

# Saint Luke Messenger



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WEEKS OF JUNE 24 AND JULY 1, 2018

**June 24— Festival of John the Baptist**  
**Holy Communion at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**  
**Youth Gathering Commissioning 10:30**  
**Mobile Giving Sign Up Desk—following worship**  
**Misa En Español 5:00 p.m.**



**July 1 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Holy Communion at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.**  
**Music for July 4th**



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Ministry Congregation



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**LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL**  
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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### June 24 — John the Baptist

The birth and naming of John ends his father Zechariah's silence. He announces the child's name given by the angel and speaks a prophecy about the newborn infant.

**Luke 1:57-67[68-80]**

### July 1 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

**Mark 5:21-43**

### Sunday, June 24, 2018

9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
10:00 AM	Mobile Giving Signup Desk	Fireside Room
10:30 AM	Holy Communion/Youth Gathering	Commissioning Nave
11:30 AM	Mobile Giving Signup Desk	Fireside Room
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall
5:00 PM	Misa En Español	Nave

### Monday, June 25, 2018

11:00 AM	Isenberg Memorial Service	Chapel
12:00 PM	Isenberg Reception	Fireside Room
6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102

### Tuesday, June 26, 2018

5:00 AM	Youth Gathering Send off/Breakfast	Fireside Room
6:00 AM	Primary Election	Great Hall
1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Chapel
7:00 PM	OA	Library

### Wednesday, June 27, 2018

12:01 AM	ELCA Youth Gathering	
12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room

### Thursday, June 28, 2018

12:01 AM	ELCA Youth Gathering	
8:30 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

### Friday, June 29, 2018

12:01 AM	ELCA Youth Gathering	
12:30 PM	A.R.T.S. Anonymous	Seminar Room

### Saturday, June 30, 2018

12:01 AM	ELCA Youth Gathering	
9:15 AM	Alanon	Luther Room
9:30 AM	AA	Bieber Hall

### Sunday, July 1, 2018

12:01 AM	ELCA Youth Gathering	
9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
11:45 AM	Music for July Fourth	Nave
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

**Monday, July 2, 2018**

1:00 AM Youth Gathering Returns Fireside Room  
6:00 PM Yoga 101-102

**Tuesday, July 3, 2018**

1:30 PM Centering Prayer Chapel  
7:00 PM OA Library

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

**Thursday, July 5, 2018**

8:30 PM AA Bieber Hall

**Friday, July 6, 2018**

12:30 PM A.R.T.S. Anonymous Seminar Room

**Saturday, July 7, 2018**

9:00 AM Fair Trade Set Up Fireside Room  
9:15 AM Alanon Luther Room  
9:30 AM AA Bieber Hall

**YOUTH AND ADULTS FROM SAINT LUKE AND LA SAGRADA** will be traveling to the **2018 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING** in Houston this week. During the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, June 24 we will commission them for this life-changing journey. We will be sending 29 to this wonderful event and they will join 30,000 youth from around the nation for a week of life changing faith formation activities. Watch the listserv and ways to livestream the event. Thank you for your support and your prayers for safe travel.

**OVER 125 CHILDREN REGISTERED** to attend “Shipwrecked” VBS which happened June 18-22. Vacation Bible School was led by about 25 teens and 25 adults. The lessons focused on learning how God rescues us when we are lonely, worry, struggle, do wrong, and powerless. Thank you to the many adults and teens that volunteered their time to share God’s word and love to the many children that participated. Thank you especially to Melissa Groen, our Director of Children’s Ministries, for her stellar leadership. Yes, on behalf of all of us, “You are awesome, Mrs. Groen!”

**MUSIC FOR JULY FOURTH!** Dr. Pannebaker will present a mini-recital of music appropriate for July Fourth **next Sunday, July 1**, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Come and join us as we prepare to celebrate our nation’s 242<sup>nd</sup> anniversary!

**ORDER OF ST. JOHN - URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS** We are in need of volunteers for the **9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services**. Youth and adults can assist in leading worship through their participation as crucifer (carrying the cross), banner bearer, and torch bearers. Sign up on the link <http://saintluke.us/order-of-saint-john/> to participate in this important ministry. New volunteers, please contact [Kathy Bergeron at bergeron25@gmail.com](mailto:bergeron25@gmail.com) to coordinate a short training session.

**HEADS-UP FOR CHOIR CAMP 2018.** Registration forms are available in the *Happenings* kiosk for Choir Camp, **July 16-20 from 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.** This is a wonderful experience for children who have completed grades 1-5. We will learn all about musical instruments. Afternoon field trips will round out each day. Register now!

**BOOK AND VIDEO** will not meet during the summer months, but on **September 18**, we will read and discuss *Killers of the Flower Moon* which describes how

the Osage people were driven from their lands in Kansas onto a rocky portion of northwestern Oklahoma — out of sight, out of mind. It became apparent within a few decades, however, that immense oil deposits pooled below those Oklahoma rocks.

**ANNOUNCING A NEW STEPHEN MINISTRY** course starting in the fall. If you are interested in this one-to-one caring ministry and would like to know more about what being a Stephen Minister entails, please see Pastor Miller or Ruth Manchester [rmanchester@saintluke.us](mailto:rmanchester@saintluke.us) The course will start **September 12**, and continue through mid-December as a required 50 hours of training is necessary to become a Stephen Minister. Saint Luke is celebrating being a Stephen Ministry congregation for 20 years! How we give thanks for this important ministry.

**DO YOU HAVE A SMART PHONE/ WOULD YOU LIKE TO SIMPLIFY** your giving? Saint Luke now has a very easy program for mobile giving. **Sunday, June 24**, following each service, members of the Stewardship team will be in the Fireside Room to walk you through the process. It's easy—very easy, and you can set up one time giving or recurring giving. When we are on vacation our gifts will still go to the Lord's work. See you June 24.

**THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** has made a decision—how exciting! The Council will be meeting and soon we hope to have an answer from the candidate. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guides and we might be able to announce the news in the next weeks. Thank you for your continued prayers during this process.

**HE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of the following supplies: canned fruit & vegetables, spaghetti sauce, tuna, peanut butter and jelly. Please place donated items in the grocery cart located near the glass porch.

**ALTAR FLOWER** dedications are always needed and welcomed. If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar in the nave or in the chapel for a special occasion, in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone special in your life, please contact the church office.

**NEED A PASTORAL CALL?** When you are sick at home and need spiritual care, or if you need to go to a hospital, you can help us by calling the church. Give your name and, if you are going to be hospitalized, the date you are going to be admitted and the hospital name. If you know of one of our parishioners who is hospitalized, you can also help by getting their permission and calling the church and letting our pastors know. Unfortunately, hospitals do not call the church with this information. YOU are the necessary link! Call us at 301-588-4363 also when you are sick at home and desire the spiritual care of Saint Luke.

**HAVE YOU EVER CHECKED** out the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America website? It is [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org) There find all the wonderful missions and ministry we support, social statements that guide us, information about the latest Lutheran and ecumenical programs and so much more. Next time you surf the net, check it out.

**THE 2018 SUMMER THEOLOGICAL OFFERING** (formerly Lay School of Theology) at the United Lutheran Seminary, Gettysburg Campus, announces its offering—"Understand Muslims and Islam in a Polarized America." From **July 22-28**, you will be on campus for these informative sessions. More information on price, alternative scheduling, and the speakers' topics will be found in the *Happenings* kiosk across from the church office.

**SAINT LUKE IS STRIVING TO BE GREEN.** Electronic communication helps the environment (and our budget). If you do not have email, however, and would like a paper copy in the mail, please do let the church office know. Thanks so much.

***“GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR...”***

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, JULY 22**

**Saint Luke Summer Symposium all about**

**IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEES**

**Special Guest Preacher, Lunch for all in the Great Hall**

**Program in the Nave**

**Featuring speakers from Congress, Human Rights Secretary from the Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran Im-**

**migration and Refugee Services, CASA Maryland,**

**panel, Q&A etc.**

**See the full set of displays in the Fireside Room, too!**

Did you know the Lutheran Church has settled 500,000 refugees the past 80 years? What was that like then and what is our call as we move forward? How do we respond to people at the border who need help? What is the church doing? What is the future?

July 22...yes that's

**July 22**

Specific speakers announced soon —Mark your calendar

**PRAYER FOR THE NATION**

**During the week of July 4**

*Holy Trinity, one God, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Make us, who came from many nations with many languages, a united people that delights in our many different gifts. Defend our liberties, and give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice, and peace in our land. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our sovereign and Savior. Amen.*

(ELW p. 77)