Financial Report as of May 30th, 2020

2020 Operating Income Year to Date	**$ 63,150.16**
2020 Operating Expenses Year to Date	**$ 56,210.01**
Year to Date	**$ 6,940.15**

Thank you to everyone for your support of our church through your gifts of time, talent and treasure!



Worship Attendance

May 3rd Communion Sunday Livestream

747 views as of 5/30/20

May 10th Graduate Sunday/Mother's Day Livestream

545 views as of 5/30/20

May 17th Ascension Sunday Livestream

597 views as of 5/30/20

May 24th Memorial Day Sunday Livestream

547 views as of 5/30/20

May 31st Pentecost Sunday Livestream

TBD

Special Occasions

Anniversaries

Bill & Carole Rushing #60 (6/5)
Steve & Roanna Wilson (6/6)
Jim & Betty Parks (6/9)
Jerry & Susan Beverly #50 (6/20)

Birthdays

June Duff (6/1)
Mark Koontz (6/1)
Barbara Weitz (6/7)

Birthdays (continued)

Donna Bianchini (6/7)
Dawn Lake (6/11)
Betty Parks (6/12)
Rev. Jay Seabrook (6/12)
Nolan Coldiron (6/13)
Lois Kiss (6/26)
Marie Talmadge (6/29)
Krista Colquhoun (6/30)
Haley Mann (6/30)

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Special Wedding Note: Maggie Lawlor is the daughter of Rachel English and granddaughter of Mary English.	**1** **11:00 a.m.** *The Wedding of Maggie Lawlor and Joseph Hermance in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall*	**2**	**3** **10 am - 12 pm** Church Food Pantry donations may be dropped off in Rm. 4	4 **9:00 am - 4:00 pm** Church Food Pantry open in Rm. 4 **2:00 p.m.** Central FL Presbytery Summer Meeting (via Zoom)	**5**	**6**
7 Communion/ Trinity Sunday **9:45 a.m.** Worship service Livestream begins on Facebook **10:00 a.m.** Worship service **12:00 - 2:00 p.m.** Youth Group in FHall	**8**	**9**	**10** **10 am - 12 pm** Church Food Pantry donations may be dropped off in Rm. 4	**11** **9:00 am - 4:00 pm** Church Food Pantry open in Rm. 4	**12**	**13**
14 *Communion* **9:45 a.m.** Worship service Livestream begins on Facebook **10:00 a.m.** Worship service **12:00 p.m.** Set up for Mission Trip Week beginning tomorrow	**15** ***8 am - 8 pm Youth Mission Trip Painting Day***	**16** ***8 am - 8 pm Youth Mission Trip Project Day***	**17** **10 am - 12 pm** Church Food Pantry donations may be dropped off in Rm. 4 **12 pm - 5 pm** Mission Trip Fun Afternoon in FHall	**18** **9:00 am - 4:00 pm** Church Food Pantry open in Rm. 4	**19**	**20**
21 *Father's Day/ Communion* **9:45 a.m.** Worship service Livestream begins on Facebook **10:00 a.m.** Worship service	**22** *Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) Online Conference* ***July newsletter articles due***	**23** *PAM Online Conference*	**24** *PAM Online Conference* **10 am - 12 pm** FINAL Church Food Pantry donations may be dropped off in Rm. 4	**25** *PAM Online Conference* **9:00 am - 4:00 pm** FINAL Church Food Pantry open in Rm. 4 **6:30 p.m.** Session Mtg, FH	**26** *PAM Online Conference*	**27**
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