

# THE EPISTLE

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's United Methodist Church

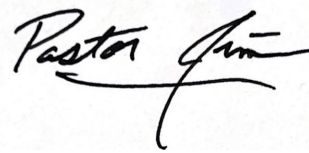
## A Slight Improvement

Max Lucado tells a story about a physician who misdiagnosed a patient. He declared the woman to be dead. The family was informed, and the husband was grief-stricken. Imagine the surprise of the nurse when she discovered that the woman had a slight pulse. She was not dead, but alive! "You better inform the family," she said to the doctor. The embarrassed physician found the husband and said, "I need to talk to you about the condition of your wife." "The condition of my wife?" He asked. "She's dead!" "Well," the doctor mumbled with embarrassment, "she's seen a slight improvement." A slight improvement? "Talk about an understatement!"

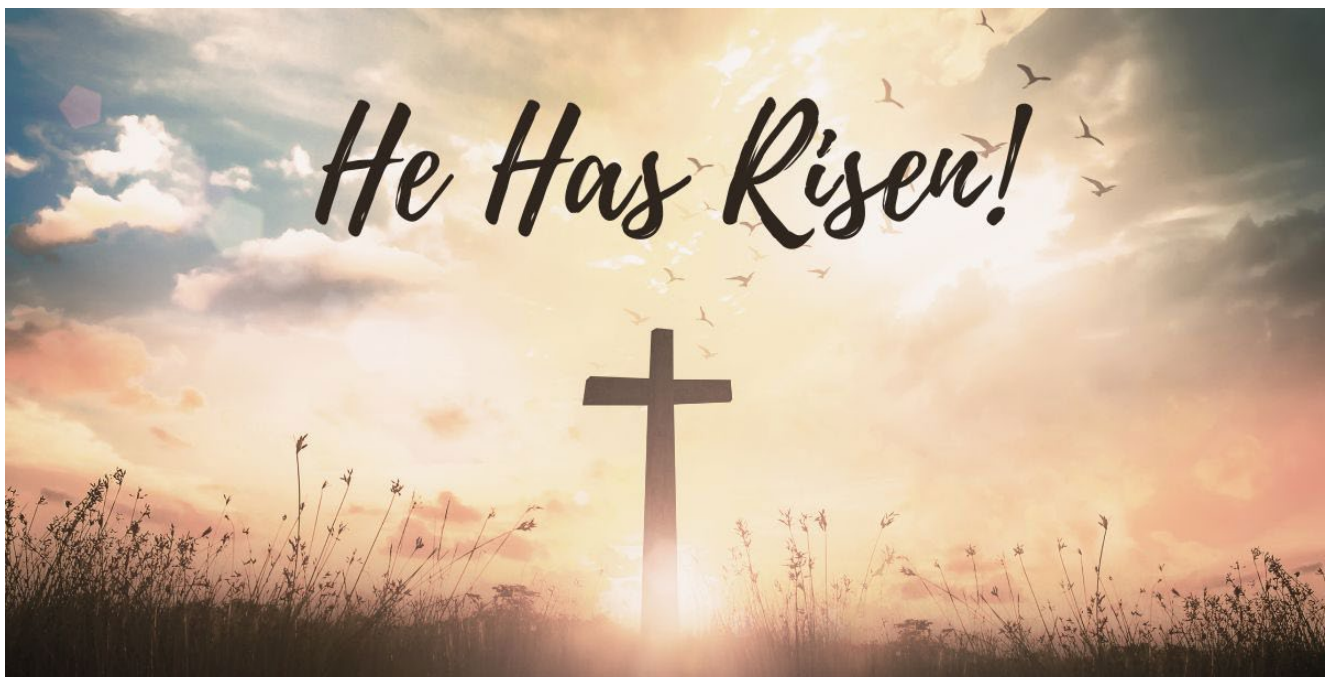
St. Luke's, I like that story for a couple of reasons. For one thing, it has a happy ending. But also, their story reminds me of Easter. The Easter story demonstrates that Christ has a power to rise up from the dead and that He also has a power to resurrect us as well and

give us a new life right now! The Easter story shows us how sacrificial love can bring us out of the tombs that imprison us. Easter gives each one of us a new spirit, a new chance, a new beginning, and a new life. In other words, Christ was resurrected, and He has a power to resurrect you and me! Jesus came out of the tomb, and He has a power to bring us out of the tombs that imprison us. Christ is risen and because He lives, we live in hope.

Grace and peace to you this Easter.



Pastor Jim





LOVE IN ACTION  
BECOMES

# *Love Grows Here*

The program formerly known as "Love in Action" is now "Love Grows Here" - because love grows at and through St. Luke's! We have our first Love Grows Here opportunity on April 18 to join with Carpenter Art Garden for the Blooming in Binghampton Festival - Community Clean Up Day 8:30-9:30am, then Festival Activities (Performances, Lectures, Workshops, Demonstrations, and more) from 11am-4pm. Look for details coming soon. Also, keep an eye out for new St. Luke's Love Grows Here t-shirts. If you have questions, reach out to:

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We're excited about all of the meaningful ways we can serve our community and show that Love Grows Here!



## **MARCH 2026 HONORIUMS AND MEMORIALS:**

### **Honoriums:**

In Honor of Marilyn Sadler from Helen Wofford

In Honor of Jeanne and Jim Debo for their service for the Fun Bunch from Helen Wofford

### **Memorials:**

In Memory of Bette Colter from Helen Wofford, Denton and Amy Pearson, Christine E. Aus

In Memory of Betty Carter from Helen Wofford, Carolyn Galloway, Mary Lou Cushing, Hal and Betty Padgett, Rorie Read, Sarah Jordan, Karen Kinney, Carole Feisal, Rita Richardson, Barbara Branch, Kathleen Sims, Janie Hendrix, Kathleen Montgomery, Ann Hunt, Carol Baker, Sue Hollingshead

In Memory of Bob Smith from Mary Lou Cushing, Sarah Jordan, Carole Feisal, Janie Hendrix

In Memory of Buddy Ellis from Rita Richardson

In Memory of Ellie Appling from Ann Hunt

## **Flower Donors Needed For the Following Dates:**

April 26

May 3, 17, 24, 31

Please call the front desk for more information 901-452-6262



## **The Fun Bunch Activities**

• **The Fun Bunch will be going to Shiloh and Hagy's Catfish Hotel. Times and date to be announced!**

**Questions ? Call Jim or Jeanne Debo 413-3341**

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thank you so much Church Family for all of your donations and support of our Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Egg hunt was Saturday, March 28th and it was a fun event! We had indoor games and crafts from 11:00–11:30 am followed by our two Easter egg hunts outside. The courtyard was available for the youngest age group and the green space served as the location for our older kids. I hope you enjoyed some special artwork made by our Easter Egg Hunt attendees that was hung in the Hospitality Hall!

As we near the end of the Lenten Season, we prepare ourselves for our next big children's event, Vacation Bible School! VBS is fast approaching, with the dates being June 1–4, and we will meet nightly from 5:30–7:30 pm. The theme this year is Rome. You can help prior to the week– of, do behind the scenes work, lead a group, lead a craft, help with food, or even help with take down after the fact. If you are interested at all in being a part of Vacation Bible School this year, please do not hesitate to contact Lynne McAlexander. She can find a place for everyone! And if you have kids, grandkids, or neighbors, be sure you go ahead and sign them up or invite them so no one misses the fun!





# EASTER EGG HUNT



# April 2026

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- St. Luke's UMC
- Holidays in United States

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00AM Community Breakfast</li> <li>9:00AM Sunday School</li> <li>10:30AM Palm Sunday Worship Service</li> <li>3:00PM Handbell Practice</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Men's Basketball League</li> <li>8:15AM Yoga Class</li> <li>9:00AM Chair Aerobics</li> <li>6:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 40</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Pickleball</li> <li>2:15PM Soccer Shots</li> <li>5:30PM Challenger's Board Meeting</li> <li>6:00PM Yoga</li> <li>6:30PM Cub Scouts</li> </ul>	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Men's Basketball League</li> <li>8:00AM Day School Basket Raffle</li> <li>9:00AM Chair Aerobics</li> <li>10:30AM Exercise Class</li> <li>12:30PM Practice Pickleball</li> <li>2:30PM Wings Gymnastics</li> <li>6:00PM Stamp Club</li> <li>6:30PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00AM AI-Anon</li> <li>1:00PM Art Catering</li> <li>1:00PM Pickleball</li> <li>6:00PM Holy Week Service</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Men's Basketball League</li> <li>8:00AM Good Friday - No School</li> </ul>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Yoga</li> </ul>
<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30AM Easter Sunrise</li> <li>8:00AM Community Breakfast</li> <li>9:00AM Sunday School</li> <li>10:30AM Easter Worship Service</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Men's Basketball League</li> <li>8:00AM Church Closed for Holiday</li> <li>6:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 40</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:00PM Pickleball</li> <li>2:15PM Soccer Shots</li> <li>6:30PM Cub Scouts</li> <li>7:00PM Coin Club Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Men's Basketball League</li> <li>9:00AM Chair Aerobics</li> <li>10:30AM Exercise Class</li> <li>12:30PM Practice Pickleball</li> <li>2:30PM Wings Gymnastics</li> <li>6:30PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Food Pantry</li> <li>10:00AM AI-Anon</li> <li>1:00PM Art Catering</li> <li>1:00PM Pickleball</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30AM Men's Basketball League</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30AM Yoga</li> <li>10:00AM Set up for VBS on stage</li> </ul>
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