



Saint Luke Lutheran Church

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The Pastor's Perspective

The Synod's Summer Internship Program

This summer, the Saint Paul Area Synod recruited nine young adults (aged 17-22) to be part of a new paid internship program. Each intern was assigned to a site where they're working closely with a mentor in ministry. Some of the sites are traditional congregations, and some are other kinds of community-based ministry programs, like Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. The interns are paid a \$4000 stipend for their work over the summer. They're doing all kinds of fun and interesting work, like leading VBS programs, producing faith-based podcasts, planning community music events, and distributing meals to those in need.

St. Luke has multiple connections to the internship program. To start, two of this year's interns come from our congregation! Ava Herrmann has been working with Shobi's Table, a pay-as-you-can food truck, and Victor Landenberger has been working with Galilee Lutheran Church and Rice Street Gardens. Both Ava and Victor are rising high school seniors.

Here's another connection: I was brought on by the synod to be the coordinator of this program! So I get to spend a half day each week with the whole group of interns, supporting them and learning about their work at their sites. It's a joy to spend time with this great group of thoughtful, interesting young adults each week.

There's one more important connection St. Luke has to this program: *you* helped make it happen. The funding for all nine interns, all the programming they have done this summer, and my work as the coordinator all comes from the Planting Hope Campaign. You might remember hearing about Planting Hope

August Worship Volunteers

**We are grateful for
your participation!**

IN PERSON USHERS

First and Second Sundays:

Doug Klein

Third and Fourth Sundays:

Kay Reich

Carol Hornung

ONLINE USHERS

1st Sunday: David Tews

2nd Sunday: Sue McNeill

3rd Sunday: Raulie Ruiz

4th Sunday: David Nedrelov

OFFERING COUNTERS

6 Katy Eggert

13 Kay Reich

20 Sue McNeill

27 Kay Reich

SCRIPTURE READERS

6 Wen

dy Bjorklund

13 Christine Olson

20 Kay Reich

27 Mike Hegdahl

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6 Wendy Bjorklund

20 Doug Klein

ALTAR GUILD

Nancy Hegdahl

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months ago, because we collected a special offering to support the campaign through our glass offering jar. So whether you dropped in a few quarters or a check for \$100, you became part of this program, too!

The Planting Hope campaign is raising 2.75 million dollars to fund all kinds of important work around the area. The paid summer internship program is actually only a small corner of the work the campaign will make possible. If you want to learn more about the ongoing campaign, visit spas-elca.org/planting-hope.

The internship program wraps up in a few weeks, and we're looking forward to celebrating all our interns have accomplished this summer. **Please mark your calendars for Friday, August 11. From 4:00-5:30 pm at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church (1669 Arcade Street North), we'll have a celebration to conclude the internship program.** We'll hear stories about what the interns have learned and accomplished, learn more about Planting Hope, and we'll thank them for their role as rising leaders in the church and the world. I hope St. Luke folks will come to support Ava, Victor, and all the interns!

Pr. Bristol



Loaves and Fishes

Our heartfelt thanks to our July volunteers: the Landenberger family and David Tews.



Bun Run

Many thanks to our Bun Run volunteers for August: Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Volker Landenberger, Ken McGrew, Doug Klein.

August Birthdays

- 2 Emma McGrew
- 3 Max Elfritz, Kimberly Tyl
- 5 Sandra Berger
- 14 Thor Burchill-Riley
- 17 Marietta Johnson
- 20 Doug Klein
- 21 Kay Reich, Max Elliott
- 24 Sol Holmly
- 27 Becca Ruiz

August Anniversaries

- 4 Kurt & Holly Schultz: 1984
- 21 Kay Reich & Charles Kernkamp: 1982



All are invited to Game Day at St. Luke, the first and third Fridays of the month, August 4 and 18, at 12:30pm. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game and settle down to an afternoon of fun...join us!

President's Corner



Between El Niño and global warming, this has been a beastly hot summer. I hope you all are staying hydrated and staying out of the heat in the middle of the day. As the saying goes, only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun.

I've been to the **St. Luke's Farmers' Market** a few times now, and have enjoyed some delicious steaks, zucchini, green beans, tomatoes, potatoes, bread, granola bars, and more. I even bought a Mexican sunflower plant that puts out lovely blooms. Local stuff is the best!

Here's what's going on right now:

August kicks off with a neighborhood **National Night Out** event on Tuesday, Aug. 1 on our lawn and in our parking lot. Mike Hegdahl has volunteered to be the grill master (burgers, hot dogs, and a meatless option). Side dishes and desserts are potluck. Kudos to Mike and the other volunteers who make this event happen.

Eleven people have signed up for the **Twins game** on Tuesday, Aug. 15, including my cousin and his wife. (It's Lutheran Night!) Many of us will be riding the light rail from the park-and-ride lot by Fort Snelling.

The Highland Park location of **Ensemble Music** is interested in using our space for their "Music Together" classes. These early childhood music classes give families with young children a chance to get in touch with their inner musician and connect with other families. If things work out (fingers crossed!), the first classes would start in September.

Stay cool and enjoy the dog days of summer (but don't be a mad dog)!

Yours in Christ,
David Tews

Supper with Saints



The location for our next Supper with Saints with St Mark, the fourth Thursday of the month, was not determined at the time of publication of this newsletter. Please watch the bulletin for further details and instructions.



Notes from the Music Director

This August, let's pick our favorite hymns! Check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall where hymns from a previous list and prior requests will be posted. To vote, add a star sticker next to a favorite hymn. Don't see your favorite? Look in the envelope and add it to the board...don't forget to add a star! If you want to add a hymn outside the hymnal, there will be blanks for you to add to the board as well. On Rally Day, we'll reveal the top hymns and I'll make sure we sing as many as we can over the next year!

Speaking of hymns, our **Fall Music Preview is August 20th at 10:45 am!** Grab your treats and join us for a time of discovering new music, singing a couple favorites and talking about what we'd like to sing this fall. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget, choirs will be starting in September. Everyone is welcome to join the vocal and bell



National Night Out

We are looking for volunteers to help at the National Night Out event being hosted by St. Luke on August 1st. The event begins at 5:00 p.m., so we need people to set up tables and chairs between 4:30 and 5:00. We will also need helpers to take down and put away the tables and chairs after the event is over (this would be sometime after 8:00 p.m.) If your neighborhood does not celebrate National Night Out, why not come to church, and help us welcome and get to know our church neighbors? We will be providing hamburgers/hotdogs and water; all we ask is that you bring a dish to share. Live entertainment will once again be provided by a talented group of musicians. Come join the fun. If you can help in set up and/or clean up, please contact Joyce Bluel (690-4614).

Thanks!

Ladies, are you looking for a quiet weekend away?

Announcing a Quilt Auction/Silent Auction Weekend at Camp Onomia, September 15th (Friday night thru Sunday morning), 14202 Shakopee Lake Road, Onamia. Two nights, 4 meals adult rate is \$112 per person. There is also a one-night Auction Weekend special rate of \$40 for one night and 2 meals. Call 320-532-3767 to reserve your room space for the Auction Weekend; they fill up fast. Relax with long walks on the beautiful trails, reading, crafts that have been waiting to be finished, sitting in the sun in their gazebo or deck, playing games, shopping, much laughter, and lots of napping if that is what you desire! Join us!

Financial Report as of June 30, 2023:

Revenues \$62,291
Expenses \$77,398
Net (\$15,107)

Connect, Grow and Serve.

choirs, no experience needed! Bell choir rehearses at 8:30 am on Sundays and vocal choir rehearses after service at 10:45. Any questions, please contact me after service or by email, bunkamade@gmail.com
-Becca Ruiz

Join us for

St. Luke Book Club,

Sunday Sept. 10, 6:30pm to discuss "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler. "From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Clock Dance* comes the story of four generations unfolding in and around the lovingly worn house that has always been the Whitshank family's anchor. Man Booker Prize Nominee. 'Absorbing and deeply satisfying.' —*Entertainment Weekly*" Location to be announced. All are welcome!



Farmers Market

WE NEED YOU to volunteer at our popular Farmers Market! *We honestly cannot do this without your generous help!* Please, please consider signing up for a Saturday or a few Saturdays. The schedule has been emailed to you. We have a full schedule for the month of August, but there are **openings every Saturday in September and on October 7.** Please let Wendy Bjorklund know your availability ASAP at wlbjorklund@stcloudstate.edu or 651-357-5742. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your participation!

