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The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. What does this mean for us? We are to fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of making a living. From the Small Catechism by Martin Luther.

On June 4 and 5 (Saturday and Sunday) we will be celebrating "Neighbors Together" by following what Martin Luther taught us through his explanation to the seventh commandment. We will help our neighbors to improve and protect their property. As I write this there is one person who has asked for our assistance. I think there will be more. Please set aside some time to come and help our neighbors, just as we are commanded to do. You will find what we always find when we do this, that we receive so much more than we can possibly give. That is the joy God wishes us to find in God's commandments. Come, live faith, live joy.



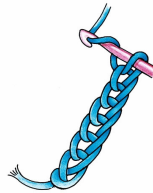
Pr. Dave



Stamping With Sue – June 25

Sue McNeill announces her monthly Stampin' Up! technique classes on the last Saturday of the month (except for holidays) in the church library from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For \$5, you will make 3 cards using different techniques and receive a collectible technique card. RSVP by 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday before class so a kit can be prepared for you. Email: ssmcneill@hotmail.com; work 612-596-4011; home 651-688-8176. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

The bazaar craft committee is in need of kitchen terry cloth towels to crochet for craft sale. Please drop off contributions in the labeled box provided in the church kitchen. Thank you.



127 Hungry people were served supper at St. Matthews Catholic Church on the West Side on April 25th in the Loaves and Fishes Program. St. Luke workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Jean Gilland, Joyce Bluel, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Donna Paulson and Audrey Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.

St. Luke Lawn Service! This summer we will have three outdoor worship services on our church lawn, on the following Sundays: June 26, July 17 and August 28. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, or us a chair provided by church. After the outdoor service we will have a kickball game for the kids, as well as treats, so come one, come call!



Spotlight on...Mary

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1) This verse and the verses following from Ecclesiastes are particularly relevant to me as I am asked to, “Write a short summary of my life”.

“A time to be silent and a time to speak.” (Ecc. 3:7): After remaining rather silent regarding my Christian faith during most of my life, the “time to speak” has come. Although I have attended church over the years, my worship has been quite private. I did not study the Bible nor attend worship service on a regular basis until my daughter, Kimberly, and I joined St. Luke in 1997. Recently, I have been searching for ways to serve God through Mission work. My faith has grown, and I have felt called to witness to others in more active ways. What a wonderful surprise it was to meet and fall in love with Ralph Skoe two years ago, to be married at St. Luke in August, 2009, and to take a mission trip to Latvia and Slovakia in the summer of 2010. This experience will be repeated this summer.

We will be traveling to Latvia with East European Missions Network and teaching English using the Bible. It is “time to speak” and to share God’s promise of hope and joy with others.

“A time to be born and a time to die.” (Ecc. 3:2) I was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1936. I have a twin brother, John McIlvaine, who is seven minutes older than I am. We grew up in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. I was fortunate indeed to be introduced to Christ at a very early age as my parents took us to the local Presbyterian Church. My father was very active in the church and inspired me to do the same. Among my first memories: at age 3, John and I sat in little chairs in Sunday School and sang *Jesus Loves Me*. I knew that Jesus did indeed love me.

Although I attended church with my family through high school, I did not continue worship on a consistent basis. I experienced the miracle of birth and motherhood when my daughter, Kimberly, was born in NYC. We attended church regularly when we lived in NYC. When my husband, (Kimberly’s father), sang opera in Europe, we moved to Germany. There, the regular participation in worship services did not continue. Although I may have put God aside, He did not desert me: *“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it’ ”* (Isaiah 30:21).

“A time to plant and a time to harvest.” (Ecc. 3:2) My professional life has been dedicated to education, and many seeds have been planted which are still coming to fruition. I graduated from Radcliffe/Harvard University, received a Masters degree from New York University in Educational Psychology, and a Ph.D. from the University of MN in Educational Administration. My education has enabled me to teach in many areas of the country and abroad: Houston, Texas; New York City; Brooklyn; Munich, Dusseldorf, and Metzkausen, Germany. After moving to St. Paul in 1973 I taught at St. Paul Academy and then worked as a school psychologist in the St. Paul District Schools for many years. After serving as Principal at Capitol Hill School and then at Como Park Elementary School, I retired from the St. Paul Schools in June 2001. How fortunate that the “harvesting” has continued! I continue to work as a consultant and school psychologist in seven charter schools in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

“A time to weep and a time to laugh.” (Ecc. 3:4). Life has its ups and downs, for sure. Some events have been very happy ones: having a wonderful family, a beautiful daughter, Kimberly, my marriage to Melvin Sward at St. Luke church in 2002, sharing in the lives of a number of step-children and step-grandchildren, adventures working in many educational settings. Yet, there have also been times to weep: the breakup of marriage, adjusting to new living situations, financial problems, surviving breast cancer, the death of a dear spouse when Mel passed away in 2007, etc.

But, as He has promised, the Lord has not left me during any of these times (*“I will never leave you nor forsake you”*; Joshua 1:5) even if I may have walked off His path. In joy and sorrow He has been there for me. The weeping has been followed by joy and laughter in every case. I feel very blessed to live now with new family and friends in Northome, MN. I enjoy coming to St Paul on a regular basis, continuing my work in schools, visiting with family and friends who live in the Cities, and attending St. Luke. I look forward to our summer Mission trip to Latvia. Our theme for the summer is “Hope” and our theme Bible verse is, *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.”* I look forward to carrying this message to the children this summer.

“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.” (I Corinthians 2:9) My life continues to expand and be filled with surprises and blessings. I am grateful, indeed!



News From Council President Joyce Bluel



I would like to extend a big thank you to those who attended our May semi-annual congregational meeting. It was a very important one that needed everyone's input. The council will be working on trying to balance our budget in the coming months and we will have a new budget for 2012 ready to present at the November meeting. In the meantime, continue to give feedback and ideas to the members of the council for consideration in our budget balancing, as well as St. Luke's mission.

It is hard to believe that it is already June; the months seem to fly by. Don't forget to consider volunteering your time to man our booth at Highland Fest this year. The sign up sheet is on the Kiosk and all times are open at the moment. It is a great opportunity for us to let people in our community know about us and what we have to offer. Whenever I mention that I belong to St. Luke Lutheran, the response is usually "where is that located?" I believe we are the best kept secret in Highland Park. Mark your calendars for July 15, 16 & 17 and plan on attending this year.

Softball starts Sunday, July 10th and runs through the Sunday night before the State Fair starts. If you are athletic and would enjoy some friendly competition with other area churches, this is the place for you. If you aren't so athletic but enjoy heckling the other teams, come on over to Groveland Playground and be a spectator. I hope to see you there. I will be one of the hecklers in the stands!

A very BIG thank you to the Easter Breakfast work crew; they served a very hungry congregation! A special thank you to Junella and Larry Litzkow for providing the fruit. The money raised will go towards expenses and registration for the teens and chaperones attending the Group Work Camp this summer. Our heartfelt gratitude to all who participated. Thanks again for a breakfast well served!



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for May: Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser and Tom Gaarder.

Our ushers for June will be: Eva Mac Niven, Max Elliott, Sam Elliott, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson and Katy Eggert.



June Birthdays

- 3 - ARLENE DRIER
- 5 - BETTY NELSON
- 6 - LUKE STADEM, MIKE WOBIG
- 10 - ANDREW STADEM, FLORENCE NOHA
- 14 - CHICK LUTY
- 16 - BRIAN SPRAY, EVAN NELSON
- 18 - ALEX GRZYWINSKI
- 21 - PASTOR DAVE
- 22 - GEORGE HERIOT, DIANE NELSON
- 24 - CHRISTINE OLSON, ALLAN AMLEE
- 25 - JENIFER DRIER
- 27 - SANDI GORDON, NANCY HABERKORN
- 30 - KARL AND CHARLES GAARDER



June Anniversaries:

- 4 - LARRY AND CAROL VIGDAL: 1961
- 8 - ROGER AND DIANNE DIESTLER: 1963
- 10 - JOE AND CHICK LUTY, 1950,
JACK AND ARLENE DRIER: 1961
- 15 - WENDY AND PETER BJORKLUND: 1991
JANE AND KEN MCGREW: 1991
- 18 - ALLAN AND PHILLIS AMLEE: 1955
- 19 - STEVE AND GWEN BRUMMUND: 1999,
DONALD AND ANN ANNALA: 1948
- 23 - PATRICIA AND MARK STADEM: 1990



As many of you know, I will be leaving my directing positions at St. Luke this summer. In August I will be starting a master of music degree at the University of Arizona in Tucson, and I will be moving down there at the end of July.

I have been blessed to be able to work at St. Luke this past year and I am thankful for everyone's kindness, friendship, and generosity. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers as I move on to the next phase in my life. May God abundantly bless you all!

In Christ,
Leandra Hubka



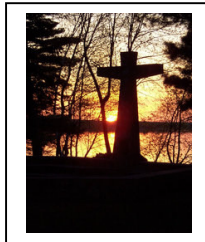
Mary Dybvig and Ralph Skoe are going on a mission trip to Latvia this summer and ask for your support. Please pray for them, their co-teachers, and the students. Please help Ralph and Mary purchase 60 New Testament Bibles for the students. Donations may be sent to St. Luke (memo: Latvia). Thank you.



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in June will take place on Tuesday, June 21st at Tavern on Grand, 656 Grand Ave., St. Paul at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in car pooling, please meet at church at 5:00 p.m. Please notify Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) if you are planning on attending by Sunday, June 12th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

Ladies: Are You Ready for the 3 ‘R’s - RETREAT, RELAX AND READING?

Join us for relaxing, shopping, games, crafts, Bible studies, puzzles, laughter, seeing old friends, make new ones and lots more. Friday, September 16th through Sunday, September 18th at beautiful Camp Onomia. The cost is \$75.00 per person for the weekend, which includes Friday snack, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Linens are an additional \$6.00, or you may bring your own. Scholarships are available to those who need it. To register, please submit a \$10.00 deposit to Julie Gaarder, and sign up on the kiosk. Need a ride? Check the appropriate box on the sheet.



Our heartfelt congratulations to Michael Arndt, Max Elliott and Andrew Stadem upon graduating from high school! We will recognize these three fine youth during worship on June 5. The fellowship hour which follows the service will be held in their honor.



Highland Fest 2011

St Luke is participating in Highland Fest again this year in an effort to get the word out about our congregation in the neighborhood. This is an excellent venue for us to meet and greet people and let them know how welcoming we are here at St. Luke. The event attracts approximately 60,000 visitors over the three-day festival.



We need volunteers to staff our booth at the fest. Volunteers can sign up for an hour, two hours or three hour intervals. You can buddy up with someone or sign up alone. We will be handing out our brochure, as well as promotional items with our logo and church information.

The dates for this year’s Highland Fest are July 15-17. **A sign up sheet is posted on the kiosk.** Consider being an ambassador for St. Luke. No experience necessary, all ages are welcome!

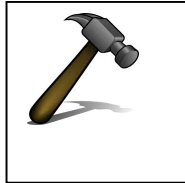


PLAY BALL! It’s time to think about St. Luke softball this summer. We play every Sunday night beginning with the first Sunday night after the July 4th weekend, until the Sunday night before the State Fair begins. Games start at 5:30 and we will be playing against Pilgrim, St. Peder’s, Plymouth, St. Mark’s, and hopefully Immanuel will be joining us again this year.

The softball games are informal with an emphasis on fun and fellowship. We hope you can join us...the more the merrier! If you are interested in coaching the team this year please let me know. Questions contact Mike Hegdahl at [651-699-0499](tel:651-699-0499) or email at nkh116@aol.com

Neighbors Together

June 3, 4, 5... REMEMBER THESE DATES! We need YOU! We will be helping our Homecroft neighbors during this time, by doing some basic home repairs, free or at a minimal cost to the homeowners. The South Ramsey Branch of Thrivent has generously agreed to help sponsor this event by donating \$1,200.00 for materials! Also Humble Walk Lutheran Church on West 7th will be working with us on this project and they have funding also. Let's be a light to our neighbors, showing them the love of Christ! Come with your paintbrush and hammer, or come ready to make some good food for all to share. Let's ALL join together in reaching out in love and service. Save those dates, June 3, 4, 5.



June Readers:

5 – Jeff Kingsley
12 – Sue McNeill
19 – Katy Eggert
26 – Jean Gilland

Our heartfelt appreciation
to our Bun Run Volunteers
for May: Joan Wilson, Ken
McGrew, Nancy Hegdahl
and Mark McGough.



June Acolytes:

5 – Abby Winecke
19 – Teagan Burchill Riley

Sue Gryzwinski is collecting used gift cards, iTunes cards, and the like, for a bazaar craft project. Please drop off your cards at the church office. Thank you.



We are running low on funds for our Loaves and Fishes program. Please prayerfully consider your part in this worthy endeavor. St. Luke cooperates with a number of churches in sponsoring Loaves and Fishes, which provides a healthy meal for anyone and everyone. Each church takes responsibility in providing one meal during the month. Together with St. Mark Lutheran Church, St. Luke purchases the ingredients and prepares a nutritious and delicious meal on the fourth Monday of the month at St. Matthew Catholic Church. **Your monetary donation is much need, and will be greatly appreciated! Simply mail your check to church, notated "Loaves and Fishes", or place your check in the offering plate during worship. Thank you.**



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