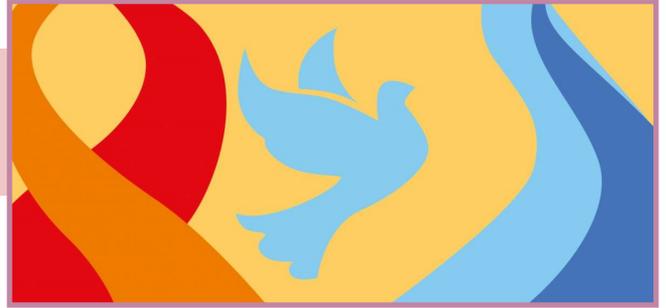


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## Pastor's Musings

Psalm 118:24 says, "This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."

As I take some time to both look back and look ahead, I am constantly amazed at how God has worked in the life of our church. Though not without our issues and concerns, we must always remember that God is sovereign and He is in control.

I am currently reading a couple of history books on Christianity and am currently in the period of about 400 A.D., and once again have found that one of the most consistent aspects about history is its tendency to repeat itself.

Knowing the outcomes of the recent UMC General Conference should not have been a surprise as there was more than sufficient evidence to show what was going to happen based on historical evidences, yet it ended actually worse and faster than most anticipated.

The Rev. Dr. Scott Field, President of the WCA, wrote about the events and titled his article, "The United Methodist Church is No More." In that article he reported:

"The headline issues from the General Conference are the approval of same-sex weddings and marriages in local churches, the regionalization of the denomination so that, as one result, Africans, for example, have no voice in the moral standards of the UMC in the USA, training at all levels of the church in gender fluidity and the intersectional discrimination of whiteness, homophobia, transphobia, and heteronormativity, preparation

for local churches to receive gay/lesbian pastors, a re-statement of possible chargeable offenses against clergy that removes the expectation of "celibacy in singleness and fidelity in marriage", and a closing off of any further congregational disaffiliations in either the USA or internationally."

Yikes! While many are not surprised at the removal of LGBT... stuff, who would have thought that celibacy in singleness or fidelity in marriage would have been removed!

Scott also noted that, "United Methodist laity may be aware that major changes have been approved but aren't clear on what that will mean to them in their local church. Some bishops, recognizing that General Conference aftershocks would rattle the 'folks back home,' are attempting to get ahead of anticipated reactions with messages of assurance that 'nothing will really change.' That is simply, clearly, and unequivocally a misrepresentation of the New UMC." Nothing will really change! This is more of the same we have in that system for decades and as I noted before, these things are results of many other heresies within that system that included things such as not believing Jesus is God.

**However, remember that, "This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it."**



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In another WCA article, The African delegates wrote a statement that they wanted the UMC, the African people, and the rest of the world to know:

“The postponed 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church has changed the United Methodist definition of marriage – not because the Bible has changed. But because western culture has changed. At this Conference The United Methodist Church has chosen to follow what pleases man instead of what pleases God...

“At a past General Conference, we Africans were told that we spoke too loudly and that we should close our mouths. After another General Conference a bishop said we Africans need to grow up and think for ourselves. At this conference many of us were not even provided with the documents we needed to be present.

“One mainstream UMC leader wrote that The United Methodist Church should be willing to lose Africa to fulfill its progressive agenda. It is hard for us to believe we are valued as true brothers and sisters within The United Methodist Church. It is difficult to trust that we are seen as equal partners.

“The United Methodist Church has changed the definition of marriage. It now defines marriage differently from what God created it to be in the beginning (Genesis 2:18, 23-25). It has changed the definition of marriage from how Jesus described it in Matthew 19 as one man and one woman.

“In Africa we do not believe we know better than Jesus. We do not believe we know better than God. We do not believe we know better than the Bible.

“We must now return to Africa and tell our people that The General Conference did not listen to us, does not value us as partners, and is willing to lose us to pursue its liberal western agenda.

“In his sermon to this General Conference, a UM bishop stated that if we cannot get on the UMC train and embrace its destination, we should leave. But what do we do when the train has run over us and left our hearts bleeding with sorrow and pain?

“We want the UMC to hear. We want our people in Africa to hear. We want the world to hear. We do not accept

a change in the definition of marriage, and we will never accept marriage as anything other than one man and one woman, no matter what the Book of Discipline says. We are devastated now to be part of a denomination that officially contradicts the Bible’s teaching on marriage and sexual morality. We return to Africa with important decisions to make regarding the future.

“Still, we go home full of hope, confident in Jesus, standing on the word of God, and determined to contend for the faith once and for all delivered to the saints. We return to Africa where the church is growing, nonbelievers are coming to faith and disciples are being made for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. To God be the glory! Amen!”

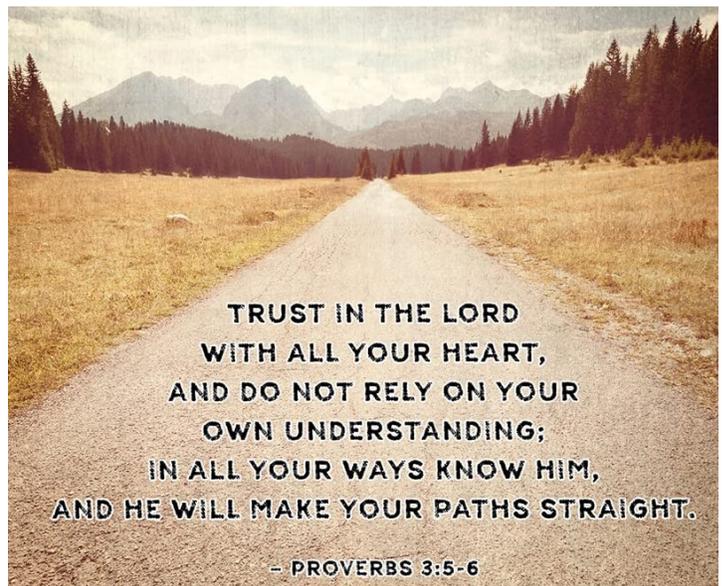
What a remarkable and glorious statement! Thank God for the faithfulness of the true Bible believing Christians in Africa and around the world! And to that all I can say is, thank God for the faithfulness of true Bible believing Christians at St. Luke’s Methodist Church!

Our work is cut out for us and much of it is not easy. Though we will continue to face issues and concerns we know that God is sovereign and He is in control.

Thus I, and we can say, “This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

Peace.

Pastor Dan



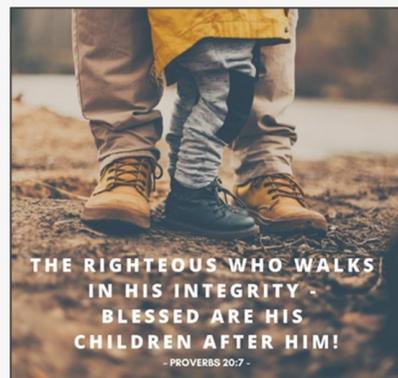
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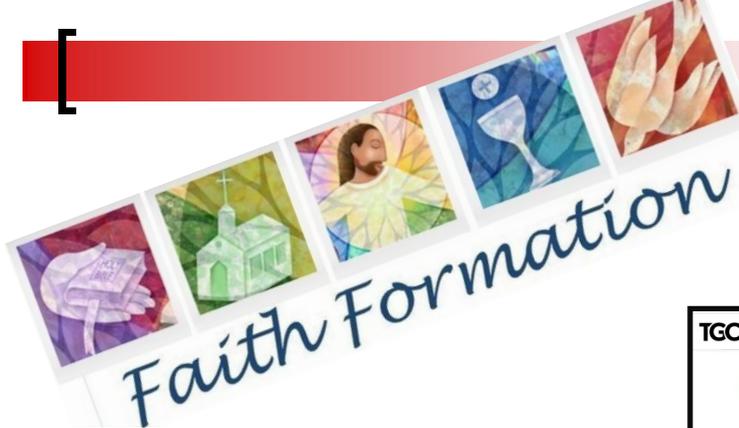


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6pm-8pm  
Dinner @ 5:30pm  
Grades K-5

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So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up. —Romans 14:19

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**Summer Reading: A Grade-by-Grade Recommended Reading List for Kids**

JUSTIN TAYLOR — MAY 24, 2018

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*"It is true, of course, that what is an unspeakable gift of God for the lonely individual is easily disregarded and trodden under foot by those who have the gift every day. It is easily forgotten that the fellowship of the Christian brethren is a gift of grace, a gift of the kingdom of God that any day may be taken from us, that the time that still separates us from utter loneliness may be brief indeed. Therefore, let him who until now has had the privilege of living a common Christian life with other Christians praise God's grace from the bottom of his heart. Let him thank God on his knees and declare: It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren." Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



# pray.

## Prayer Concerns for June and July

Rogelio Rosado, Darren Cohee, Katelyn Thompson, Keliani Maloney, Eleanor Smith, Sylvia Holland, Linda Turner, Lenore Retzolk, Amelia Cauffman, Ruth Moore, Bruce Hastings, Patsy Biggers, John Resdin, Lauren Gedman, Michael Mumford, Patty Downes, Jason Lee, Mary Lynn Meloni, Glenn Owen, and Owen Wise.

**In sympathy to the family and friends of those who have passed away since our last newsletter:** Joe Shortall, Thomas Remley, Nora “Pinkey” Kirsch, Patti Butterworth, and Kevin Menzel.

**Prayers for those serving in the U.S. Military:** Chelsea Bunker, Seth Gill, Gabe Griffith, Ethan Lister, Teagan Lister, Matthew Parker, and Jake Schroeder.

To add names to any of our lists, we ask that you either call (410-479-2171), e-mail, ([stlukesdenton@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesdenton@gmail.com)), or put a prayer card in the collection plate. Please be sure to include your name and telephone number so that we can contact you regarding the status of the person needing prayer; otherwise, the name will be removed after a few weeks.

The prayer team is continuing to remember many on our list who ask for prayer, but do not wish to be on the public list. Please know that we try to honor all requests and often call for updates. If someone has been in a stable situation in a nursing home or is homebound, please contact us if that changes. Also, **except for phone calls, please give information in writing, as there are too many changes to remember otherwise.**

*Thank you for your care, concern, and prayer for our church family members and beyond!*

## The Vision of Making the Northeast GMC a Prayer-based Church

The future of the Northeast GMC is heavily dependent on our prayers.

The 31 members of the Northeast Transitional Conference Advisory Team met for the first time on May 1, 2023. At that first meeting, the very first team formed was the Prayer Steering Team. We want to see every local church of the Northeast GMC have a prayer point person and a prayer room. We want every local church of the Northeast GMC to be a praying church and every congregation to be a praying people.

The Northeast GMC could have great, wonderful ministries and well organized structures; however, if we stop praying, those ministries and structures will eventually collapse.

Please pray for the Northeast GMC so that the vision of making the Northeast GMC as a prayer-based church will be fulfilled.

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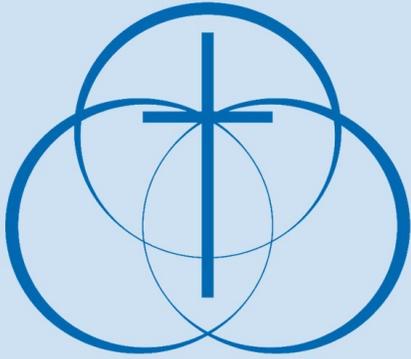
There are a variety of ways to use your gifts and talents to serve God at St. Luke's!

We need volunteers from the Ignite service to lock-up the church starting in June, people to help with VBS in July, as well as volunteers for our booth at Summerfest in August.

Contact the office if you can help, or if you can serve as an Usher or Liturgist at worship services, or serve on one of the Leadership Committees. Find your place to use your gifts!



# *St. Luke's Methodist*



**Quarterly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 11th @ 6:30pm**

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:14-16

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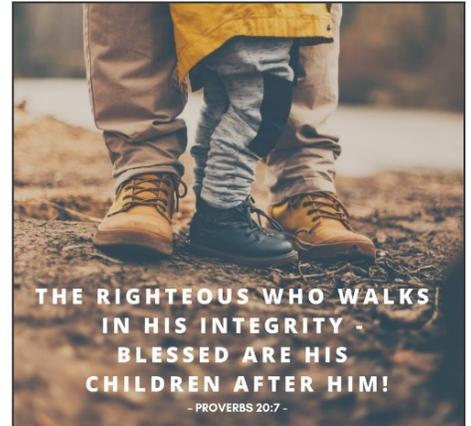
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- His Hope Ministries (Denton)*
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# 2024 Graduate Information

For the publication on Graduate Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>



Full Name of Graduate (from High School or College):

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Will be attending Graduation Recognition Sunday on **June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024** and would like to be recognized during:

- 8:30 a.m. service
- 9:40 a.m. service
- Will not be able to attend

**Please Print**

Parents' Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please return this form to the St. Luke's Church office by Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a current photo to be used in our graduate publication.**

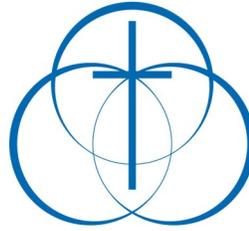
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