

# Saint Luke Messenger



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WEEKS OF JULY 23 AND JULY 30, 2017

**Sunday, July 23 — Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

*Holy Communion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.*



*The Kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed.*

**Sunday, July 30 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

*Holy Communion 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.*

**FAIR TRADE SUNDAY**



Saint Luke is a Stephen  
Ministry Congregation



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

### **July 23— The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

### **July 30 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

**Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

### **Sunday, July 23, 2017**

9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
10:30 AM	Welcome Gathering	Luther Room
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

### **Monday, July 24, 2017**

6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102
7:00 PM	Congregation Council	Fireside Room

### **Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

1:30 PM	Centering Prayer	Chapel
6:30 PM	Hallowood Board	Fireside Room
7:00 PM	OA	Library

### **Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room
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### **Thursday, July 27, 2017**

8:30 PM	AA	Bieber Hall
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### **Saturday, July, 29, 2017**

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

### **Sunday, July 30, 2017 Fair Trade Sunday**

9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

### **Monday, July 31, 2017**

6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102
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### **Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

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

### **Wednesday, August 2, 2017**

12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room
5:30 PM	Sarah-Lydia Circle	Fireside Room

**Thursday, August 3, 2017**

8:30 PM AA

Bieber Hall

**Saturday, August 5, 2017**

9:15 AM Alanon

Luther Room

9:30 AM AA

Bieber Hall

**SAINT LUKE IS INVITED TO HELP** Lutheran Social Services celebrate 100 years of caring for your neighbor. How? We are invited to a picnic **Saturday, August 12** from **3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.** at Carderock Picnic pavilion, C & O Canal National Historical Park in Potomac, MD. The cost is only \$5.00 per person. To sign up, go to the LSS web site at <https://www.lssnca.org>. Or contact Ruth Manchester for more information. It promises to be a fun afternoon.

**KEEPING CONNECTIONS WILL BE THE** theme beginning with the program year this fall. You might remember the Making Connections theme this past year, especially the stewardship gatherings. Well, now it is time to keep connections and celebrate the community in Jesus Christ we share. One way this will happen is through regular congregation brunches (yum!). The first brunch will happen **Sunday, October 15, The Festival of Saint Luke.**

**THIS YEAR IS THE 500th ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION AND** we are celebrating, along with the whole Church around the world. Reserve the dates of **Saturday-Sunday, October 28-29.** Yes, Martin Luther will be back with us but he will be bringing a **VERY SPECIAL SURPRISE guest.** Let us celebrate. Let us give thanks that we are saved by grace through faith—wonderful!

**SUMMER LEARNING** – Check out the books and videos on the credenza in the Fireside Room It's all part of the Summer Learning effort which started with the bulletin inserts. Also, check out the short videos playing each week that explore our ministry.

**A CPR CLASS WILL BE** offered from **9:00 until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 12.** Invited are ushers, staff, and members of the congregation. The cost for members is \$45.00 payable on that day. Save a life. Contact Ruth Manchester at [rmanchester@saintluke.us](mailto:rmanchester@saintluke.us) if interested.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY** is looking for men and women who love God and feel called to share God's word with the young children (3 year olds-5th graders) of our congregation beginning this fall. Contact Melissa Groen at [mgroen@saintluke.us](mailto:mgroen@saintluke.us) if you have interest in being an important part of the Sunday School ministry.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**, a one-to-one caring ministry, offers the opportunity to walk with someone who has undergone a major life change. We are recruiting potential Stephen Ministers at this time as a new class will be starting early fall. Saint Luke collaborates with the DC Area Stephen Ministry Network. These classes start **September 12**, go through **December 19**, and are held at St. Columba's Church, 4201 Albermarle St. NW. If you are interested, please contact [rmanchester@saintluke.us](mailto:rmanchester@saintluke.us) or see Pastor Miller as well. Thank you.

**THE MEN'S GROUP** will meet on **Saturday, August 12** at 915 Highland Drive from **8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.** for bible study and breakfast. This month we will study Romans 7:7-25. All men are invited. Please take some time to meet new friends and enjoy fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Thomas at [dthomas@saintluke.us](mailto:dthomas@saintluke.us) or Pastor Nuss at [gnuss@saintluke.us](mailto:gnuss@saintluke.us).

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### ***BACKPACK PROJECT***

Once again, working with Lutheran Campus Ministry of College Park and the CARing (Children At Risk) Project, we are collecting school supplies and backpacks for local children in need. Below is the list of requested supplies.

- Backpacks
- Pencil pouch with zipper
- #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- Small covered pencil sharpener
- Pink erasers
- Glue sticks (**NO WHITE GLUE BOTTLES**)
- Student scissors (5+ style)
- Box of crayons (regular 24 count)
- Colored pencils (12 pack)
- Colored Markers
- Plastic Ruler ( inches and centimeters)
- Compositions books (wide ruled)
- Post it notes (3x3)
- Several pocket folders (solid colors only)
- Hi Liters
- NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS**

**On two Sundays, August 6 and August 13, we will bring the school supplies to tables in the front of the nave as we come to Communion.** (You may also bring your items to Saint Luke at any time and place in the designated box in the Fireside Room.)

Monetary gifts are also welcome with checks payable to Saint Luke. On **Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15**, the backpacks will be assembled in the Fireside Room at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed. Please notify Nancy Shaffer at [wandn.shaffer@comcast.net](mailto:wandn.shaffer@comcast.net), or 301-490-3198 as to which day (s) you can help.

**DURING THE SUMMER THERE WILL** be several opportunities to learn about Saint Luke and the faith we share. This Welcome Gathering is also the first step toward becoming a member at Saint Luke. Please help pass the word. If you would like to attend or know someone who would be interested, kindly let Deacon Warfield, [kwarfield@saintluke.us](mailto:kwarfield@saintluke.us) or Pastor Miller, [camiller@saintluke.us](mailto:camiller@saintluke.us) know.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
FOR THE  
ANNUAL CELEBRATION  
AND START-UP**

**“GOD’S WORK OUR HANDS  
SUNDAY”**

**Sunday, September 10  
Festival Worship Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Followed by lunch  
and**

**CONGREGATION  
SERVANT PROJECT**

**What is a Packshack Party? Come  
and see as we all participate in  
assembling 25,000 bags of dry goods  
for meals to be shared with people in  
need around the world.**

**Worship also at 9:00 a.m.**