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## Camp Overlook

Summer registration forms have already been sent off to camp but it's not too late to sign up. If you haven't registered, you may do so by mailing a form directly to the

camp. If you are going one of the two weeks that our church is attending in mass (July 3 and 17) then be sure to let Pastor Clara know you want to ride the

bus with St. Luke's. Camp Overlook is online at [www.gbgn-umc.org/campoverlook/home.html](http://www.gbgn-umc.org/campoverlook/home.html)

## There's Still Time to Sign-up for the New Directory!!

### There is still time to sign up for the new St. Luke's Photo Directory!

We want everyone to be a part of our new directory! Sign up for your portrait appointment online at our website or call Amy Brice at 240-4933.

- Portraits are **free** and LifeTouch will send you a complimentary 8x10 print just for coming! If you would like to order additional prints, price sheets are available at the Hospitality Desk in the

Narthex.

- Save \$15 on your print order! If you sign up online and enter your email address, LifeTouch will send you a \$10 coupon. Save an additional \$5 by bringing an item for our Food Pantry to your portrait session.
- Have an active duty military member in your family? Submit a digital photo to Amy Brice at [bricefamily4@gmail.com](mailto:bricefamily4@gmail.com) for the Military Page of the

directory.

- To reserve a free copy of the new directory, sign up for a portrait! If you don't get a picture taken, directories will be available first-come-first-served while supplies last.
- We need your help! See the directory volunteer bulletin board across from Pastor Doug's office or contact Amy Brice to help make the directory a success!

## St. Luke's Drama Troupe

St. Luke's is forming a drama troupe. The first event planned for this group is a dramatic read for Sunday morning's scripture on May 8, 2011. The group will

practice May 4 (Wednesday evenings) from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Any one of any age is invited to attend and participate. Mitzi La-Paugh will be giving leadership. If

you have any questions, contact Pastor Clara at 898-3017 or [assoc@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:assoc@stlukesyorktown.org).

### Virginia Conference Help for the Rappahannock District

When asked what churches could do to help, Joe Carson, Rappahannock DS said "the best thing churches can do right now is pray, begin organizing volunteer teams for later work trips, and donate money. We do not need donated food or clothing. As is most often the case in disaster response, money is the most flexible, helpful, and easily managed gift anyone can give." Checks should be made payable to "St. Luke's UMC" with "Virginia Tornado/Storm Damage" indicated on the memo line and place in the offering plate.

Sunday Worship -  
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM  
Young Adult Sunday School -  
9:00 & 11:00 AM  
Sunday School, All ages -  
9:45 AM  
Youth Fellowship - 5:00 &  
6:00 PM

# St. Luke's Preschool



As I write what will be my last newsletter article for St. Luke's Outlook, I am reflecting on the many years I have spent as a part of St. Luke's staff. It has been a time of growth – for this church, for the Preschool, and for me. There has been a lot of changes since my first day here – 3 Pastors and Associate Pastors, 2 Directors of Discipleship Ministries, 13 Charge Conferences, and our school growing from two classes for 28 students to five classes with over 60! To grow, there must be change. Change is not always easy. I think of change as a bucket of water. Right now, the water is pretty smooth. When I pull my hand out of that bucket, the waters will ripple. When a new hand goes in, there will be a few more ripples but, in time, the waters will be calm again.

Josie Anderson has been named as my replacement. She and I will spend the next month

working together to assure a smooth transition. Josie will bring a youthful exuberance to this job that I know will become contagious! She has been a part of this church for so many years. She's cared for many of your children in her years in the nursery. She has such a love for children that I know the students of our school will always be a priority to her. She already has many great ideas to keep our school one of the top preschools in York County. She has the full support of the current Preschool Staff, which is the first, most important step in her success and the continued success St. Luke's Preschool.

Thank you for your prayers and support during my time as St. Luke's Preschool Director. As I undertake the new adventures coming my way, I'll do it remembering my time spent with you and your children fondly. It has been a wonderful

experience that has shaped my life. My last day will be Friday, June 3. I'll miss the people of St. Luke's. Your church has opened my eyes to so many things about being a Christian – more than one could ever learn in a book. You are an awesome group of people who really are bringing about change in this world. I look forward to seeing some of you in my new role as "Grandma" as my granddaughter will be attending preschool here next year. Now I get to come to all the fun stuff as a family member!

Please keep St. Luke's Preschool in your prayers. With your continued support, and Josie at the helm I know it will remain the best preschool on the Peninsula!

I wish you a safe and blessed summer.

~Diana Donnelly, Director

## News from Nate (aka Youth Activities)

May is upon us, and with it comes some exciting new opportunities for the youth. We are starting two new classes this month. On Wednesday, May 4th, we are beginning a four-part financial series for the Middle School students called Generation Change. On Thursday, May 5th, we are starting the Financial Peace University Series exclusively for High School students. Both of these series are intended to help our youth learn to deal with money in a fiscally and spiritually responsible manner so that they won't have to struggle

through many of the potential financial pitfalls that soon await them.

Saturday, May 14th, we are having the Youth Cook-Out from 11:30 – 2:30pm. The location is TBA and somewhat dependent on numbers, so please sign-up online as soon as possible.

Looking ahead, the Driving Scavenger Hunt is June 4th. This event is a load of fun, as we drive around town taking videos of random acts and locations. However, we need drivers with large

personal vehicles (SUVs and Mini-vans) so parents, please let Nate know if you and your vehicles are available to help. Thanks!

Remember, details and sign-ups for all upcoming events can be found online at [stlukesyouth.wikispaces.com](http://stlukesyouth.wikispaces.com)

~Nate DeHart, Youth Director

## Extravagant Generosity ~ Save Your Soles

The Shoeman Water Project collects new and gently used shoes to provide income in third world countries and then uses the profits to drill water

wells. Thank you to all of you who donated shoes. Your generosity will help many people. If you have shoes you want to bring, **Sunday, May 1st**

**is the last day to bring shoes.** You can bring them during the week from 9-6 Monday through Thursday and 9-3 on Friday or on Sunday morning.



## Finding Peace as St. Luke's United Methodist Women

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY, 2011

- Sun., May 1<sup>st</sup>, the UMW will sponsor a bake sale to benefit Stop Hunger Now and the local, national and world-wide Missions of the UMW. Tables with many kinds of delicious homemade baked goods will be set up between worship services outside near the entrance from the back parking lot.
- Mon., May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Book Club meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the church will be on the book The Pact by Jodi Piccolt (teenage suicide fiction).
- Mon., May 9<sup>th</sup>, will be the UMW Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. (new time) at the church. The next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Mon., May 9<sup>th</sup>, the Sisters in Christ Circle will meet at the church at 7:00 p.m.

- Their study book is Having a Mary Spirit, Allowing God to Change Us From the Inside Out, by Joanna Weaver.
- Tues., May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. the Gertrude Carmines Circle will meet at the church. They have invited Dot Harris to speak on the history of the UMW in St. Luke's Church.
- Tues., May 10<sup>th</sup>, will be the Sarah Sudduth Circle meeting at the church at 10:00 a.m. Following the meeting the ladies will go out for lunch.
- Thurs., May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. the LIFT Circle will meet at the church. They will continue their study of Charles Stanley's book The Blessings of Brokenness, Chapter 8.
- Fri., - Sun., May 13 - 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat at Blackstone. The retreat theme is

- "Blessed to be a Blessing" and the leader will be the Rev. Tammy Estep. Registration deadline is May 6<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Joyce Winston, 757-851-6897, E-mail: Buckrow@aol.com.
- Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. will be the Peninsula District UMW Culture Jubilee at Wesley UMC, 2510 N. Armistead Ave., Hampton. There will be games and a Jumpy Castle, Bounce Ball, and face painting for the kids, storytelling from 10:30-11:30, a quilting room, basket weaving, steel drums and all kinds of live music, displays, and featured events of different cultures. Lunch is available at noon. For information contact Elaine Hudgens 766-9798.



## Doodles from the DDM:

**You have to experience it!**  
Step back in time—to see what life was like when Jesus was a kid.

Just imagine...

- Exploring authentic traditions,
- Building strong relationships with other family members,
- Trying new crafts and games,
- Smelling and tasting new foods, and
- Learning from Jesus' mom, Mary, about God's incredible love for us.

Everything...from the music to the costumes to the Marketplace crafts...*absolutely everything* has the look, feel, and flavors inspired

by ancient Nazareth, where Jesus was a kid.

This summer, let's bring that same wonder and excitement to our church! Be a part of the vacation Bible school at St. Luke's during July 10 thru 15. It's our goal to reach 170 kids with this program. That's 170 kids who will grow in their relationship with God!

We're praying that this awesome VBS program will touch children's hearts and lives with his love. Join in the mission of helping kids in our community discover that

- Jesus had a family...we do, too.

- Jesus had a name...we do, too.
- Jesus had a home...we do, too.
- Jesus went to church...we do, too.
- Jesus served others...we do, too.

As we plan and prepare for Hometown Nazareth VBS, our team cherishes your prayers. Will you pray that God grants us wisdom in planning? Please pray for the right staff members to join our team. And also pray that God begins working in the hearts of the children who will visit Hometown Nazareth! Watch for more information (continued on page 7)

# May Calendar

## Sunday, May 1st

FOGG Mission Trip

8:00 AM UMW Bake Sale outside for Stop Hunger Now

Dedication of Lenten Stop Hunger Now boxes

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

9:00 AM Youth Choir Practice

9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, May 2nd

7:00 PM homebound visitation committee

## Tuesday, May 3rd

9:30 AM Christian Yoga

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Service Ministry

7:00 PM Trustees meeting

## Wednesday, May 4th

10:00 AM When Christians Get It Wrong

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades

6:30 PM When Christians Get it Wrong

6:30 PM Beth Moore Study of Revelation

6:30 PM Drama Troupe Organizational MT

7:00 PM Lay Leader Council

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, May 5th

9:00 AM Wee Bee Quilters

9:30 AM Christian Yoga

9:30 AM Peninsula District Clergy meeting

4:30 PM Education Ministry Area Meeting

6:30 PM First Place 4 Health II

7:00 PM Worship Ministry

## Friday, May 6th

## Saturday, May 7th

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

Coed Softball

## Sunday, May 8th

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

9:00 AM Youth Choir Practice

9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, May 9th

10:00 AM Book Club

6:00 PM UM Women Board meeting

7:00 PM Sisters In Christ Circle

## Tuesday, May 10th

9:30 AM Christian Yoga

9:30 AM Preschool Classes

10:00 AM Gertrude Carmines Circle

10:00 AM Sarah Sudduth Circle

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Finance Committee/

## Wednesday, May 11th

10:00 AM When Christians Get It Wrong

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades

6:30 PM When Christians Get it Wrong

6:30 PM Beth Moore Study of Revelation

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, May 12th

9:30 AM Christian Yoga

10:00 AM L.I.F.T. Circle

2:30 PM Directory Photography Dates

6:30 PM First Place 4 Health II

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Friday, May 13th

Conf. UMWomen Spiritual Life Retreat at Blackstone

2:30 PM Directory Photography Dates

3:00 PM Deadline for June Newsletter

## Saturday, May 14th

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

Coed Softball

Conf. UMWomen Spiritual Life Retreat at Blackstone

10:00 AM Directory Photography Dates

11:30 AM Youth Cook Out

## Sunday, May 15th

7:00 AM United Methodist Men's

Fellowship Breakfast

Conf. UMWomen Spiritual Life Retreat at Blackstone

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

9:00 AM Youth Choir Practice

9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

12:00 PM Acolyte Party

4:00 PM ASP Meeting/EVERYONE

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, May 16th

10:30 AM York Convalescent Worship Service

7:00 PM Nurture Ministry

## Tuesday, May 17th

9:00 AM Staff Farewell for Diana/Day Away

9:30 AM Christian Yoga

2:30 PM Directory Photography Dates

## Wednesday, May 18th

10:00 AM When Christians Get It Wrong

2:30 PM Directory Photography Dates

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades

6:30 PM When Christians Get it Wrong

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, May 19th

2:30 PM Directory Photography Dates

6:30 PM First Place 4 Health II

## Friday, May 20th

2:30 PM Directory Photography Dates

## Saturday, May 21st

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

Coed Softball

10:00 AM Dist. UMW Culture Jubilee/Wesley UMC

10:00 AM Directory Photography Dates

## Sunday, May 22nd

8:00 AM Stop Hunger Now Event

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

9:00 AM Youth Choir Practice

9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

5:00 PM New Comer Seminar

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, May 23rd

10:00 AM Warwick Gardens Convalescent Worship Service

## Tuesday, May 24th

# St. Luke's Celebrations & Concerns

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, May 25th

10:00 AM When Christians Get It Wrong

6:15 PM Hand bell Choir

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades

6:30 PM When Christians Get it Wrong

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

## Thursday, May 26th

10:00 AM Preschool end of year program

2 1/2s and 3s

6:30 PM First Place 4 Health II

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

7:00 Preschool Graduation for 4s

## Friday, May 27th

## Saturday, May 28th

7:00 AM God & Griets Men's Bible Study

Coed Softball

## Sunday, May 29th

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Simply Christian Adult SS Class

9:00 AM Youth Choir Practice

9:30 AM Fellowship Time in the Courtyard

9:30 AM Armed Forces Day Reception

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Classes

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

## Monday, May 30th

Office Closed for Holiday

## Tuesday, May 31st

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Prayers & Sympathy to

Ken and Jeri Engebretson and Butch and Susan Beckman and families on the death of Jeri and Butch's mother, Marilyn Beckman, March 22, 2011.  
 Donald Gaddis, Bonnie Sousa and Steve Walters and families on the death of Donald's wife and Bonnie and Steve's mother, Helen Gaddis, April 6, 2011.  
 Grady and Melissa Koch and family on the death of his mother, Frances Koch, March 16, 2011.  
 Michael and faith Gregory and family on the death of her father, Carl Brewer, March 15, 2011.  
 Greg and Karen Kern and family on the death of her grandmother, Marjorie Blanchard, March 12, 2011.  
 Tim and Robin Moon and family on the death of his brother, Jay Moon, March 6, 2011.

### Congratulations to

Tyler and Kristen Schoch on the birth of a daughter, Isabella Rose Schoch. Ed and Debbie Fullhart are the proud grandparents.  
 Brad and Stephanie Barnes on the birth of a daughter, Britton Rosalee Barnes, January 27, 2011. Ken and Esther Barnes are the proud grandparents.

### Memoriam

Donations were made to St. Luke's Building Fund in memory of Darlene Gestwick by Rick and Ronna McLane.  
 Donations were made to York County Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Marilyn Beckman by: Verda Early, Joan Comeaux, Karen Luckring, Deb and Kent Fuller, John and Deb Clotfelter, Jim and Barbara Magnotta, The Magowan Family, L. Joann Zacharchuk, Rick and Ronna McLane, Gary and Susan Chesley, Wayne and Debbie Smith, James and Patricia Bjorklund, Peter and Nancy Holzgang  
 A donation was made to the York County Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Sue Merritt by Rick and Ronna McLane.  
 Donations were made to the Easter Egg Program in memory of Marilyn Beckman by: Martha Brewer, Marjorie Smith,  
 A donation was made to Stop Hunger Now Program in memory of Jim Johnson .

### Honoraria

A donation was made to the Food Closet by Jeri Engebretson in honor of Pastor Doug Gestwick.

### Our Military Especially our Deployed

Calvin Anderson, Jason Collins, Stephen Crosswell, Jon Prindle, Traci Shoffner, Sam Wagner

For an up to the minute calendar (we are a very active church and there are always changes) check our website [www.stlukesyorktown.org](http://www.stlukesyorktown.org).

**Thank you** to all who donated at St. Luke's Bloodmobile on March 17<sup>th</sup>. The drive provided the American Red Cross with 28 pints of much needed blood. Thanks also to those who brought goodies for the canteen....they always get rave reviews.

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|--|---|--|
| 1 Betty Adams<br>Jon Lloyd Austin<br>Tommy & Meagan Bibbins(A)<br>Krystall Dunaway<br>Pastor Clara Gestwick<br>Patrick & June Pope(A)<br>Tyler Reid    | 13 Chris Furick<br>Dave Mason<br>Christina Morris<br>Alyson Motley<br>Eric Stortz   | Skylar Haskiell<br>Richard & Patsy Keener(A)<br>Colton Sandiford<br>Suzie Small<br>Lee Stuck   |
| 2 Amanda Frecker<br>Raye & Gloria Respress(A)<br>Gary & Julie Smith(A)<br>Ronnie & Joyce Wilson(A)   | 14 Megen McMichael<br>Bill & Lois Shields(A)  | 24 Tim & Virginia Holmstrom(A)<br>Ron Knight<br>Ashley Levister<br>Megan McGavern<br>Nancy Shifflett   |
| 3 John Clotfelter<br>Evan Cook<br>Everett Seay<br>Donald Warden  | 15 John & Dee Dee Ketchum(A)<br>Pat & Shelia McMann(A)<br>Taylor Omweg  | 25 Bob Dynan<br>Lois Fuhrman<br>Grady & Melissa Koch(A)<br>Tom and Elizabeth Lyon(A)<br>Renee Mayo<br>George & Susan Sallwasser(A)<br>Porter Taylor<br>Terri Young |
| 4 Elaine Blount<br>Pam Fraizer<br>Suzanne Masten<br>Paul Robbins   | 16 Taylor Barnes<br>Charles Bates<br>Alan Broderick<br>Stephen Farley<br>Travis & Inger Frye(A)<br>Heather Jordan<br>Kathy Mitchell<br>Todd Mitchell  | 26 Jim & Sandy Bradley(A)<br>Phil Jones<br>Shannon Levister<br>Ben Rausch<br>Mary Louise Thompson  |
| 5 Mike Bennett<br>Ryan Franz<br>Tyler Mitchell   | 17 Dot Harris   | 27 Nick DeWeerd<br>Kent Fuller<br>Ted Leonard<br>Mikayla Moore<br>Mary Ranger<br>Richard Shaw  |
| 6 Linda Hampton<br>Paul & Dianne Robbins(A)<br>Graden Shoemaker  | 18 Karen Bacon<br>Mildred Epperly<br>Donna Freet<br>Faith Gregory<br>Jeffrey & Cille Honig(A)<br>Linda Phaup<br>Cindy Roche<br>Kay Rowe<br>Allison Shoemaker<br>Kyle Torres   | 28 Emily Bacon<br>Madison Knicely<br>Ron & Becky Mitchell(A)<br>Tony & Stacey Zebrowski(A)   |
| 7 Mike & Jessica Bennett(A)<br>McKinley Lamb<br>Nathan Levister<br>Steve Robbins<br>Ryan Hoppe<br>Matt Yeargin   | 19 John & Kay Myers(A)<br>Donald Rice<br>Sarah Telstad  | 29 Sherron Anderson<br>Garrett Feiner<br>Curt Fox<br>Amy Knight<br>Kevin Shelton   |
| 8 Julie Bays<br>Lia Cousins<br>Shannon Drummond<br>Brandon Gestwick<br>Tyler Henderson<br>Kim Jewel<br>Matthew Lithgow<br>Kay Scudder<br>Marc Stafford | 20 Donna Albright<br>Gary Anderson<br>Jacob DeWeerd<br>Mike Mellen<br>Bill & Mary Sevfer(A)   | 30 Gary & Susie Chesley(A)<br>John & Ruth Ann Coski(A)<br>Taylor DeLauder<br>Geoff & Meagan Early(A)<br>Hunter Garrett<br>Daniel Pierson<br>Justin Torres          |
| 9 Rebecca Henke<br>James Kelly<br>George Leftwich<br>Mike & Julie Mason (A)<br>Calvin White  | 21 Becky Dunlap<br>Ron & Betty Miller(A)<br>Thomas Rucky<br>Kari Shifflett  | 31 Jillian Berardini<br>Elaine Franz<br>Shelly Gregory<br>Sabrina Lingenfelter<br>Harry Merritt  |
| 10 Lawrence King<br>Bill Price<br>Brenda Ramsey<br>Zachary Taylor  | 22 Jean Coates<br>Nick Davis<br>Mandy Doggett<br>Kim & Helen MacCartney(A)<br>Lisa McCoulskey<br>Mike & Karin Messenger(A)<br>Alex Morgan<br>Caroline Pinegar<br>Robert Phaup, III<br>Geoff & Jennifer Shoemaker(A) |  |
| 11 Van Mitchell<br>Matt & Jennifer Yeargin(A)  | 23 Ryan Adcock<br>Sandy Bradley<br>Cindy Clemmons   |  |
| 12 Jake Clotfelter<br>Ken Engebretson<br>Joe Haggerty  |   |  |

If we have missed listing Your birthday or anniversary please call or e-mail the church, thanks.

## As I See It

Again this year Saint Luke's will be participating in the "Calling 21 Program." This program has grown and evolved since Meg Roth came to us five years ago, but the essence is still the same – young people who are feeling a call to ministry (or even just a nudge) are matched with churches that are willing to provide a setting where they can

explore that call. This year our intern is Emily Howdysshell. Emily is studying at Blue Ridge Community College. In her application Emily stated 'lately I have been feeling a deeper calling, one that I have prayed about and had long conversations with my friends. A calling to start living my entire life in the ministry and my biggest question that I'm still

trying to figure out is what that means for me."

That is precisely the reason the Calling 21 program was developed. All the staff is looking forward to working with Emily this summer and to help her discern her call. Please join me in welcoming her!

Still in One Peace, *Doug*

## Clara's Quips

It's moving season! I'm so glad that I'm NOT moving any time soon!! Recently, I had the Methodist preacher's nightmare of an unexpected move by the Bishop to a place that didn't fit into my family situation and I didn't have much time to prepare for the move. (In reality, that situation doesn't happen much anymore. We Methodists have learned to conference.) I am noticing many moving trucks wandering the streets, loading and unloading families into new homes. I want to encourage you to be on the lookout for new persons or

families moving into your neighborhood or the neighborhoods around you. When someone does move in, it's a great time to go introduce yourself and invite them to come to church. Our Outreach Committee has prepared welcoming packets for you to give away. They can be found in our Hospitality Center in the Narthex that you can use as a conversation starter. Or if you forgot to pick one up, just give them the most recent bulletin or newsletter. But don't stop there. This is a time of the year that many new

faces are seen at St. Luke's. Make sure that every Sunday, you seek out someone that you don't know and introduce yourself to them. The Courtyard Coffee Time between worship services is a great place to meet and greet! We are a big family. It's easy to get lost in the crowd. But if we are all intentional, we will know each other by name!!

*Clara*



## Doodles from the DDM:

(continued from page 3)

about this exciting ministry event!

In just a few short months, our church will be filled with the aromas, sights, and sounds of kids participating in fun discovery activities at a special Holy Land Adventure—in Nazareth! Kids will worship God with songs and prayer, create unique craft projects, and discover God's powerful love in exciting and memorable ways. They will experience what it was like to live in a town where many people didn't believe that Jesus was really God's Son!

To have the best adventure possible, we need lots of volunteers who can share time, energy, and love with the kids who attend. Below are some great ways you can help make this program a success. Will you please check out the following list...then pray about where God might use you? Together, we can step back in time—and bring Jesus' hometown Nazareth to life at St. Luke's.

**Celebration Leader:** Help kids and adults transition from "modern day" to "Bible times" as you lead everyone in songs at Hometown Nazareth. You'll have a blast learning—and teaching—the music and motions of these Holy Land Adventure songs!

**Fun & Games Leader:** Lead fun activities as you help kids and adults discover games that kids like Jesus might have played in ancient Nazareth.

**Shopkeepers:** In the Marketplace Shops, you'll guide Tribes in making unique, hands-on craft projects. Take care of animals in the Barnyard. Or be a food shop proprietor and send the smells of figs, dates, and warm flatbread wafting throughout the Marketplace! In your role as a merchant, you'll listen to kids and adults talk about Jesus, God's Son.

**Tribe Leaders:** An easy-to-follow leader manual and Hometown Huddle Teaching Kit help you lead a Tribe of

approximately 10 people. You'll share in meaningful traditions and rituals—and build relationships! Together you and your Tribe will experience...

- Celebration worship
- Hometown Huddle, small group time
- Marketplace shops (crafts, food, and a special mission project)
- visits with Mary
- Fun & Games
- outreach
- storytelling
- ...and lots of celebrating!

**Other Positions:** Still don't see something that interests you? Let me know, and we will together find a place where you can serve! To volunteer, go the [stlukesyorktown.org](http://stlukesyorktown.org) website and follow the links to VBS and then to Volunteer. Or, just email me with your interests ([ddm@stlukesyorktown.org](mailto:ddm@stlukesyorktown.org)).

~ James



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Time Sensitive Material



## **Raise them Up 90/30 Day Challenge Easter Sunday through July 24, 2011**

On Easter Sunday, Pastor Doug challenged us to be in the "raise them up" business. Our challenge is to go 30 consecutive days without complaint. Each day for the next 90 we will start with our "Raise Em Up" purple bracelet on our right arms as a reminder of the chal-

lenge. If we complain, or tear someone down, we are to move the bracelet to the left arm. Each morning, our calendar resets and we are able to move back to the right arm to start counting again. Our church is challenged to go 30 days without moving our bracelets (in other words, 30 days without complaint). We have 90 days to accomplish the mission. Like us on Facebook to share your thoughts as to how your challenge is going. Not here on Easter? You can still participate, we have more bracelets. Our 90 Days end on July 24, 2011.