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Connect, Grow and Serve.

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The Pastor's Perspective...

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.—Jeremiah 21:11

The other night I turned to my husband and said, "I am uncomfortable with everything we have going on at the moment. Nothing feels grounded or settled in any aspect of life." Joel responded with, "Honey, we are in transition and it is going to take a while to feel settled and remember we haven't even been in the U.S. for a month! Have a little grace with yourself."

Everything is new for me, our family and St. Luke and St. Mark. We are all in a new chapter of life together and with that comes the "firsts". As I write this, I am in my first twelve days of serving these two churches! Everyday has been a first, as I have met new people, attended new meetings, and moved into two new offices. As we dropped off our boys last Tuesday at Hastings Middle and High School they somehow managed to navigate the new hallways and find their new classrooms on that first day. Newness abounds.

When we are doing something new, we are wandering into the unknown, it is often hard and feels uncomfortable. The most important thing during this transition period is time. Thank goodness for time. Time allows us to take a step forward and get used to our new surroundings and people. I have lived many places in the U.S. and world and one of the most important things for me when I've arrived in a new place is to find some routine. My routine over the last twelve days has included a few different things, but one of the most important, was finding coffee at Claddaugh Coffee on West 7th. It was a meeting spot where I reconnected with an old seminary classmate who is now a colleague in the St. Paul Synod, chatted with former interim, Pastor Keller and stopped by for a quick lunch one afternoon. I feel a little bit more familiar with the neighborhood after making a few stops there.

For many of you, St. Paul is home. You have lived here and are familiar with it, have raised your families, and know it like the back of your hand, but for me, it is brand new. I have been driving around the neighborhoods getting lost, because when I finally figure out where I am going, I realize I am found! I loved pulling out of the parking lot at St. Luke this morning and seeing the young Muslim girl with her head covering on, heading to school. My international life in Oslo had diversity like this all over, so that is one thing which is familiar. It is one of the reasons I am excited about your two congregations!

I am not the only one who is experiencing newness, as I am new to you. Both churches have had pastors who have served for long periods of time and because I am different from what you are used to, you might also feel uncomfortable. Sunday morning worship may have a different feel from what you knew in the past. There is also the newness of life as both congregations have jointly come together to share a pastor and ministry. Figuring out what that means is also a bit like wandering through the desert. We aren't really sure how to do it, but we will, find ways to connect, encourage, and build up the kingdom of God here in St. Paul and in the larger world.

Like my husband gently reminded me, we need some grace at this time. Maybe not some grace, but a big dose of it as we become familiar with each other. Time is with us and will show us more of who we are and God will give us direction as far as where we are going. We are in a new chapter, a new time and a new place. The mission and work we are called to is important. Let us go forward, spending time together, learning about one another, loving each other and most importantly, listening along the way.

Thank you for the opportunity to be in relationship. I will hold you in my prayers as we continue this road of faith and life together.

In Christ,

Pastor Emily



Music Notes

Pumpkin lattes are in the air and it is already October! And our Lutheran musician spotlight is Bach - as in this year I will be spotlighting Lutheran composers! We're going Bach and beyond from choral pieces to instrumental. Each week I will give a little more insight to the composer on St. Luke's blog. I hope you enjoy this lead up to Reformation and a musical celebration of our heritage.
--Becca Ruiz



IMPORTANT! Be sure to attend our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 3 after the service. Your participation is valued and needed.



A big thank you to our October Run volunteers: Julie Ellingson, Nancy and Mike Hegdahl, David Tews, Ken McGrew.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for October: Alek and Volker Landenberger, Doug Klein, Ben Pilgrim, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, Ava and Rob Herrmann.



October Birthdays

5 Laurie Smith
7 Alek Landenberger
8 Edward Czech
9 Mike Hegdahl
10 Ava Herrmann
11 Julianna Czech
12 Amy Drier
17 Wanda Mathison
21 Jack Holtz
Ben Pilgrim
22 Bev Eckstrom
24 Zachary Moore
26 Becky Pilgrim
31 Ann Annala
Michael Hoffman
Margaret Vigdal
Dee Plagens



October Anniversaries

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4 Jen and Al Fredrickson: 2008
7 Kent and Beth Peterson: 1989
10 Mike and Nancy Hegdahl: 1992
21 Janell and Mike Walter: 2006
24 Doug and Jo Klein: 1981



October Acolytes

6 Victor Landenberger
20 Tatum Herrmann

October WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Readers

6 Wendy Bjorklund
13 Laurie Herrmann
20 Joe Ward
27 Christine Olson

Communion

6 Wendy Bjorklund
20 Katy Eggert



St Luke/St Mark Ladies Night Out in October will take place Tuesday, October 15th at the Kaposia Club, 456 Concord Exchange S., South St. Paul at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in carpooling, please meet at church at 5:00 p.m. Please notify Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) by Sunday, October 13th if you are planning on attending so we have an idea of how many for the reservation. All are welcome to join any time.



LOAVES AND FISHES

90 hungry men, women and children were served a summer picnic dinner on August 26th at the Loaves and Fishes program at St. Matthew's Church. Workers from St. Luke were Sandy Berger, Larry Litzkow, Carol Hornung, Pastor Keller and Joyce Bluel.

St. Luke collected \$135.00 last month for our annual School Tools drive. Each year, new backpacks and school essentials are collected to benefit children from families with low-income who are served through ten different programs in Greater Saint Paul.

In 2018, 22 faith communities, eight businesses, and dozens of individual donors collected more than \$23,000 of school supplies to fill 550 backpacks.

Thank you for your generosity!



SCHOOL TOOLS

ALL SAINT'S DAY

On All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 3, we will be remembering loved ones who have passed away this year. Please let secretary Jo Klein know, in written form or by email, (jojoklein@gmail.com) if you would like to remember a loved one during the All Saints service. We will ask families to bring a photo of their loved one that day, and to light a candle for them during the worship service. Let us remember with thanks those who have gone before us and rest in God's eternal love and salvation.



Announcing our annual St. Luke Christmas poinsettia and greens fundraiser! We will take orders in the Social Hall on Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Oct. 13. Orders will be available for pick-up on Dec. 1. You may bring your flowers/greens home that day, or choose to loan them to St. Luke to adorn our sanctuary for the holiday season. All proceeds will benefit St. Luke retreat at Camp Onomia. Thank you for your generosity!



Pastor Emily Rova-Hegener will be installed as the new pastor for St. Luke and St. Mark Lutheran Churches on Oct. 13th at 9:30 am at St. Mark Church. The Service of Installation will be followed by a potluck brunch. Thanks be to God for all that has led us to this moment, and all that is to come. Please join us!

Pastoral 
Installation



The Makerspace is taking a break for October but November and December will be exciting events, so mark your calendars now! **Saturday, Nov. 16th** @ St. Mark: Cardmaking featuring Sue McNeill! Community Craft: Holiday cards for our shut-ins and for U.S. Troops.

Saturday, Dec. 14th @ St. Luke: Knit-A-Thon featuring Jackie Brueggemann! Community Craft: Scarves and premie hats... let's knit 'til we quit!

Due to the holidays, the Makerspace will not be on the 4th Saturday, and during the school year we will be alternating venues, so please note the locations! We will need help with supplies for these events. If you would like to contribute, please email bunkamade@gmail.com or talk to Becca to find out how!



Fall Bazaar Update Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 4 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26th.

Bring all of those gently used or unneeded items you cleaned out this summer to the Rummage Sale. We will NOT be accepting clothing, furniture, exercise equipment, appliances or electronics. You may bring them to church until **noon on October 20th**. If you have any questions, please call Jo Klein at (651) 343-9317.

Anyone willing to bake pies or other baked goods for the Bazaar please contact Joan Wilson (651) 253-6111 or Deb Vigdal (651) 681-0865. It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar! You will need to bring your baked goods to church on **Friday, October 25th between 10:00 am and 6:00 pm**.

Again, this year we will be renting out tables to outside vendors, but we will also have a St. Luke table for crafts. We will be accepting your handmade craft items for sale at the bazaar starting on **Thursday, October 24th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm** and then **Friday, October 25th from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm**. We ask that you bring your craft items ***no later than noon on Friday*** to allow enough time to prepare the displays. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Bluel at (651) 690-4614 or Judy Salaba (651) 698-8572.

The raffle tickets have been distributed and will be available for sale the day of the bazaar. Prizes include Cub Foods and Target gift certificates, and much more! We will also accept any new prize donations from our members. The drawing will be held at 2:30 PM. If you are interested in helping with the raffle, please contact Joyce Bluel (651) 690-4614 or Judy Salaba (651) 698-8572.

This is a way for our congregation to reach out and give our neighbors a chance to get to know us better. The proceeds raised from this event have been used to make some substantial changes both to our church building and to people's lives through donations to charities. There is something for everyone to get involved with, just contact one of the following chairs:

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| White Elephant Chair: | Jo Klein |
| Bake Sale Co-chairs: | Joan Wilson and Deb Vigdal |
| Kitchen Chair: | Beth Peterson |
| Raffle Co-chairs: | Joyce Bluel & Judy Salaba |
| Publicity Chair: | Pam Ballis |
| Crafts Co-chairs: | Judy Salaba & Joyce Bluel |

Thank You!

Hello All,

The Farmers' Market for this season is ending soon (October 5th), and I want to thank all of you for supporting this important ministry to our community. Although Laurie and Rob Herrmann and I often are the "faces" of the Market, many of you have put in your time to volunteer this summer to "work the Market" on a weekly basis. All of this volunteer time is so appreciated!

The work is real and necessary. It takes muscle to set up and take down the Market. Our weekly volunteers also sell P.J. Murphy bread and count our customers. Once the Market is set up, things are more relaxed and we spend a lot of time talking with our customers, vendors and each other. It's work, but it's also about building community, which is just fun.

This year, we used a grant from Hunger Solutions to buy our very own EBT and credit card tokens with our Market logo. It feels like we've "grown up" because we no longer are using the tokens we inherited 5 years ago from the Highland Business Association, who used to sponsor the Market. The tokens give us a sense of permanency.

I have to acknowledge that our numbers are down this summer, especially with EBT users. We're trying to figure out why that is and what we can do to build our numbers back up. Jo Klein and Becca Ruiz are working especially hard at finding new ways to publicize the Market. That said, we continually hear from our regular customers (and we have many), that they appreciate our Market and love shopping there.

I want to thank everyone who volunteered this summer: Larry Litzkow, Laurie Smith, Jo and Doug Klein, Jill Burchill, Julie Ellingson, Sue McNeill, Kay Reich, David Nedrelow, Joyce Bluel, Volker and Alek Landenberger, Tracy Arndt, Barb Jensen (who learned how to run the Market and did twice!), Nancy and Mike Hegdahl, Julie Gaarder, Pr. John Keller, Al and Jen Fredrickson, Ken McGrew, Nancy Redlin, Beth and Olivia Peterson, Susan Lorenz, Becca Ruiz. Many of these folk volunteered more than once. I hope I didn't forget anyone! Truly, the Market is a church-wide effort.

Please pray with me that our vendors will continue to be with us (without them, we have no Market), that we can better reach out to our EBT users, and that we can continue to serve our community with this Market. Please also thank all of our volunteers for enabling our Market to continue. It does take the entire community of this church to make the Market happen.

My best to all of you,
Wendy Bjorklund, Market Co-Manager



The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. -Numbers 6:24