

Monthly Newsletter

July 2021

Message from the Council President

Special points of interest:

- Interim Pastor to start
- Interested in travel?
- Youth Group Summer Mission
- Have you seen us on FB?
- Pick your committee

Dear friends in faith,

I am so happy to announce that Pastor Robert (Bob) Driver-Bishop will be our Interim Pastor! He will start on July 1, 2021 and his first sermon will be on Sunday July 4th at 9 am. Since that is a holiday, the church will have a meet-and-greet coffee on Sunday July 11th starting at 8 am (and we can gather for a bit after church if there are any goodies left). Please join me in welcoming Pastor Bob!!

Going forward, I am plan-

ning on giving updates on what to expect in our journey to find a new full time Pastor. Please understand that the congregation picks Council members and the Council members will choose the Call Committee. In all fairness and transparency, Council has decided to postpone determining the Call Committee until after our yearly Congregational meeting (when we pick new Council members). There are 3 three-year term positions and 1 two-year term position open. So being a member in good standing (in order to vote) and considering if God is asking you to consider running for Council are things

to contemplate. In speaking with some congregational members recently, it became apparent that not everyone understands what Council members actually do and what is the time commitment. I am planning on explaining that in a future Newsletter, but please feel free to ask any one of the Council members. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by email pa-gealt@yahoo.com or ask me at church.

Message from Pastor

I look forward to serving with you at St Luke's. I have specialized in helping churches in transition throughout my ministry. I have advanced studies in this area. I find great joy in helping congregations in a caring and meaningful way.

I am originally from the mid-west. Prior to seminary I served in the Air Force and as research engineer at Motorola. I met my wife of 41 years at our semi-

nary in Chicago. Pastor Terri is originally from northern Virginia and encouraged me to move to this area. She serves a small congregation southern Frederick (Ballenger Creek). Our daughter, Anna, lives in Myersville with her family including our two grandchildren.

I also find joy in sharing inspirational stories from people of the Bible. I was a lead writer in the recent Augsburg Fortress "Book of

Faith" emphasis. I also like to share related materials in congregational Bible studies and workshops using multimedia.

Please contact me as needed. My cell number is 301-357-4569. You can also reach me at driverbishop@gmail.com

I look forward to partnering in ministry with you during this transition time.

Thank you for welcoming me into your family of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bob Driver-Bishop+

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Meet & Greet
For Pastor Bob
Sunday, July 11th
8:00am

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July Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Megan Alisaukas | 10 Nikki Matteson | 29 Jack Bukszar |
| Bob Bassler, Jr | 18 Josh Gugliuzza | 30 Betty |
| 4 Chuck Struhar | Jameson | Munshaur |
| 6 Dave Thilker | Grossnickle | Joan Hoff |
| 7 Ryan Alisaukas | 22 Pat Testerman | Rick Ousley |
| 8 Kathy Amoss | 25 Bill Stem | |
| | 26 Dane Colbert | |
| | 26 Jean Coshun | |



“God’s blessing for these special couples!”

July Anniversaries:

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| 1 Jaime & David Jordan | 12 Barbara & Charles Rothermel | 31 Carole & Maynard Zenter |
| 4 Lisa & Gus Schwarzbeck | 20 Paula & Jeff Alisauckas | |
| 8 Tina & Bob Meredith | 30 Dani & Dan Forney | |

With Heart Felt Thanks:

Dear Congregation of St. Lukes-

It was such a beautiful farewell Sunday. The sanctuary filled, Bishop Gohl’s sermon, good food, fellowship and tears of Gods’ love shared together. Thank you!

Thank you all for your special parting gifts, for your cards and notes of appreciation. Thank you

for the amazing picture of St. Luke’s and the message of gratitude that will remind me forever that I made a difference. Thank you for the handmade beautiful quilt of remembrance. Thank you for the monetary gift—It was a tremendous amount and

we appreciated all of your generosity. I promise we will use it for something meaningful and special for our family.

Bless you all for your kindness. God is good—All the time. All the time—God is good!

Love,

Pastor Anne and Family

Thank YOU

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Lutherland and Oberammergau(Passion Play)

Two years ago I sent out, to all members of St. Luke's, information of a trip to Germany that toured the sites of Martin Luther and closed with tickets to the "Passion Play" in the Village of Oberammergau, but due to COVID-19 the trip which was set for September 2020 was postponed to September 2022.

I don't know if there were those that had an interest, but for some reason

could not commit, or maybe you are new to the St. Luke's Family. So I am glad to be able to send out an invitation to join us next September 2022 for an 11 day tour, Sept. 21/Oct 1, 2022. The tour includes 9 Breakfasts and 7 Dinners. Cost \$4099

Brochures are in the narthex, if you want more information contact me at the following:

443-487-2317 or e-mail

bpalochonski@yahoo.com

Space maybe limited due to this is a postponed tour.

Brent Palochonski



"I wonder what it would be like to have walked with Martin Luther?"

Youth Group Planning Mission Event

3 Day Event:

Thursday July 8th

Friday July 9th

Saturday July 10th

9:00am until

3:00pm

All youth are welcome! If you are entering 6th grade in the fall and up to High School. Also looking for volunteer Adult helpers and this includes those previous youth group members who have graduated.

Wear old cool clothes. We will be working outside with

gardening and landscaping.

Lunch will be provided and Saturday evening we will have a cookout with youth and their family.

For more information contact Jeffrey Bassler or call church office

Volunteers Needed

Do you know how to sew a little?

Join are group we are making Cardiac Pillows for the CCH.

Contact Church office if interested 410-653-6771 or stlukes5@verizon.net

Would you like to help during Worship Services?

Greeters, Ushers, Acolyte, Communion Assistant and Lectures are needed.

Or are you a behind the scene worker?

We need people to prep sanctuary prior to service, setup communion and clean up/close sanctuary after service.

If able to help contact the church office



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NEWSLETTER**

DEADLINE:

Sunday, July 25th

**If you would like in-
formation in the next
edition please e-mail**

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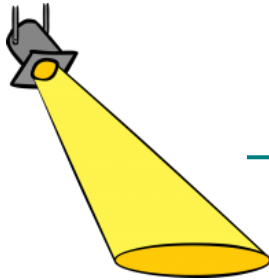
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Sunday Worship Services start at 9:00am

We will continue to live stream the service on Facebook. After the service a YouTube link will be sent out e-mail. If you wish to have communications from the church sent to you via e-mail and do not already, send your e-

Facebook:

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Church**

Donations Needed:

Union Bridge Food Pantry

Collecting non perishable food items to help those who are hungry in Union Bridge area.

Collection Basket is in Church's sanctuary Narthex.

Committee Spotlight:

This is the first edition of "Committee Spotlight" to focus on a specific committee at St. Luke's (Winters) Church. The Evangelism team (E-team) was set up to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through thoughts, words, and deeds; including hospitality and service to the community. Some of the projects the E-team has initiated are Music on the Main, Rogation Sunday, and Letters to St. Dysmas (anonymous letters of encouragement to

those imprisoned individuals that have turned towards Christ and are now part of a Lutheran program). During COVID, the E-team members sent cards to every congregational member and friends of the church as an outreach to let them know our church family was thinking of them and praying for them. We tend to focus on inclusion and attracting new members. In the past, we have worked on developing, promoting and presenting seminars and guest speakers-including a "Peace of Mind"

seminary on all things dealing with death, as well as the Native American Presentation.

We are looking for interested new members with some fresh ideas of ways to share the Good News to the community. We normally meet once a month (it was the third Tuesday evening of the month before COVID, but we have been meeting by Zoom and occasionally in person since then). If you would like to hear more about what we do, or if you would like to attend our next meeting, please contact the council liaison, Kristen Page at pagealt@yahoo.com or 301-524-5140 or Kellie Mendenhall (witzn2@qis.net).