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Who's Who at St. Luke: An Exemplary Father at St. Luke, Bro. Ezell Derricks

Happy Father's Day!

June 14th

JUNE

Birthdays

5 Lincoln Huffman

8 Maurice Horton

10 Kendra Huffman

Phillip March

12 Amanda Davis

Alvin DeSayles

Timothy Hill

13 Faye Weatherspoon

19 Nettie Howell

20 Shawn Robinson

Helen Warren

Bradley Wright

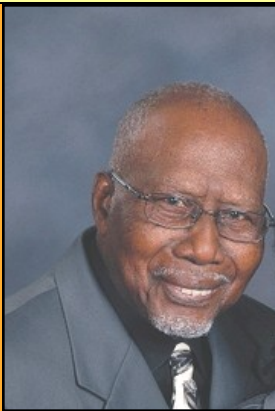
22 Rosa Mae Allen

24 Jada Minor

26 Darlene Easley

27 Mae Kendrick

30 Suzanne Parker



Ezell Derricks

Brother Ezell Derricks is a pillar of St. Luke and a true man of God who loves the Lord. He is native of Forrest, MS, where he received his formal education. His roots in the Methodist church have been lifelong dating back to his childhood in Forest, MS. Bro. Derricks moved to Champaign in 1937, and he later became a member of St. Luke in 1947.

He retired from the state of Illinois as a Supportive Services Specialist. In that position, he travelled the state securing jobs for minorities and women. Prior to working as a Supportive Services Specialist, he worked as an engineer operator of heavy equipment in the field of highway construction. Before being injured, he was known as the best operator of cranes and heavy equipment in highway construction.

Bro. Derricks has always been involved in many organizations within St. Luke. He is active in the Men's Fellowship, and many years ago, he sang in the Senior Choir, serving as its president. He was appointed to the Steward Board by Rev. T.R. Taylor, and he remains a faithful member of that Board to this day. When asked about some of the work he completed at the church, he reluctantly (for fear of bragging) shared information regarding several projects he completed such as: starting the foundation for the church parsonage; building a cross out of yellow bricks on the side of the church which can be seen from the Fifth Street side; planting shrubs with the help of Sis. Mary Herron and Bro. Wendell Evans. He and his long time good friend, Syral Easley, reconstructed the back balcony by leveling the floor so the balcony could become accessible by the congregation. Bro. Derricks could be found many days and every weekend taking care of the church and doing whatever needed to be done.

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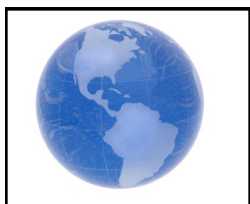
Bible Corner

By the Board of Christian Education

God loves you and has a plan for your life. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as our savior and Lord; then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.



John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."



Man is sinful and separated from God. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23



John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. "

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Thank God for Wonderful Fathers!

Happy Father's Day

A Dad is a person who is loving and kind,
And often he knows what you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens, suggests, and defends.
A dad can be one of your very best friends!
He's proud of your triumphs,
but when things go wrong,
A dad can be patient and helpful and strong

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.
There's always a place for him deep in your heart.
And each year that passes, you're even more glad,
More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!
Thank you, Dad...
for listening and caring,
for giving and sharing,
but, especially, for just being you!
Happy Father's Day.



Famous Quotes About Fathers

One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed, Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.

Author Unknown

The father who does not teach his son his duties is equally guilty with the son who neglects them.

Confucius (BC 551-BC 479) Chinese philosopher.

The greatest gift I ever had came from God, and I call him Dad!

Anonymous



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For many years, he and Syral Easley cut the grass and shoveled snow at the church. They never charged the church one dime for their services. When his health permitted, Bro. Derricks arrived at church before Sunday School started to make sure the doors were open and the church was warm during the winter months. After church, he and Bro. Easley would always make sure the doors were locked, lights turned off, and the building was secure. We truly stand on their shoulders.

His life has been devoted to serving God, his family, and helping people. He enjoys being outside—relaxing in the sunshine and enjoying the cool summer breezes. He also likes watching animals in their natural surroundings. He especially loves watching birds, and observing how God prepares everything for them. During the spring and summer months, he and his wife, Delores, love gardening, growing beautiful flowers, and sitting outside admiring and enjoying nature.

He is the father of six sons and one daughter.

Favorite scriptures: Psalm 27 and Psalm 37

Favorite song: “I Will Trust in the Lord”

Thank you, Bro. Derricks, for showing so much love to St. Luke C.M.E. Church!

Thank You!

Thank you, St. Luke men, for all that you do for our church.

A special thanks to Minister Phillip March for making sure the lights are turned off and the doors are locked every Sunday after the morning worship service.

Many thanks to you!



Minister Phillip March

Father's Day



Father's Day is a celebration inaugurated in the early twentieth century to complement Mother's Day in celebrating fatherhood and male parenting, and to honor and commemorate fathers and forefathers. Father's Day is celebrated on a variety of dates worldwide and typically involves gift-giving, and special dinners to fathers and family-oriented activities. In 2008, it was celebrated on June 15 in many countries. It originated in Spokane, Washington.^[1] In 2009, it will be celebrated on June 21 in many countries. In a few Catholic countries, it is celebrated on the Feast of St. Joseph

The first observance of Father's Day is believed to have been held on July 5 1908 in a church located in Fairmont, West Virginia, by Dr. Robert Webb of West Virginia at the Central United Methodist Church of Fairmont.^[2]

Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd of Washington thought independently of the holiday one Sunday in 1909 while listening to a Mother's Day sermon at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church at Spokane,^[1] and she arranged a tribute for her father in June 19, 1910. She was the first to solicit the idea of having an official Father's Day observance.

It took many years to make the holiday official. In spite of support from the YWCA, the YMCA and churches, it ran the risk of disappearing from the calendar.^[3] Where Mother's Day was met with enthusiasm, Father's Day was met with laughter.^[3] The holiday was gathering attention slowly, but the wrong reasons: it was the target of much satire, parody and derision, including jokes from the local newspaper *Spokesman-Review*.^[3] Many people saw it as just the first step in filling the calendar with mindless promotions like "Grandparents' Day", "Professional Secretaries' Day", etc. all the way down to "National Clean Your Desk Day".^[3]

A bill was introduced on 1913^[4], US President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea in 1924,^[citation needed] a national committee was formed in the 1930s by trade groups in order to legitimize the holiday,^[5]

In addition to Father's Day, International Men's Day is celebrated in many countries, most often on November 19.

St. Luke Men in Action



