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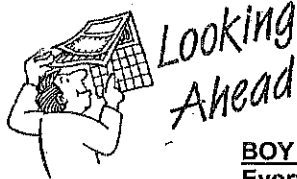
MAY - 2024

"I bring you good news of a great joy..." Luke 2:10

News and Events at St. Luke's Lutheran Church
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BOY SCOUT TROOP #166
Every Monday – 7:00 P.M.

SENIOR DAY CENTER
Tuesdays at 9:30 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays – 1:00 P.M.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Saturday, May 11th – 9:30 A.M.

LADIES BREAKFAST @ LYLA'S
Thursdays, 2nd and 16th - 9:30 A.M.

GRACE CHORALE
Wednesdays, May 8th and 15th - 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday, May 22nd – 6:30 P.M. (Party)

CARE TEAM MEETINGS
Tuesdays, May 7th and 21st – 10:00 A.M.

CF COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS
Tuesdays in May 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th – 7:00 P.M.

CF COMMUNITY CHORUS CONCERT
Saturday, May 18th – 7:00 P.M.

MENSA TESTING
Saturday, May 18th - 11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Monday, May 20th – 1:00-6:00 P.M.

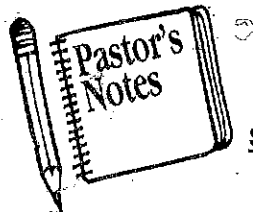
AKRON CHRISTIAN BHUTANESE WORSHIP
Every Sunday - 12:00 P.M.

AA GROUP MEETING
Tuesdays – 7:00–9:00 P.M.

MEN'S AA MEETING
Thursdays – 6:00 P.M.

PROFESSIONALS GROUP MEETING
Thursdays – 7:00 P.M.

AA HOME GROUP MEETING
Fridays at 7:00 P.M.



SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS – SPIRIT OF RESTLESSNESS

A hymn we sing at times has a chorus about the Holy Spirit. We sing "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness stir me from placidness wind, wind on the sea."

The chorus says the Spirit is one of Gentleness and then it says the Spirit is one of Restlessness. So, which is it? Our society tends to like things to be one way or the other. Society wants up OR down votes, Yes OR No answers, religion OR science, etc. etc. But the Holy Spirit doesn't fit into easy categories. The Holy Spirit is both gentle and restless. It is both dove and fire, breath of God and raging torrent. The Spirit one time pushes Philip to meet a eunuch on the road and another time doesn't allow Paul to travel to see congregations he is longing to see.

Part of the truth is that there are not Yes or No answers to every question. The scripture says the "Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword." (Hebrews 4:12) God's Spirit that abides with us is alive. What the Spirit says to us and pushes in us is not always the same because what we and those around need is not always the same. Sometimes we need comfort. Sometimes we need a kick in the pants. Sometime we need both at the same time.

As we move forward in our individual lives and as a congregation, we recognize we need to keep seeking the Spirit. But the Spirit is not something we can capture. God's Spirit abides in us and lives in the midst of God's people. So we work and talk and pray and wrestle and laugh together. We trust that in that life, God's Spirit will guide, comfort, and give light to our path.

- Pastor Jim

St. Luke's Finance Committee

Summary for March, 2024



Accounting:

A. Income:

- March total income was 101% of budget; 95% YTD

B. Expenses:

- March expenses were 99% of budget; 97% YTD

C. Emergency Fund balance is \$ 37,920

D. Mercy Fund balance is \$ 2,294

E. Floor & Flush Fund balance is \$ 1,319

F. Checking Account balance is \$ 107,727 of which \$ 50,147 is C&B.

VERGE YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The youth group continues to meet at NUMC but notice the times.

We will be meeting from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 5th and on May 19th and 26th from 7:00-8:30 P.M. Check the Verge text chain to hear more about our activities.

Hope you will join us!



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **Sunday, May 19, 2024**

The following Council positions are open, We hope you will consider serving. Please let **Pastor Jim** or **Jill Schwarzbek** know if you are interested in one of the following positions: They will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Council President
Worship Ministry
Learning Ministry
Outreach Ministry

Please note: Annual Reports from all committees and organizations are due in the office no later than April 2nd. Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Bob and Barb Hriso
4931 Nettleton Road, Apt. 4220
Medina, OH 44256
330-721-3036
330-472-2266 (Bob's cell)

Financial Reports

| | YTD Budget | YTD Actual | Variation |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| C&B and Plate | \$ 49,321 | \$ 45,026 | \$ (2,365) |
| Special & Transfers | | \$ 1,929 | |
| Expense | \$ 53,158 | \$ 51,672 | \$ (1,486) |
| Net Cash Surplus / (Shortfall) | | \$ (4,717) | |

*Current & Benevolence Fund

Balance is \$ 50,147. C&B account is used to pay monthly bills. Includes Above&Beyond funds.

* Emergency Fund

Balance is \$ 37,920

* Parking Lot Fund

Balance is \$ 12,852

PLEASE NOTE

ST. LUKE'S HAS A HEARING LOOP to help those with hearing loss hear our services better. If you have a T-Coil equipped hearing aid, please switch your hearing device to the T setting. For those without hearing aids, wireless headsets are also available. Please see one of our AV Techs for assistance.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Saturday, June 1st at John S. Knight Center

St. Luke's can have 2 voting members there. Please contact Jill Schwarzbek or Pastor if you are interested.



GOOD NEIGHBORS NEWS

Food Sunday is April May 5th !

Items needed to stock our shelves are: men's underwear (lg. and xlg.); women's underwear (size 5,6,7); men's and women's socks; shampoo, dish soap, laundry soap, deodorant, pads, towels, sheets (no twin size); salad dressing; canned fruit and Ramen noodles. **We are so grateful to all who continue to donate.** Items can be placed in the blue bins located in the alcove across from Pastor's office.

Cash donations are always welcome and may be sent to:

Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors
P.O. Box 233
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222

Phone: 330-928-8057

Location: 1742 Second Street, Cuyahoga Falls

Questions? Call Becky Cianciotti (330-968-7751)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to host **Fellowship Time**, serve as **Lector, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Guild and Communion Assistant**. Sign-up sheets are posted in the north entrance hallway

CHURCH MICE STAMPERS

WE WILL RESUME LATER IN THE YEAR!

Some really beautiful and creative cards are being made by the ladies. All ladies of the church are welcome. Bring along a friend who might enjoy crafting with us.

This is a great time of fellowship and card stamping.



**SENIOR DAY CENTER
Tuesdays at 9:30 A.M.**

We are back to our regular schedule on Tuesdays, at 9:30 A.M. Everyone is welcome to join us.

If coloring is not your choice, you may bring your own craft project to work on and still enjoy fellowship together.

We celebrate the birthdays of **Bette Thomas, Helen Myers and Lynn Orem** this month.

God's blessings,
Marie Radcliffe



**BOOK CLUB
at Falls Library – Thursdays**

Hooked on Books is an independent, long established book club open to all who are interested.

We will meet again on **Thursday, May 2nd from 1:00—3:00 P.M. at the Falls Library**. Should you have questions, please contact Marlene at **330-285-9343**.

Marlene Wilson



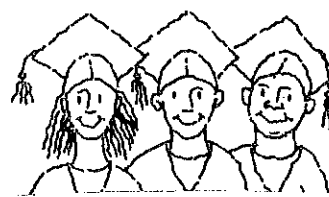
VALOR HOME NEEDS

We are continuing to help the residents of Valor Home.

Your donations of toiletries, underwear, socks, soaps, etc. are always appreciated. Cash donations are welcome – see Pauline or Lori for more information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Pauline Ellis and Lorie Heilmeier
Service Ministry co-chairs



2024 GRADUATES

2024 SERVICE PROJECT

WHAT IS ST. LUKE'S GOOD AT...helping people know God's word through our actions!

Let's take it a step further in 2024 by not only reaching out to our shut-ins, but also to folks we haven't seen or heard from in a while. This could be a family member, a friend or even someone in the community.

Let's touch someone's life in a positive way either by a card, phone call, text, or a visit and make this world a better place.

You can find a list of our shut-ins on the table in the rear of the sanctuary or contact the office or Pastor Jim for other information you may need.

Service Ministry co-chairs,
Pauline Ellis
Lori Heilmeier



LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NORNINGS

Devotions ,Prayer, Coffee and Goodies!

Please join us again on **Saturday, May 11th from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.** What a great time to study the Bible and fellowship together.

See Pastor Jim or Julie Arnold with questions.

Attendance sign-up coming soon!

NOTE: 2ND ANNUAL ST. LUKE'S FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT Saturday, September 28th. Mark your calendars and save the date! More information to come.

We would like to know who you are!

Please notify the office or Pastor Jim (as soon as possible), if you are a 2024 high school or college graduate.

Grandparents are also encouraged to submit the name(s) of their grandchildren.

Please include the name of the high school or college they attended or will be attending along with their major (if available).

ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the annual Endowment Board Scholarships are **due June 1, 2024.**

The forms are available at St. Luke's on the track rack in the north hallway across from the Outreach Room.



St. Luke's Family,

Over the past six months, many of you have taken the time to reach out, visit, pray, send donations and send words of love and encouragement to us, our Mother and our family.

Over the time of her battle, she was well aware of the massive group of people praying for her, and we know it gave her great comfort as she prepared to meet her Savior.

We thank you so much. It is this ongoing support that has made this rough time more manageable and we can never thank you enough.

With great appreciation,
Mike Grissom and Jennifer Galehouse



SONGS OF THE SPIRIT

FEATURING THE

CUYAHOGA VALLEY COMMUNITY CHORUS

Ted Shure, Artistic Director,
Colleen Coyle Miller, Assistant Conductor
John Eley, Piano
with special guest artists
Greg Fiocca, Cello

Honoring the United States Armed Forces

The program will include patriotic, gospel,
and songs by Beethoven and Mozart

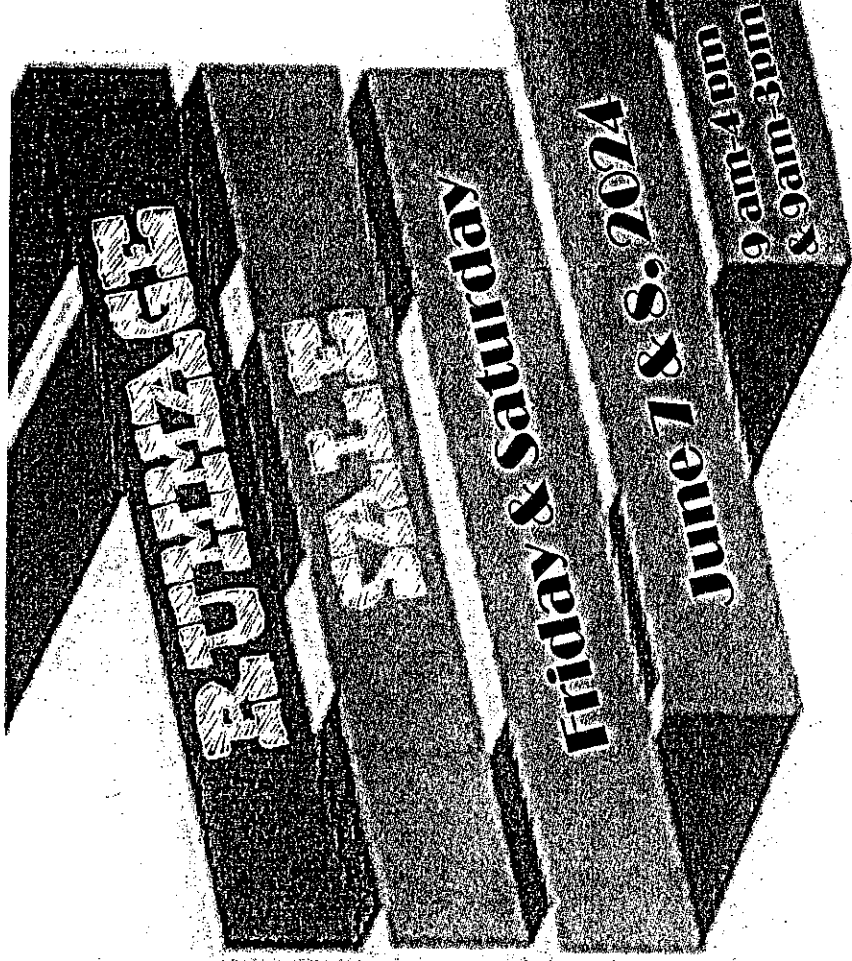
Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 7 pm
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
2121 6th Street in Cuyahoga Falls
(between Broad Blvd and Portage Trail)

Reception to Follow
Family-Friendly | Accessible
Free Admission | Donations Appreciated

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CUYAHOGA VALLEY
COMMUNITY CHORUS



RUMMAGE SALE

2 DAYS

Friday & Saturday

June 7 & 8, 2024

9am-4pm
& 9am-3pm

St. Mark Lutheran Church
158 North Avenue
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278

Bake Sale & Snack Bar available both days

Donation items in lightly used condition will be collected for our Rummage Sale
Item pick-up/ drop-off is through June 2
For pick up call 330-687-7168 and leave message

WORKERS SCHEDULED

ACOLYTES – Jill Schwarzbek (330-888-0567)

May 5 – Aidan Galehouse
May 12 – Jacob Schwarzbek
May 19 – Sarah Steingass
May 26 – Brady Savinski

ALTAR GUILD – Diana Grissom (330-899-0004)

Laurie Weitendorf

ALTAR FLOWERS – Becky Cianciotti (330-968-7751) Church Office (330-929-2683)

May 5 – Gloria Starr
May 12 – Bill & Virginia Maki
May 19 – Helen Myers
May 26 – Shirley Wagner

GREETERS - Wendy Galligan (330-923-1002)

May 5 – Helen Myers
May 12 – Jean Brauer
May 19 –
May 26 – Helen Myers

TELLERS – Jeff Teller (216-287-7246)

May 5 –
May 12 –
May 19 –
May 26 –



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FELLOWSHIP HOUR – Becki Turney (330-858-8244)

May 5 –
May 12 –
May 19 –
May 26 –

LECTORS – Jim Lutz - (330-929-2590)

May 5 – Lisa Krenisky
May 12 – Doreen Paulus
May 19 – Jim Lutz
May 26 – Jill Schwarzbek

MEMORIAL CANDLE – Becky Cianciotti (330-968-7751) Church Office – (330-929-2683)

May 5th –
May 12 –
May 19 – Barbara Moore
May 26 – Helen Myers

USHERS – Jim Lutz - (330-929-2590)

May 5 – Pauline Ellis and Mary Ann Hutfilz
May 12 – Rob Miller and Carter Cutright
May 19 – Linda Nida and Jim Lutz
May 26 – Curtis and Diane Nichols

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Sunday, May 5th - Communion

Sunday, May 19th - Communion

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May 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

St Lukes Office, Birthdays

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 28 10am - Worship Service 11am - Fellowship 12pm - Bhutanese 7pm - Verge | 29 Office Closed 7pm - Scouts #166 | 30 9:30am - Day Center 7pm - AA Group 7pm - CF Chorus | 1 1pm - Bible Study | 2 9:30am - Ladies Brkfst 6pm - AA Group 7pm - Professionals | 3 7pm - AA Home Group | 4 |
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| 12 MOTHER'S DAY 10am - Worship Svc. 10:15am - Sunday School 11am - Fellowship 12pm - Bhutanese | 13 Office Closed 7pm - Scouts #166 | 14 9:30am - Day Center 7pm - AA Group 7pm - CF Chorus | 15 1pm - Bible Study 7:30pm - Chorale | 16 9:30am - Ladies Brkfst. 6pm - AA Group 7pm - Professionals | 17 5pm - Bhutanese 7pm - AA Home Group | 18 11:30am - MENSA Test 2pm - Bhutanese 7pm - CF CHORUS |
| 19 ANNUAL MEETING 10am - Communion Svc. 11am - Fellowship 12pm - Bhutanese 7pm - Verge | 20 Office Closed 1pm - BLOODMOBILE 7pm - Scouts #166 | 21 9:30am - Day Center 10am - Care Team 7pm - AA Group 7pm - CF Chorus | 22 1pm - Bible Study 6:30pm - Chorale Party | 23 6pm - AA Group 7pm - Professionals | 24 7pm - AA Home Group | 25 |
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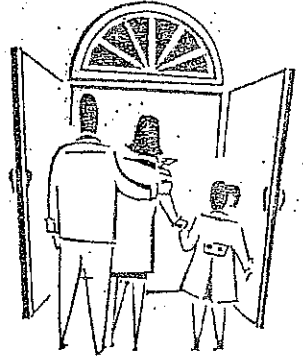
BRING A FRIEND
to Church

SUNDAY MORNINGS

In person – 10:00 A.M.

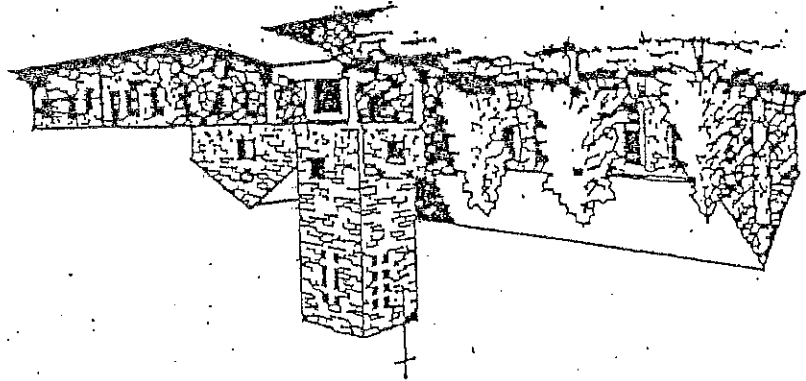
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On-line



MISSION STATEMENT

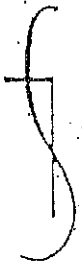
TO KNOW GOD AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN



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