

April, 2024



ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH 7001 HARFORD RD. BALTIMORE

St. Luke's Spirit

Reflection from Pastor Don

Embracing Our Responsibility as Stewards

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Easter continues for fifty days until we mark Pentecost. Easter is not just a day but a liturgical season if you will. And within this season we celebrate God's creation in April. As we take in the beauty of the earth, how can we not praise our God and shout How Great Thou Art. But it's crucial for us, especially as Christians, to reflect on our role as stewards of God's creation. The Bible teaches us that God entrusted us with the care of God's magnificent creation, and it's our duty to honor and preserve it.

I thought I would offer you some thoughts and practical tips for embracing this responsibility.

Firstly, recognize the divine imprint in nature. The beauty and intricacy of the natural world reflect God's glory. By appreciating nature, we honor our Creator.

Secondly, reduce, reuse, and recycle. This mantra isn't just an environmental slogan; it's a way to honor God by being responsible with the resources God has provided. Simple actions like using reusable items, recycling, and minimizing waste can make a significant impact.

Thirdly, practice mindful consumption. As Christians, we're called to live simply and avoid excessive consumption. By being intentional about what we buy and consume, we can reduce our environmental footprint and live in harmony with God's creation.

Fourthly, cultivate sustainable habits. Whether it's conserving water, energy, or using eco-friendly products, incorporating sustainable practices into our daily lives is essential for preserving the environment for future generations. Learn about Lutherans response to Creation Care. We have posted it on our website.

Fifthly, advocate for environmental justice. Recognize that caring for the Earth is intertwined with caring for our fellow human beings. In Baltimore, stand up for communities disproportionately affected by environmental degradation and advocate for policies that promote sustainability and justice.

Lastly, reconnect with nature. Spend time outdoors, marveling at God's creation. Whether it's hiking in the mountains, strolling through a park, or simply sitting under a tree, immersing ourselves in nature can foster a deeper appreciation for the Earth and our responsibility to care for it. Join St. Luke Creation Cares team as we grow our community garden and beautify our church grounds.

We are stewards of God's creation, it's our sacred duty to protect and preserve the Earth every day. By adopting sustainable practices, advocating for environmental justice, and fostering a deeper connection with nature, we can fulfill our role as caretakers of this precious gift from God.

A joyous Eastertide to all of you.

Pastor Don

April Birthdays

- 04/06 Erica Smith
- 04/14 Stephanie Youells
- 04/19 Shawn Salsberg
- 04/26 Lydia Nies



Our prayers and sympathy go to the family and friends of:
 Ellen Kushner and Kurt Kuenzel
 (as of 4-9-24)

From Norm Houck, Council President

Dear Fellow Members;

Wow, what a marvelous celebration for Our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday. The weather was ok and we had 41 members in attendance in the sanctuary and a dozen or so more watching from home. It was nice to have that many attending, the altar was beautiful dressed in lilies, the music was excellent and singers were in wonderful voice. There was a real sense of community with those attending. I know that Pastor Don and his supporting group work hard each week to make worship meaningful and inspiring. We should express our appreciation for an outstanding job on Easter and each and every Sunday.

As an added benefit the offering on Easter was great and gave a boost to our cash flow. We are reminded that for the long term health and well fare of St. Luke our attendance is important. We should be attending every Sunday and inviting others to attend with us. We need to be welcoming new members on a regular basis. We will be welcoming new members in several weeks.

The second thing we need to do is make the building work for us and not a money pit so that we can worship on Sunday. It takes a lot of money to operate the building and paying for utilities and insurance. We need to do this in context with our goal of being a music, worship and life center in the community.

Pastor Don has already gotten the Yoga program as part of the goal to become part of this effort in utilizing the building. I am happy to announce that we have formed a Task Force of church leaders and community members to help identify other ways we can make profitable use of the building. They will be meeting sometime in May for the first time. Please pray for success of these volunteers and if you have any thoughts about this matter please share them with Council.



Holy Thursday Seder Supper

The table was set and the meal was prepared for you by Jeff and Linda Vigilante.

Thank you! Thank you!!



Your bank can send a check for you to St. Luke

Did you know that most banks will support you in sending out payments? No envelopes, no stamps needed! If you have online access to your bank account, you likely can set up a one-time (or even recurring!) payment to St. Luke for your giving.

- Usually, the bank will only require the name and address of your payee. They will send, generate and mail a check or send an electronic funds transfer. (The bank typically takes care of obtaining any EFT information from the payee.) For St. Luke the address is 7001 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234.

- The bank will ask for information to identify the payment to the recipient. Think of this as the "memo" line on your check. ***Be sure to include your name and/or your envelope number in that field for our recording purposes.***

If you have any questions, the nice customer service folks at your bank will be glad to help you through the setup process.

These trees were in full bloom just before Easter!



Easter Sunday singers:
Adam, Jason, Lyndsey, Kristen, Lynn
It was a beautiful service! The special singers really added to the service!



Easter Egg Hunt at St. Luke on Sat., March 23! A big THANK YOU to Kim and all her helpers for making this a success! All the children had fun!!



Kim
our
Easter Bunny
and
Coordinator
and her
helpers!



The Chosen Discipleship Series

Sponsored by CLAIM & Partner Churches



A powerful story about Jesus and his disciples in an 8 week episodic series. Join other local churches for fellowship.

WHEN / WHERE

Tues, April 16 & April 23 @ St Luke, 7001 Harford Rd, Baltimore
Tues, April 30 & May 7 @ St. John, 8808 Harford Rd, Parkville
Tues, May 14 & May 21 @ People's Community, 6200 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore
Tues, May 28 & June 4 @ Christus Victor, 9833 Harford Road, Carney

TIME 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Unleash the Power of Faith: Join Us for "The Chosen" Discipleship Series!

Greetings siblings in Christ,

Embark on a transformative journey of faith with believers as we dive into the first season episodes of the acclaimed television series, "The Chosen." This groundbreaking series vividly brings the Gospels to life, allowing us to witness the miracles and teachings of Jesus Christ through a lens that captivates both heart and soul.

Join us every Tuesday for 8 weeks starting April 16 - Tuesday June 4, 2024 from 6:00pm to 7:30 pm. Be sure to arrive a little early. A light meal will be served at 5:30 pm. Check location schedule on back of this insert.

Why "**The Chosen**"? This series beautifully captures the essence of Jesus' ministry, delving into the lives of those who encountered Him. It's not just a show; **it's a profound resource for spiritual growth. The characters' struggles, victories, and encounters with Jesus offer us powerful lessons and insights for our own faith journey.**

This event, sponsored by **CLAIM** (Coalition of Lutherans Advancing In Mission) and partner Lutheran churches, is not just about watching a series together. It's a chance to strengthen our bonds, discuss our faith and mission and invite friends and family to join this inspiring experience.

Let's make this a community affair! Extend the invitation to your church members, friends, and family. Come, be part of this unique discipleship opportunity that promises to deepen our understanding and connection with the Divine.

The events are free but mark your calendars for April 16, and let the spirit of "The Chosen" elevate our faith to new heights. See you there! Reservations for dinner are not required but appreciated. To make dinner reservations or have questions, email Jennifer Simms jennifersimms1@gmail.com or Elaine Wagenfuehr melainepenn@gmail.com.



**20 GAMES, 3 SPECIALS,
DOOR PRIZES, 50/50S**

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2024

Time: doors open at 12 noon and games start at 1pm

Where: St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church
7001 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21234

Food and drinks for sale. Bring your own wine or beer.

Cost: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door

Contact: Kim at 443-415-5824 or the church office 410-444-5171 for tickets or more information, cashapp and venmo accepted

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Email Bambi for Questions | BambiNHRCA@aol.com

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April

April 15—Tax Day

April 22—Passover Begins

April 24—Administrative Professionals Day

April 30—Passover Ends

May

May 12—Mother's Day

May 27—Memorial Day

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