



HOLY WEEK AT SAINT LUKE Sunday, March 24 - Sunday, March 31

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

DRAMATIC READING OF THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. MARK



MONDAY/TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY

12:00 noon READINGS/PRAYERS FOR HOLY WEEK Online Only

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Full Liturgy, Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 – 3:00 p.m. SEVEN LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS
(Seven different meditations)

7:00 p.m. CHORAL SERVICE

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Théodore Dubois

Choir, Orchestra, Word, Prayer

HOLY SATURDAY

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt



EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. FESTIVAL WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. **EASTER FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

11:15 a.m. FESTIVAL WORSHIP

FACILITIES

Way Cool!

It was way cool to see our new cooling tower come in on the back of a semi-truck, be hauled to the roof



with a gigantic crane, and the old 30+ year-old broken tower be hauled off to be recycled. After a week of connecting the plumbing and electric, the tower is ready to keep us cool in the upcoming months. The new tower is also significantly more efficient and will lower our air conditioning costs. Indeed, we will **all** be way cool this summer!

SLSHY

Time to signup: ELCA Youth Gathering

Be a part of something huge! This summer 30,000 Lutheran youth and young adults will gather in New Orleans on July 15-21, and will be changed forever.

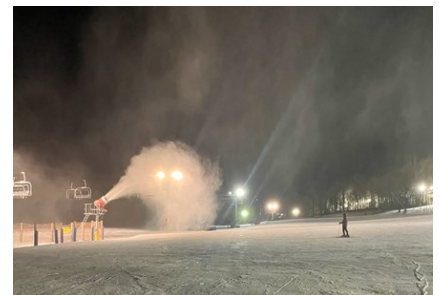
The gathering is chocked full of activities including mass gatherings of all 30,000 people, live music, service projects, motivational speakers, all sorts of fun activities, and so much more. The gathering is for those in 8th grade through 35 years old. If you would like information on the gathering, go to SLSHY.us or contact Deacon Warfield at kwarfield@saintluke.us. Registration is open until April 15. Join us and be prepared to be changed!



Taking to the slopes...

After a warmer than normal February and a solid week of rain that forced ski slopes to close, the high school and young adult ministry was lucky that their scheduled ski trip was on the evening after our largest snowstorm of the winter! What fun we all had in the

fresh new fallen snow. This was the first time that three of our youth were ever on skis, and by the end of the night they were sailing down the hills in style. The five young adults broke off in a sub group and had a lovely dinner at the historic Ott house in Emmitsburg while the five SLSHY high school students had dinner at TGI Fridays in Frederick. It was a beautiful evening to remember!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

We need you!

For what, you might ask? Have you heard about K.I.T., our program for Keeping in Touch with our friends in the faith community?

Could you write a note, card, or e-mail someone at least quarterly? A phone call would also be welcome. You will receive a name or names from Pastor Miller, Ruth Manchester or Kathy Bergeron. Then, start corresponding. You will receive the recipient's birth date or any other significant days in which you might remember your partner. Then there's Easter, Christmas, Valentine's Day—so many opportunities to Keep in Touch.

Also, if you know of someone who would benefit from the program, tell us. And if you would like to be a recipient, wonderful. Let us know.

Loneliness has been an ongoing problem, and we realize that the Pandemic didn't help. Many faithful members and friends of Saint Luke can no longer attend services in person; they would love to hear from you. So how do I get involved? E-mail Kathy at bergeron25@gmail.com or Ruth Manchester, Parish Nurse, at rmanchester@saintluke.us or call the church office at 301-588-4363. Thank you for considering this ministry.



WELCA Welcomes You

The Women of the Evangelical Church (WELCA) is *a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit; we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.* This is the mission statement of WELCA. Saint Luke has the WELCA Mary-Martha Circle that meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. via Zoom. We utilize the WELCA magazine, **Gather**, for our Bible study. During the year, WELCA sponsors projects such as the mitten tree at Christmas (42 items collected) and baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief. If you'd like more information, please contact Barbara Sensenig at basensenig@gmail.com or Barbara Sanders at bsanderslwv@gmail.com. Join us. It's a good way to meet and make new friends, study the Bible, and contribute to those in need.



Women of the **ELCA** 

SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE

1000 Children's Kits and More!

What a wonderful day it was, Sunday, February 25. We heard a greeting from Pastor Rose Mary from Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey, El Paso. We understood the great need, and we got down to work.

All generations contributed to assembling 1000 bags for the refugee children at the border, some made

cards, at least 28 cards, we collected 184 pair of new socks and 23 pair of new sneakers. Wow!

All then enjoyed a delicious luncheon, listened to the band from George Mason, and celebrated who we are in the community of Christ.

Thanks to all the volunteers and everyone who joined in, and so may who contributed financially.

At least two pallets of supplies then will be shipped to El Paso in the coming weeks. More on that later. Enjoy the photos!



CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

Helping Others

February kept us all busy at CDS. We learned about and celebrated the Lunar New Year. Did you know it's the year of the dragon? We hosted a service project: Share the Love food drive. All donations will be presented to the Saint Luke Food Pantry. We are very grateful to the CDS families that were so generous with their donations! (see picture)

On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Miller led chapel, explaining what ashes were and how during Lent we get ready for Easter.

Initial enrollment for SY2024-2025 has been good, and there are still spaces to enroll. To learn more and apply on-line, visit www.saintlukekids.org. Stu-

dents will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Call to schedule a tour today, 301-588-3866.



Thank You Mrs. Zandarski-Pica Welcome Mrs. Kingcade

As you all know we have been on a search for a new Christian Day School Director for many months. We thank Mrs. Zandarski-Pica for staying on until a successor was found. Mrs. Z-P has been our leader for 9 years and brought so many gifts to the school. We especially thank her for guiding all of us at the school through the pandemic. This was an enormous feat – wow! God sent us the right person for the right time when God blessed us with Mrs. Z-P. Now, the CDS Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it has hired Tracy-Ann S. Kingcade to be the new CDS Director.

Mrs. Kingcade comes to us from North Carolina where she has held several positions in the area of early childhood education over the last 14 years. (Actually, she also lived in Rockville for time when she was at Montgomery Community College.) Most recently she served as the Director of the Celebree School in Fort Hill, NC.

Mrs. Kingcade and her husband will be relocating to Maryland and she will officially begin normal hours at CDS on Tuesday, March 12.

Thank you for your prayers of great thanksgiving for Mrs. Zandarski-Pica, and now prayers of welcome for Mrs. Kingcade.

CHILDREN'S AND AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM MINISTRIES

Sharing God's Love

During January and February, the Sunday School has been learning several Old Testament stories. However, the children also learned about the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) that Jesus gives to "Love the Lord your God" and "Love your neighbor as yourself." With Valentine's Day also in February, the children put their faith in action to help share God's love with those that were homebound in the congregation, or those who needed an extra dose of love from the community. They made over 30 cards for others as well as Valentine crafts to take home for themselves or to give someone else. There was also a Valentine card making event that several Saint Luke CDS families attended.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is June 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The theme is Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God. Children will participate in story time, recreation/games, science, mission (service), and more. Online registration for PreK (children turned 4 years by 9/1/2023) through current 5th graders is now open! Register children as campers or teens (middle or high school youth) as

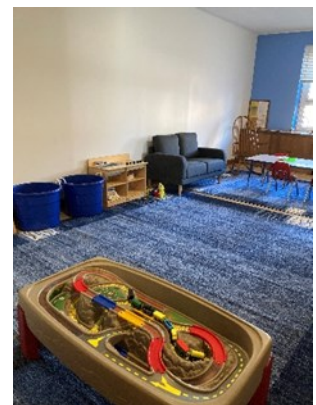
volunteers at www.slvbs.us.

No matter your age, you are a child of God! One of the gifts of a community of Christ is it is a body made up of children of God of all ages where people can learn from, interact with, and support people of all generations. Hence, Saint Luke encourages families with young children to worship in the sanctuary with their children. There are children's worship bulletins, crayons, books, and quiet bags at the back of the sanctuary for children to use during worship. However, sometimes children need to wiggle so that is where Kids' Corner comes in! Kids' Corner is a room on the first floor in the Sunday School wing (straight down the hall from the double doors on the pulpit side of the sanctuary) where children can wiggle, play, read books, be fed, and they and their parents/caregivers can still worship as the service is livestreamed in the room. This is not a nursery as children are not dropped off here. This is a place of respite where children are with their parents/caregivers, can come when they need a break in the sanctuary, and then return to the sanctuary when they are ready. This room can also be used by anyone who needs a sensory break and still wants to continue to worship before returning to the sanctuary. Contact Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us with any questions.



Learning about God's Promises By Learning About Noah

Welcome to Kids' Corner



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES CONT.

God's Greatest Commandment and Valentine Card Making



A New Kind Of Easter Lily

Back by popular demand, it's the new kind of Easter Lily. **This year it looks much like a food card, much needed as we care for those in our local area. More than ever, so many around us are food insecure.** Yes, this year instead of giving Easter lilies in remembrance or in honor of a loved one, we are doing the same, only giving to eradicate hunger in our community.

Each month, Saint Luke distributes aid to those referred by agencies. The number right now is growing and we especially think of the children. Now more than ever these gifts continue to be needed.

Please consider giving an Easter Lily for local hunger relief. All dedications will be printed in the worship bulletin for the festival Easter services.

Deadline for all dedications: **Wednesday, March 27.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to give this year's "new kind of Easter Lily" or go to sl dedication.us



Sharing

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The Word

Sunday March 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Sunday March 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Sunday March 24 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Mark 14:1 — 15:47

Sunday March 31 Resurrection of Our Lord, East- er Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

