

Retirement Celebration

Honoring Rev. Lynn Leonard

Sunday, May 29
5pm

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Donations accepted to
cover dinner costs.



Parsonage A/C Update—SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who contributed—the parsonage air conditioner loan has now been covered. As we prepare to welcome Pastor Guthrie, we need to plan for moving expenses and to replace some flooring in the parsonage prior to her arrival. If you are able to contribute for these needs, the Trustees thank you!

Don't forget to also visit our website to give your contributions through the secure tithe.ly system.
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WELCOME, GUESTS!

Children: Thank you for bringing your children with you! They, and the noises they make, are welcome! If you'd like, you may sit with your children in The Dot Spot, where children can play while still being a part of the worship service.

Restrooms: In the hallway outside the sanctuary and the hallway by the kitchen (ADA accessible restrooms in both locations).

We're So Glad You're Here! Thanks for trying something new. This morning we'll make music, pray, and hear more about how we fit into God's great story. Help us connect with you by sharing your information on a visitor card from an usher.

Giving to God is a way we show gratitude, get involved, and let God's blessings grow. There's no obligation, of course - but our ministries are grateful for all your gifts.

Communion is one way we strengthen our connection to Jesus. You do not need to be a member of St. Luke's or any other church. We share this sacrament twice monthly and at other special services.

God is the audience, not us! Participate in our worship as much as you feel comfortable.

This Week's Events:

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

9 Sunday School
 10 Worship Service
 No Kids/Youth Programs

Monday, May 9

1 Parkinson's Support
 5 Food Pantry
 5 Karate
 8 AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 10

10 UMW Friendship Circle

Wednesday, May 11

9-1 Thrift Store
 10:30 Al-Anon
 6-8 City of St Pete Community Meeting—5th Ave Crossings

Thursday, May 12

9-1 Thrift Store
 11:30 Al-Anon
 5 Karate
 7 AA Meeting

Friday, May 13

7:30 ACA Group

Saturday, May 14

9-1 Thrift Store

Sunday, May 15

9 Sunday School
 10 Worship
 3-4:30 Kids/Youth—Serve

Save the Date!

It's already time to look ahead to Vacation Bible School! **June 20-24** will be time for our young friends to get On The Case, because growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! If you want to be a part of the fun, speak to Maresi!

Order Of Worship

10 am Service

May 8, 2022

Please silence electronic devices. Prayer Cards, Visitor Cards, & Giving Envelopes are available from an usher. Your giving may be left in one of the plates in the rear of the sanctuary.



Prelude *The Church In The Wildwood* Peggy BeVile

Welcome & Ministry Opportunities Pastor Lynn Leonard

Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

Invocation

Call To Worship

Leader: God has made this day.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad.

Leader: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

People: Thanks be to God.

All: Glory be to God, our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ, and to the Spirit our Comfort. Amen.

Hymn Of Praise 173 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies*

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known
 Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God
 But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
 Before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry
 We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high

Congregational Prayer

God, we thank you for your love and your grace so abundant, so overflowing, that you receive us in spite our timid lives of faith. As you encouraged the first Christians to witness in the face of all risks, encourage us to follow your call rather than to cower before the powerful. Grant us peace in the midst of the challenge; and fill us with your Holy Spirit, through the risen Christ. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Special Music *Would I Have Answered When You Called*
Chancel Singers

Scripture *John 10: 22-30*

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

Children's Moment

Message *What We Know* Pastor Lynn Leonard

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory *Blessed Savior Of All* Peggy BeVille

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen**

Hymn of Dedication 347 *Spirit Song*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are

We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosom fill
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still

Benediction

Postlude *Mighty Maker of All* Peggy BeVille

Weekly Lectionary Scriptures

The scriptures for Revised Common Lectionary this week, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C:

Psalm 23
Acts 9: 36-43
Revelation 7: 9-14
John 10: 22-30

And for next week, the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

Psalm 148
Acts 11: 1-8
Revelation 21: 1-6
John 13: 31-35

2022 Graduates—Information Needed

If you or an immediate family member is graduating this spring, we'd like to celebrate that accomplishment! Please let us know about your graduation from High School, College or University, or Job Training program by emailing Maresi—send your/their name, school/program, special awards/achievements, future plans, and a photo by Sunday, May 15 to: familyministries@st-lukesumc.com.

Scholarship Opportunity

The Richard Jackson Scholarship is available to anyone who is attending college or a career training program, and has not previously received this scholarship. Applicants must write a one page paper telling how they sense God working in their life and how the scholarship would help them meet their goals. The Jackson family provides this \$2,500 scholarship every year in loving memory of their son, Richard, who was an active member of St. Luke's and the youth program. Applications are available in the church office beginning May 1. You may also get an application via E-mail. Send your request to: sunnystp@aol.com or call Sunny Roberts at 727-366-5990. Deadline for turning in applications is May 31. The recipient will be announced on June 26.

WHO TO CONTACT:

If you have questions about the below areas, please directly contact the leader who can help you so your needs can be addressed more quickly:

Staff-Parish Committee: Bruce Mook 727-323-3320

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