



Happy Birthday America!

As we celebrate our nation's 247th birthday on July 4th, Independence Day, it is good to hear anew the inspiring quotes inscribed at monuments in our nation's capitol.

- "Praise be to God." - Washington Monument
- "From these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion - that this nation, under God,

shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." - Lincoln Memorial

- "Those who fell and those who survived have given to this and to future generations an example of high idealism, courageous sacrifice and gallant achievement." - World War I Memorial
- "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." World War II Memorial
- "Our nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met." Korean War Veterans Memorial
- "In memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice." Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- "I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant." Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
- "We claim this ground in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. To honor the 184 people whose lives were lost, their families, and all who sacrifice that we may live in freedom. We will never forget." - The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial

God Bless America!

St. Luke to Again offer Confirmation Instruction for Seventh and Eighth Graders

Confirmation Instruction is a partnership between the church and family meant to help young people learn the basic teachings of faith - the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Holy Sacraments, so that they can affirm their baptisms, and claim the eternal blessings that God bestowed upon them through the water and the Word. During Confirmation we also provide fun fellowship events, worship, games and service opportunities. The weekly lessons follow Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Dave will lead the class on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:15 AM. The program typically is two years. In addition to St. Luke's Seventh and Eighth Graders, if you know of a young person, perhaps a nephew, niece, a grandchild, a neighbor's and/or co-workers child, who does not need to be a member of St. Luke, who could benefit from Confirmation Instruction, please call the church office at (920) 467-6149 . The Sunday School Superintendent, Becky Kuhlrow and/or Pastor Dave will follow up with the parents. Please keep our young people in your prayers, so that as St Paul said to young Timothy: "From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15





St. Luke Would Love to “Let the Children Come Unto Jesus so That God Can Bless Them” - Sunday School to Begin in the Fall

Is there a child, who you know, who does not have a church where he/she can attend Sunday School? Perhaps it's a child of a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, and/or a relative. St. Luke has beautiful classrooms. Dedicated teachers. We have lots of supplies and resources. Sunday School is a time for children to grow in faith, wisdom and grace in a fun and safe environment; to ask questions, to do art projects, to sing age-appropriate songs, to learn timeless Bible stories that help the children learn of God's unconditional love for them, and help them grow to become the person God intends them to be. To fill our Sunday School that runs from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM it will take all of our members to extend the invitation, and then let the church office and/or Pastor Dave know the parent's contact information. "Jesus took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37

On-line Summer Vacation Bible Study

Pastor Dave has prepared three Bible Studies for the summer months. Laura Meyer has put them all on St. Luke's website, and they can be watched at your convenience. The June Bible Study looks at "God's Word for Older Adults". The July Bible Study will focus on "A Time for Peace, and a Time for War". The August Bible Study will help participants become "More Friendly and Caring like Jesus". Each study lasts about a half hour and includes a hymn or two.



Summer Outdoor Worship

A Summer Outdoor Worship Service is scheduled for July 9th at 9:30 AM. Songs and hymns will be led by Pastor Dave on the guitar. Some chairs will be available, but people are encouraged to bring chairs, and perhaps bug spray. No liturgy is planned. The Tanzania Confession of Faith will be in the bulletin. No microphones. If weather is bad, we will hold the service inside. We'll see if we want to do



an August outdoor service. Pastor Dave will tape his sermon ahead of time, and it will be made available on the St. Luke website. The service will include communion and last no longer than forty-five minutes.

July “To Do” List

- Please Keep in Your Prayers the Call Process, our Farm Families, and our Leaders.
- Let the Church Office Know of Your Hospitalizations and Pastoral Care Needs.
- Greet Visitors at Worship. Come early for Fellowship. Sing a little bit louder.
- Help out a Needy Neighbor or an Organization that Helps the Less Fortunate.
- Say a Word of Thanks to the Essential Workers who Provide Services, Support and Care.