

STAFF DIRECTORY

Dear St. Luke's Family and Friends,

Today I share with you the news that a devoted member of our St. Luke's staff, Beth Ryan, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, will be transitioning from her official position at St. Luke's United Methodist Church effective May 8, 2022. Beth has been in ministry at St. Luke's for over 23 years. She has greatly touched and blessed the lives of so many over all these years.

We thank Beth for her many years of dedicated service and will greatly miss her in her role as Director of Youth and Young Adults. We pray God's blessings for Beth and her family and look forward to seeing Beth, Adam, and Nathan as they continue to worship here at St. Luke's.

You are invited to attend a reception for Beth following the worship service at St. Luke's on May 15 in the Hospitality Hall. If you would like to contribute to the love offering for Beth, please send your donation to Vickey Hobbs at the church office and designate Beth Ryan love offering.

With our best wishes,

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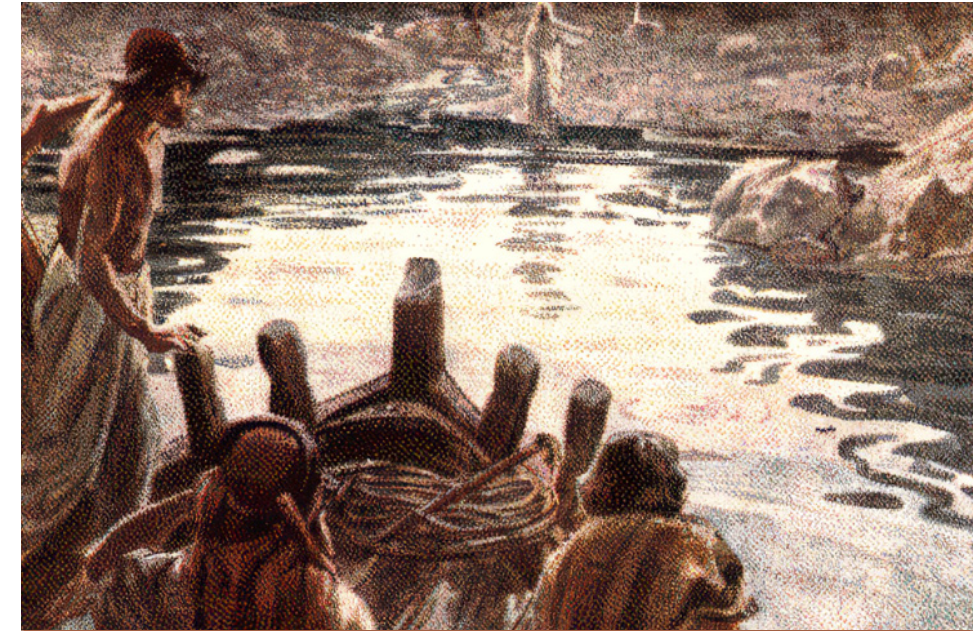
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... And he said to Him, "Lord,
You know all things; You know
that I love You."

John 21:19

 **St. Luke's**
United Methodist Church

*OUR MISSION
STATEMENT*

We are becoming a faithful community of
disciples striving to share the heart, mind
and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.

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Order of Word and Table

May 1, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*The flowers on the altar dedicated to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Bill Caldwell from his family.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harry Colter

PRELUDE *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are the people whose sins are forgiven!

People: God's forgiveness is poured on them as a healing balm.

Leader: Happy are the people who place their trust in God.

People: God's presence is their guide and their strength.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who forgives and heals us.

People: Let us celebrate God's presence with us each day. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *We Will Glorify the King of Kings* TFWS 2087

*Children ages PK4-Third grade will dismiss for
Children's Worship during the last verse of hymn.*

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Almighty Father, Hear our Prayer

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Chancel Choir

Almighty Father, hear our prayer, and bless all souls that wait before thee.

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Amazing Grace* UMH 378

PSALTER READING Psalm 30

Leader: I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

People: O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

Leader: You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

People: Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance. R

Leader: God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

People: While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

Leader: You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

People: I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

Leader: "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

People: Hear, O LORD, & have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper." R

Leader: You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

People: Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever. R

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Stand and sing response and remain standing for gospel reading.)

*GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-19

MESSAGE

Pastor Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for the blessings you bestow upon us. We turn our hearts and minds to the commitment that you have made to us through your son Jesus Christ. Accept the gifts we place before you now. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us, and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

OFFERTORY

O Sons and Daughters of the King

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

AN INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM

The Upper Room

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Chancel Choir

There in a quiet upper room they gathered together once again. The Master stood among the twelve he called His closest friends. Soon I must leave you said the Lord. My Father will call Me from this place. Although you may not understand, my life is in His hands I must obey.

They sat in the silence, tears in their eyes. He spoke once again to ease their minds. "Be not afraid do not despair. When you need Me I will always be there."

Come sit beside Me said the Lord. For here at this table we are one. Come share this simple meal with Me, and show that you believe I am God's Son. This cup is My blood which is shed for you. Take now and eat take now and drink. Do this always in remembrance of Me.

Walk in My footsteps said the Lord and be steadfast in ev'rything you do. And keep Me always in your heart. Though we may be apart I am with you.

***HYMN OF INVITATION** *Make of all Disciples* UMH 571

BENEDICTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PLEASE PRAY

Malvin Massey, Norma Grotberg, Alice Roberts, Jean Roberts, Sara Beth Gregory, Marty & Joe Cobb, Katherine Lambert Pennington (daughter of Elaine and Larry Lambert), Sue Lewison (sister of Marcia Mittelstadt), Olivia Robertson, Andy Bogle (nephew of Ann Al-Chokhachi), Eduardo and Maria Contreras (parents of Uziel Contreras), Ed and Nita Barlow, Coni Stevens.

Many of our dear friends who need continued prayers have been "leveled up" to the Prayer Warrior list. At any time they may be added back to the list that is published in the Sunday bulletin. Pat Anderson keeps this list updated. Contact Pat at 901-489-3757 or pata9276@gmail.com if you wish to be added to the prayer list. If you would like the prayer list emailed to you each week, please contact donna.thurmond@stlukesumc.org.

WELCOME!

To Our Guests! Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please fill out the card located in the pew rack and place in the offering plate. If you would like more information about becoming a member, contact Pastor Jim McKinney at 901-452-6262 or jim.mckinney@stlukesumc.org.

ASP Parents, remember we have a training session TODAY from 11:30-2:30. ALL trip participants should plan to attend.

VBS Planning Meeting. There will be a VBS planing meeting TODAY, immediately after church in the parlor. Pizza will be provided. We need volunteers in all areas.

The Table—TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m. As we continue through this year, prayer will be our focus at "The Table." We hope you will join us as Warren Morrison leads this heartfelt and meaningful meditation.

Youth Ministry. Sunday School for youth in grades 6-12 is at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth area (3rd floor). Youth are then dismissed to attend worship. Sunday evening youth activities are in our 3rd Floor Youth Space from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

VBS, June 13-16, 5-7 p.m. This year we are doing something a little different and offering VBS from 5-7 in the evenings. A light supper will be provided for those coming from camp, daycare, or work.

Children's Ministry. Children's Sunday School meets from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Preschool (Room 105); JK-First Grade (Room 106); Second-Fifth Grade (Room 216); Nursery (Infant-3 years) is available for Sunday School and worship in Room 109. Children ages JK-Third Grade are invited to Children's Worship during worship.

Adult Sunday School. We have a variety of adult Sunday School classes for you to choose from that meet at 9:00 a.m. Call or text Lynne McAlexander at 901-550-3091 for more information.

Leader: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

People: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Leader: For the Lord will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence and will cover you with his pinions;

People: under the Lord's wings you will find refuge. God's faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

People: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Leader: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

People: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

Leader: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your habitation,

People: no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

Leader: For God will give his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways.

People: They will bear you up on their hands lest you dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Leader: Because they cleave to me in love, I will deliver them;

People: I will protect them, because they know my name.

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

People: I will satisfy them with long life and show them my salvation.