

ST. LUKE'S GOOD NEWS!

Monthly Newsletter of St Luke's UCC, South Milwaukee, WI: *May 2026*

Welcome to our newsletter for St Luke's UCC in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin! I am Reverend Peter Haskins and as of April 1st of 2025 I am the settled pastor of St Luke's. I am honored to be St Luke's pastor as we all continue the vision of our church to "be a spiritually united body, empowering the members to be fully involved in the growing life of the church." If you or anyone in your family needs pastoral assistance of any kind please contact me at (812) 887-1472 or stlukesuccpastor2@gmail.com I am available during the week and will be in South Milwaukee area every Sunday morning for our 11 am worship.



May 3rd: ***Holy Communion***

Reminder: St Luke's UCC collected \$130 in donations for flood relief to be given to the Wisconsin Conference for distribution. Our foundation will match that amount so our total contribution will be \$260. Thank You!!!

FRIENDS IN OUR PRAYERS:

*KAYE POVLIICH

*BUNNY & BOB SCUDDER

* RAY & CONNIE DRAVER

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Pastor's Corner

Blessings to you and your family during this Season of Spring 2026! It is my hope and our prayer that you and your family are doing well. Wherever you are at on your spiritual journey it is my hope that you are feeling supported and loved. If there is anything that I can do as the pastor of St Luke's UCC, please let me know. I am here for you.

During our worship services recently, I have begun a sermon series study of the Acts of the Apostles. I have never really been a huge fan of this book of the New Testament. It always seemed pretty dry, you know, boring history. It is the only book of history contained in the New Testament. It was written by Saint Luke, the same guy who wrote the Gospel of Luke. That same Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles are not located back-to-back in the Biblical Canon as the Gospel of John is planted right in between the two, but they should be back-to-back. Why, you may ask? Luke and Acts are considered one book, with two sections. They go together in one historical line, Acts being the story of Jesus Christ and his ministry and then Acts being the history of the early church as influenced by the Holy Spirit.

I have never preached a series of sermons on Acts, but as I have chosen to do so as I just finished a Bible Study series on Luke and I have to admit it is growing on me. Really growing on me. I am absolutely fascinated by the way in which the early church organizes itself with the Apostles being a sort of council, leading anyone (men or women, rich or poor) into the community where they pooled their property, possessions and agreed to let the Apostles distribute them as *need saw fit*. In other words, they lived in a sort of utopian community, all the while being arrested for preaching the name of Jesus Christ, healing the sick and giving hope to those in need. Even the shadow of Peter was said to heal (5:15) those who sought help and comfort from sickness and affliction. St. Paul isn't even in the story until the chapter 9, so Peter and John are leading the way as the rest of the Apostles begin to plan on going out into the four corners of the world and preaching the good news that the captors have been set free. It is this inspiration which feeds us, now more than ever.

Pastor Pete Haskins, M. Div.

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