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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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The Pastor's Perspective...

The Giving Perspective | Pr. John Keller

Have you ever met someone who went on a foreign mission trip? Such trips can be quite expensive. Between food, airfare and supplies, a participant could easily spend two thousand dollars traveling to another country to work with children or build a house. I have traveled to Jamaica to help build homes for needy families and know how expensive the trip can be.

But when these short-term missionaries return, they use words like “incredible” and “life-changing.” They talk about the experience like it was one of the most important things they’ve ever done, no matter what the cost may have been.

I’ve never met anyone that said, “Wow, I wish I hadn’t raised all that money to go to Jamaica and help people...I would have rather used that money to buy an iPhone or laptop.”

You never hear that story because spending money on others in need feels right. It gives us a new perspective on the values of life. Such experiences align our hearts with God’s heart.

People often regret something they buy, but they rarely regret something they give.

Financial giving to St. Luke or other Christian service organizations gives us a new perspective on what it means to have enough and how rich we already are. We see our church not as a market that dispense religious goods for our benefit, but rather as a community where we are invested and connected. St. Luke is not our social club, but God’s hands and feet to do God’s mission. God’s way is not about getting more stuff, but touching more lives with love and grace.

Jesus taught, *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.* Matthew 6:21.

We each can choose how to line up with Jesus’ treasure. Giving generously to Jesus’ mission helps make that alignment real.

I invite you to use this prayer in the coming month:

Thank you, Jesus, for investing in me. Help me to gain your perspective by generously giving to your mission in the world.



Usher Notes

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



LOAVES AND FISHES. 105 very hungry men, women and children enjoyed a delicious meal at St. Matthew's Catholic church on August 27th. Helpers from St. Luke were Larry Litzkow, Verdell Humburg, Joyce Bluel, Laurie Smith, Pastor John Keller, and Roger Diestler and Dianne Diestler.

October WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Readers:

7 David NedreLOW
 14 Wendy Bjorklund
 21 Jeff Kingsley
 28 Julie Ellingson

Communion:

7 Judy Salaba
 21 Jeff Kingsley

Announcing our annual St. Luke Christmas poinsettia and greens fundraiser! We will take orders in the Social Hall on Sept. 30, Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. Orders will be available for pick-up on Dec. 2. 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!



ALL SAINT'S DAY

On All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 4, 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.



SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 13, 9am-Noon, St. Luke will have a "Fall Clean Up Day." We need volunteers willing to put a little elbow grease into sprucing up our church building and grounds. We'll wipe down the pews (and under them), pull weeds, do a little pruning, dust off shelves, wash some windows, etc. Our lawn service and friends from Fuerte Pregon do an excellent job of doing the week-to-week grounds and custodial work, but sometimes, just like at home, we need to do the stuff that always seems to "wait for later." Given it's been years since we've done a fall clean up, "later" has arrived! My suggestion for you as volunteers? Walk around the church (inside and out), decide what's bugging you and come prepared to deal with that (bring tools). We'll have some buckets, rags and cleanings supplies as well. I'd also LOVE a coordinator for this event. Could that be you? Please talk to Wendy Bjorklund.

Please be sure to put this **MOST important date on your calendars:** on Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00-11:00 AM St. Luke and Saint Mark members will meet for a joint congregational meeting. This meeting will be moderated by Pastor Joe Lees from the Saint Paul Area Synod and will give ALL of us a chance to talk about our thoughts regarding our Shared Ministry together. PLEASE make every effort to attend this meeting.



The President's Message

The next **St. Luke Town Talk meeting** regarding our Shared Ministry process with St. Mark will be Sunday, October 7, right after church. Prior to that date, a second survey will be distributed, asking you to evaluate a list of concerns identified during the first Town Talk meeting. The results of that survey will be shared during the October Town Talk meeting, and we (the Council) will attempt to address the concerns that are part of that list, along with any new concerns you may have. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important conversation; everyone's voice matters! Thank you, Wendy Bjorklund



congregational meeting



IMPORTANT! Be sure to attend our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4 after the service. We will meet with St. Mark on the 3rd and **then decide during our semi-annual meeting on the 4th whether or not to proceed with the shared ministry model with St. Mark** as we move forward in the call process for a new pastor. Please plan to take part in this **important** meeting on the current and long-term goals of our church family.



October Acolytes

7 Victor Landenberger
21 Tatum Herrmann

Quote of the Day:

*"Pray,
and let God worry."
- Martin Luther*

On Sept. 16 a group from St. Luke joined hundreds of other participants in the **Out of the Darkness walk** for suicide prevention and awareness. We do this in memory of our beloved Teagan Burchill Riley and all who struggle with depression. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$555. through the Easter Breakfast for this very worthy cause.



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

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



Heartfelt thanks to our October **Bun Run** volunteers: Doug and Jo Klein, Ken McGrew, Larry Litzkow.



Ladies Night Out in October will take place on Tuesday, October 16th at 5:30 pm at Red Lobster, 2330 Prior Ave N. in Roseville. If you are interested in carpooling, please meet at church at 5:00 p.m. Please notify Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) by Sunday, Oct. 14 if you are planning on attending so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.



Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 4 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 27th.

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 21st**. 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) 681-086. It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar! You will need to bring your baked goods to church on **Friday, October 26th 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 25th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and then Friday, October 26th 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. Top prizes include a \$300 cash prize, a Cub Foods and Target gift certificates, and much, 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:

Rummage Sale Chair:	Jo Klein
Bake Sale Co-chairs:	Joan Wilson & 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!

I want to thank everyone who worked to make the Farmers' Market a success this year. We seem to have "turned a corner" during our 4th season. The Market has up to 8 consistent vendors (one being us selling P.J. Murphy's bread; great idea Nancy H.) and an average of 250 customers per week. Song Thao, our most consistent produce vendor, brought in two new vendors this year! The vendors tell me they'll return next season.

I want to especially thank the St. Luke volunteers who worked to learn all the details of the Market and helped to manage it on a regular basis, giving up many of their Saturday mornings: Laurie and Rob Herrmann and Amy Hope. Without your commitment to the Market, it couldn't continue. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Finally, I want to thank the entire congregation for supporting the Market. You have volunteered every week. The Bazaar Committee donated \$1500 to the Market; we couldn't have mailed the postcard to our neighbors announcing the Market's opening without those dollars. During our November semi-annual meeting, we'll decide again whether to continue to support this Market. I hope we do.

I believe that for St. Luke to thrive, it must make a difference in a meaningful way not only for its members, but also for the larger community. The Farmers' Market does that work. Programs like this (including Loaves and Fishes, the Bun Run, Work Camp and Global Micro-Lending) are part of God's ministry. They also represent part of Pr. Dave's legacy at St. Luke. It is up to us to carry that legacy forward.

My best to you. Wendy Bjorklund

