

St. Luke's Newsletter

JULY 2022



**“All things
are
possible for
one who
believes.”**

Mark 9:23b

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Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

Lately, I have been waking up and wondering where I am. In the past 17 days I have slept in a hotel in Titusville, twice on a couch at Independent Presbyterian Church in Birmingham (AL), five nights in a bunk bed at Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock (AR), at Kelly and Barb's in Titusville, in our condo, in my aunt and uncle's condo in Daytona Beach Shores, and in our new Belle Center (OH) home on a bed that Kaylee and Ashlee brought down for us. In the coming weeks, we will be sleeping in our bed once our movers arrive, at Sheila King's home, at Mike and Laura Hogue's home, at my aunt and uncle's condo again, and then at Joni and Willie Wendorff's home.

Being away from home for so many days and in so many places is not usual for us. It has been really tough for me, who likes things organized and in their places, to have very little clue what is going to happen in my days. I feel like I'm completely upside down and I feel completely thrown off my game in terms of getting things done in a timely fashion (ex: you're receiving this July newsletter and it's already the 7th).

I recognize that I am relying completely on God's strength to get me through the day, that I am relying on the grace and help of people around me to help me stay on track, and that I can choose to be miserable or happy in this day and I'm trying to choose to be happy.

How are your days going? Are you experiencing God's strength to help you get through your days? Who are the people extending you grace and help? And, are you choosing to be happy or miserable in this day? May God bless us all with his strength, wisdom and love!

In God's Love, Pastor Jody

Food Truck Party VBS

Mark Your Calendars Now For Our

Food Truck Party VBS

Monday, July 25th

through

Friday, July 29th

6:00-8:00 p.m. and includes dinner!

Free for all kids 2 yrs old - 6th grade



Transition Update from the Session

- Jose' Amador, M.E. Kelly, and Bill Rushing (the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee) have been given three Personal Information Forms of pastors who are interested in serving as our Interim Pastor and are local to the central Florida area. All three candidates have had their first interviews and will work on narrowing down the candidates to present to Session for a second interview. The Session will then vote to determine a candidate they would like to offer the position as Interim Pastor and the salary package, the candidate will decide if they will accept the offer, and if all goes well in that process the Session will then make a request of the presbytery's Committee on Ministry to meet with the candidate and Session to approve the hiring agreement.
- Ann Reitz, Gail McMahon Kathy Nichols, and M.E. Kelly met with Pastor Jody and Mike twice in the past month to go over the list of things they do and have been inviting congregants to step up to help with particular tasks/ministries that need coverage. The list is almost completely covered at this point and we thank everyone who has offered to help!
- The Elders each have a group (flocks) of congregants of the church (both members and regularly attending worshipers in-person and online). The Elders will be communicating with their flocks about future conversation meeting times this Fall or early Winter. If you're unsure who your Elder is, please talk to any of the Elders and they will help you get connected with your Elder flock leader.
- Pastor Jody and Mike's last Sunday with us will be August 14th and their last day in the office will be Monday, August 15th. The Session will host a Pot Luck Lunch (Session provides the meat and everyone provides a side or dessert) during Treat Time after worship on Sunday, August 14th. We hope you will mark your calendars now to come and be part of this time of laughter, tears, and praising God for our journeying time together.

Congregational Meeting Called for July 17th

**The Session has called a
Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, July 17th to follow
immediately after the conclusion of
the 10:00 a.m. worship service
for the purpose of:
Electing Elders and Deacons
for the Class of 2025
and
Approving the Dissolution of Pastor
Jody's call with our congregation on
Monday, August 15th, 2022.**





July Worship Plans



The five Sundays in July provide us with wonderful opportunities for worship, sharing the sacrament of Communion, and celebrating VBS Sunday.

Independence Sunday, July 3rd and we will wear red, white and blue (symbolizing the colors of our nation's flag), our Boy Scout Troop 488 will provide a Color Guard, and we will share in the sacrament of Communion together as part of the 10 a.m. worship service. Rev. David Lindemer, Guest Pastor of the Day, will co-lead worship with Elder M.E. Kelly and Director of Music Sheila King. The Old Testament reading is Numbers 11:10-17, the New Testament reading is Luke 10:1-11, 16-20, and the sermon title is "Getting The Job Done."

On **Sunday, July 10th** worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via the livestream on the church's Facebook page. Rev. David Lindemer, Guest Pastor of the Day, will co-lead worship with Ruling Elder M.E. Kelly and Director of Music Sheila King. The Old Testament reading is Amos 7:7-9, New Testament reading is Colossians 1:3-14, the Gospel Reading is Luke 10:25-37, and the sermon title is "The View From The Ditch."

On **Sunday, July 17th**, Pastor Jody and Mike will be back with us after their Ohio vacation time with family. Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. in-person and via the livestream on the church's Facebook page. Pastor Jody, Ruling Elder M.E. Kelly, and Director of Music Sheila King will co-lead worship. The Old Testament reading is Psalm 52, the Gospel Reading is Luke 10:38-42, and the sermon title is "Lord, Do You Not Care?"

On **Sunday, July 24th** we will commission the Vacation Bible School Team after the sermon. Pastor Jody, Ruling Elder M.E. Kelly, and Director of Music Sheila King will co-lead the 10 a.m. worship service, the Old Testament reading is Psalm 85, the Gospel reading is Luke 11:1-13, and the sermon title is "A Snake Or A Fish?"

And, on **Sunday, July 31st** we will celebrate VBS Sunday as we praise God for a wonderful week with our community's children learning about our Savior's great love for us all! The Old Testament reading is Psalm 107:1-9, the Gospel reading is Luke 12:13-21, and the sermon title is "You Can't Take It With You!" Pastor Jody will lead the VBS kids and our congregation in an opening hymn from our VBS week.



* Youth Group News *

**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 coming soon:

- Sunday, July 3rd: No Youth Group
- Sunday, July 10th: No Youth Group
- Sunday, July 17th: Youth Group Movie Magic afternoon from 12-4 p.m.
- Sunday, July 24th: Swim Party at Joni and Willie Wendorff's from 12-4 p.m.
Bring your swimsuit and towel, they'll provide lunch and splash toys.
- Sunday, July 31st: VBS Sunday (co-lead worship) and then a special mystery activity.

2022 Summer Youth Mission Trip: The Mission Trip Team had a GREAT week in Little Rock, Arkansas of service, worship, and fun from Saturday, June 18th through Saturday, June 25th. Youth who participated on our team included: Morgan Casey, Micah DeVoe, Ean DeVoe, Erica Dontell, Brandy-lynn Jones, Anna Wilson, and Zeb Wilson. Adult chaperones included: Jose' Amador, Rebecca Gunness, Stephanie Jones, Mike & Jody Noble, Ann Reitz, and Steve & Roanna Wilson.

Vacation Bible School: Any youth wishing to serve as Shepherds (taking the groups of children at VBS to their rotation stations), please see Susan Crum by July 20th.

Are You Ready To Make Some Great Memories Together?



The Incredible Sheila King!

St. Luke's has a treasure in our Director of Music, Sheila King. Did you know that:

- Sheila holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Michigan State University (Go Sparties!),
- A level Three and Master Class Orff Certifications from the Univ. of South Florida and the University of Memphis,
- Level I & II Certifications in World Music Drumming,
- She is a 44-year music educator, having taught in Michigan, Texas, Wyoming, Alabama, Maryland, Virginia, and Florida,
- She most recently served as the music teacher at Apollo Elementary School in Titusville from 1981 through 2015. Under her leadership, Apollo Elementary School was designated by the Florida Department of Education to be a Music Demonstration School a total of six times from 1996 - 2003.
- Sheila was named the 2004 Brevard County Teacher of the Year and the state FMEA 2005 Music Educator of the Year, and that
- We have been blessed to have Sheila as our Director of Music for 15 wonderful years as of the Independence Day weekend?

In the midst of the pandemic when singing in the Sanctuary could not happen, Sheila launched our new handbell program (The Bells of St. Luke's), launched our percussion program (Pure Percussion), has now launched a combined vocal and percussion group (A Joyful Noise), and continued to work with the Session to safely incorporate congregational and small group special vocal singing into our worship services. All of these groups will continue to be part of our worship services as the new program year begins in October and we are especially excited to have Sheila back leading the Chancel Choir!

The Session invites you to join in recognizing Sheila for her 15 years of wonderful music leadership in our congregation and celebrate the fact that we get to keep journeying together in the upcoming program year!



Mozart: I wrote a whole Opera at only 12 years old

Beethoven: Ya well I was the first to introduce choir to orchestras

Tchaikovsky:



Need A Laugh?

I finally found a car that fits my gas budget



COOTER BOB MEMES

A Summer Of Serving

Calling volunteers of all ages! Mark your calendars now for opportunities in July and August to serve our community neighbors and also help our church.

We will be packing fruits and vegetables at the **Hummingbird Food Pantry** (held at River-view Elementary, 3000 Jolly Street) for our neighbors in need of food help on:

- Friday, July 8th and July 22nd from 1-3 p.m.
- Friday, August _____ from 1-3 p.m.

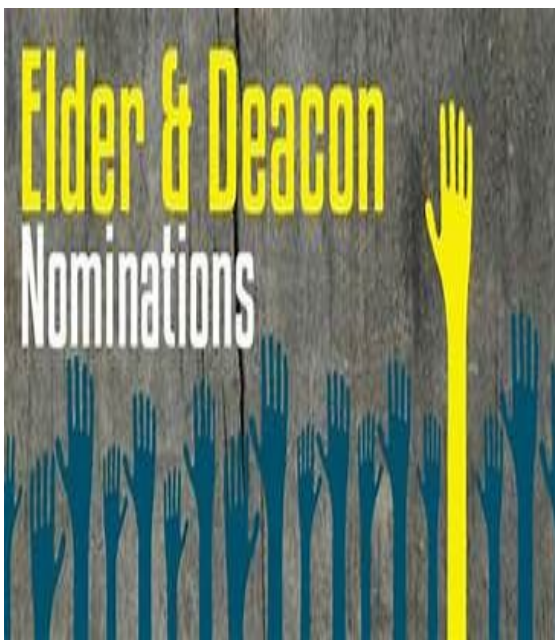
The Buildings and Grounds Team has also asked for everyone's help at the upcoming **Church Work Mornings** on:

- Saturday, July 16th and August 13th from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Special "Weed Team" ministry need in July and August: Because Bettyanne Short is in Ohio for the summer and Cal Campbell will be on vacation with her family in August, there will be lots of weeds in the flower beds at church that are going to need help getting pulled. Would you be willing to come to church at a time that works for you and pull weeds for 20 minutes? If 10 people would do that each month, we would have weed free landscaping!



Elder & Deacon Slate



The Nominating Committee is proud to announce that the following people have accepted the nomination to serve as Elders and Deacons:

Elders: Julie Chiello, Gail McMahon, and Willie Wendorff (all Class of 2025), and Mike Hogue (Class of 2024).

Deacons: Rebecca Gunness, Kerry McCleskey, and Dorothy Peters (all Class of 2025), and Bert Forbush (Class of 2023).

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 17th for the purpose of electing new Elders and Deacons, and for dissolving the pastoral relationship with Pastor Jody effective Monday, August 15th, 2022.

A big THANK YOU to our 2022 Nominating Committee members: Ann Reitz (Elder, Chair), Jose' Amador, (Elder, Vice Chair), Rebecca Gunness, Layne Hamilton, Bill Rushing, and Pastor Jody (Ex Officio).

School Supplies Needed

The Presbyterian Women collect school supplies in July and early August for our church youth, classmates and teachers who need school supplies. If you are able to provide anything on the supply list below, please bring your contributions to the church office or place them in the Sanctuary Narthex on Sunday mornings no later than August 15th and we will make sure that they get to the kids who need help. Thank you so much for your generosity!

REQUESTED ITEMS

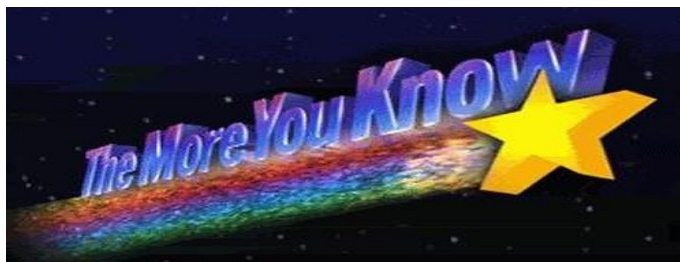
- #2 pencils (for younger students, Ticonderoga is best)
- Pencil sharpeners (sturdy with a cap to catch shavings)
- Mechanical pencils and refills of pencil lead (.7 is preferred)
- Crayola colored pencils (24 count)
- Plastic school pencil boxes
- Zippered pencil bags
- Pens (black preferred)
- Crayola crayons (24 count)
- College ruled notebook paper (1 subject notebooks are preferred)
- Graph paper
- Composition notebooks (marbled black/white covers, wide ruled)
- 4 subject plastic covered spiral bound notebook (size 8 1/2" x 11")
- Binders (both 1" and also 1 1/2")
- 5" Fiskars scissors (with pointed ends)
- Both glue sticks and white Elmer's glue (bottle, no gel)
- 2 pocket folders (younger kids=no prongs, older kids=prongs)
- Ear buds (for computer lab)
- Rulers (with centimeter scales)
- Correction fluid (Liquid Paper and Bic White Out) and correction tape
- Baggies (quart and gallon, zip top preferred)
- Lysol wipes and Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer (bottles for teachers)
- Tissue boxes (Kleenex preferred)
- Packs of white or color 3x5 index cards
- Super sticky Post-Its
- Scotch tape
- Band-aids,
- Paper towels, and
- Expo markers (for teachers)



The More You Know

The Session continues to work to provide good answers to your questions each month on our church life together. Recent questions we have been asked include:

1. What is the next big project in need of financial help at church? The Session has determined that the east and west parking lots need to have a complete overhaul due to the deep pot holes and cracking. The east parking lot is much worse than the west parking lot, but both need to be completely redone. The estimated cost is \$35,000 per parking lot. Please let Pastor Jody or any of the Elders know if you would like to donate to help make this much needed project possible.
2. Why are Pastor Jody and Mike gone for the first two weeks of July? Pastor Jody and Mike have two weeks of planned vacation time in Ohio. During this time, they will be moving into their new home at 9702 Heron Way, Belle Center, OH 43310. They will also be visiting their daughters/heart sons/grandchildren, spending time with Jody's parents, and Pastor Jody will also be preaching at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springfield (Ohio) on Sunday, July 10th so the congregation can determine whether or not she would be a good fit for them as their Designated Pastor for four years.
3. How many children are currently registered for Vacation Bible School? 29 children have registered for VBS as of 7/7/22. Registrations may be made up through the day before VBS but if you can do the registration of your child/ren sooner, it is really helpful to Susan Crum as she plans for and purchases supplies for the week.
4. When are the upcoming Church Work Mornings? Everyone's help is needed for our Saturday, July 16th and Saturday, August 13th work mornings from 8-11 a.m. Projects include weeding the church's flower beds, painting, mopping the Sanctuary floor, and light repair work around the church.
5. When is Team St. Luke's volunteering at The Hummingbird Food Pantry? Our volunteer opportunities in July are the 8th and 22nd (both Fridays) from 1-3 p.m.



Girl Scout Troop # 882 invites you to:

Rock-n-Rescue

When: Saturday, July 30th

Time: 4:00 pm til 8:00 pm

Where: St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
1255 Knox McRae Drive, Titusville



The Night will include:

DJ
Food
Kona Truck

Entrance fee will be a donation to: **Forever Home Animal Rescue**
www.Foreverhomeanimalrescue.com

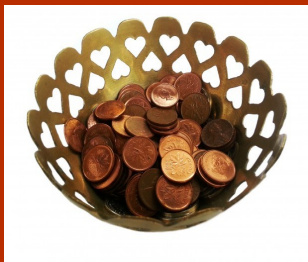
Donations can include:

- Cash Donations
- Pedigree Dog and Puppy Food – wet and dry
- Purina Cat and kitten food – wet and dry
- Trash bags (13 gallons) and Large ZipLock bags
- Cat Litter (clay or clumping)
- Trash Cans
- Cleaning Supplies
- Leashes
- Paper Towels and Toilet paper
- Big Plastic Storage Containers

Forever Home Animal Rescue has an Amazon Wish List



It is going to be a
wagging good
time!



Year To Date Financial Information

Financial Report as of May 31st:

2022 Operating Income Year to Date \$ 93,527.84
2022 Operating Expenses Year to Date \$ 73,844.24
Net Income Year to Date: \$ 19,683.60

Worship Attendance

June 5th Pentecost and Communion Service

48 in worship and 134 livestream views as of 7/7/22

June 12th Trinity Sunday Worship Service

51 in worship and 147 livestream views as of 7/7/22

June 19th Father's Day Sunday Worship Service

41 in worship and 60 livestream views as of 7/7/22

June 26th Mission Trip Sunday Worship Service

61 in worship and 60 livestream views as of 7/7/22



Special Occasions

Anniversaries

Lynwood & Jeane Jackson	July 5
Ron & Carol McCracken	July 6
Tony & Linda Cook	July 11
Lucas & Sarah Guarrine	July 18
Les & Bettyanne Short	July 18
George & Emma Phillips	July 23

Birthdays

Jason Woodward	July 2
Rachel English	July 2
George Phillips	July 4
Jose' Amador	July 4
Dannell Lake	July 4
Linda Cook	July 6
Lois Kiss	July 6
Laylah Gibson	July 7
Rev. David Lindemer	July 7
Barbara Weitz	July 9

Birthdays (continued)

David Chan	July 12
Bruce Powers	July 12
Jeane Jackson	July 15
Bettyanne Short	July 18
Dee Baker	July 19
Morgan Casey	July 20
Sandy Wiesemann	July 20
Claudia Walker	July 23
Addison Redditt	July 25
Jeff Moody	July 25
Mike Noble	July 25
Mary English	July 26
Fred Gorenflo	July 28
Alma Lake	July 29
Fred Hammer	July 29
Sheila King's 15th anniversary with St. Luke's on July 3rd!	



July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:30-11:30 a.m. TOPS meeting in FHall and Rm 6 1:00-3:00 p.m. Hummingbird	2
3 Independence Sunday/ Communion 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sunday School in Rm 6 10:00 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Treat Time in FHall No Youth Group	4	5 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 488, Fellowship Hall	6 7:00 a.m. Men's Study @ Cracker Barrel 9:00a-2:00p Office Open	7 1:00-2:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Room 6 9:00a-2:00p Office Open 7:00-8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 6	8 7:30-11:30 a.m. TOPS meeting in FHall and Rm 6	9
10 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sunday School in Rm 6 10:00 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Treat Time in FHall No Youth Group	11	12 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 488, Fellowship Hall	13 7:00 a.m. Men's Study @ Cracker Barrel 9:00a-2:00p Office Open	14 9:00a-2:00p Office Open 1:00-2:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Room 6 7:00-8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 6	15 7:30-11:30 a.m. TOPS meeting in FHall and Rm 6 1:00-3:00 p.m. Hummingbird Pantry food pkg	16 8:00-11:00 a.m. Church Work Morning ... everyone's help is needed
17 Congregational Meeting 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sunday School in Rm 6 10:00 a.m. Worship & Cong. Mtg. 11:00 a.m. Treat Time in FHall 12:00-4:00 p.m. Youth Group Movie Time	18	19 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop 488, Fellowship Hall	20 7:00 a.m. Men's Study @ Cracker Barrel 9:00a-2:00p Office Open	21 9:00a-2:00p Office Open 1:00-2:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study Room 6 6:30 pm Session Fellowship Hall 7:00-8:00 p.m. Girl Scouts, Rm 6	22 7:30-11:30 a.m. TOPS meeting in FHall and Rm 6	23
24 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sunday School in Rm 6 10:00 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Treat Time in FHall 12:00-4:00 p.m. Youth Group Swim Party	25 VBS 6:00-8:00 p.m.	26 VBS 6:00-8:00 p.m.	27 Meals for Moms *pick up/delivery 7:00 a.m. Men's Study @ Cracker Barrel VBS 6:00-8:00 p.m.	28 Meals for Moms *pick up/delivery 9:00a-2:00p Office Open VBS 6:00-8:00 p.m.	29 VBS Carnival Nite 6:00-8:00 p.m.	30 3:00-8:00 pm Girl Scout Dance in Fellowship Hall
31 VBS Sunday 8:30-9:00 a.m. Sunday School in Rm 6 10:00 a.m. Worship service 11:00 a.m. Treat Time in FHall 12:00-4:00 p.m. Youth Group						