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Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

We are called to practice our faith, to give God our all. We are called to love God with ALL of our heart and ALL of our soul, and ALL of our might. In other words, we are called to give God our ALL. Not only that, we are called to pass this on to our children. We are to share God's word with our children, both at home and in church. Here at St. Luke we have been blessed with some very special Sunday School teachers through the years. This year, we are in need of Sunday School teachers who will continue to teach our children. We need you! We need you to step forward for this important ministry, either part time or full time, so that St. Luke continues to follow this most basic command of God to teach our children the faith. Please prayerfully consider this.

God bless you all,

Pr. Dave



Many thanks to our Meals on Wheels volunteers for June: Al Baird and Ann Verschoyle, Audrey Rongstad and Eva Mac Niven, Bruce Magnuson, Ralph and Ruth Wassman, Doug Lund and Heather Rissler.

Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for July:
Jeff Kingsley, Julie Ellingson, Nancy Hegdahl, Mark McGough, Joan Wilson.



August Readers:
 1 – Michael Arndt
 8 – Joyce Bluel
 15 – Julie Ellingson
 22- Wendy Bjorklund
 29 – Al Baird

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

POT LUCK LUNCH – SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 -

MEET OUR WORK CAMP KIDS FROM JAPAN!

Join us for lunch after worship (10:30) and spend some quality time with our friends from Japan. Bring a dish to share and have a good time. There will be 8 young people and 3 adults. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome them all.





St. Luke Lawn Service

On Sunday, August 8, we will have worship outside on the east lawn of the church. Bring along a lawn chair or blanket to set up on the east lawn as we gather outdoors to join our voices of praise with the wind singing through the trees.



August Birthdays

- 2 - EMMA MCGREW, PHILLIS AMLEE
- 3 - KIMBERLY TYL
- 4 - ALICE RAPACZ
- 5 - SANDRA BERGER
- 7 - DONNA PAULSON
- 10 - PHYLLIS RICE
- 14 - TEAGAN BURCHILL-RILEY,
THOR BURCHILL-RILEY
- 18 - RALPH WASSMANN
- 20 - DOUG KLEIN, CATHY ERICKSON
- 21 - MAX ELLIOTT
- 22 - DEAN STADEM
- 24 - SOL HOLMLY, EARL ALEXANDER
- 28 - JOAN JOHNSON, RAY JOHNSON



SCHOOL TOOLS

Help a kid in need and contribute a backpack or school supplies to fill a backpack. Bring them to the church on August 15, 22 or 29. I'll deliver them to the St. Paul Area Council of Churches on Monday, August 30. Watch the church bulletin for a full list of needs (and who receives the supplies). But, paper, pencils, pens, crayons, etc. are always welcome. The list really never changes beyond updated technology (and science calculators are a "need"). Recipients often are homeless kids. So, greet fall with a shopping expedition for school supplies and relive your childhood! If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-690-9309. Thank you, Wendy Bjorklund



August Anniversaries

- 4 - KURT AND HOLLY SCHULTZ: 1984
- 14 - KIMBERLY AND WILLIAM MILLER: 1984
- 16 - GENE AND KATHY SPRAY: 1986
- 16 - BRENDA AND CRAIG DREHMEL: 2000
- 30 - MARY DYBVIG AND RALPH SKOE: 2009

The quarterly giving total is

Adopted Budget -	\$40,462.50
2010 Pledges -	\$31,695.00
2nd Q Received -	\$29,411.50
YTD Budget -	\$80,925.00
YTD Pledges -	\$62,790.00
YTD Received -	\$62,351.40



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in July will take place on Tuesday, August 17th at Bennett's Chop and Railhouse at 1305 W Seventh St. 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, August 8th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

Our youth canoe trip will take place August 20-23 (possibly leaving the evening of Aug. 19). Sign up sheet is on the kiosk at church. Cost is about \$70.00 (we will know final costs when all the expenses are added up and divided by the number of participants).



Join us for our
Second Annual
**National Night Out
Block Party**

Welcome our new neighbors!

Renew old relationships!

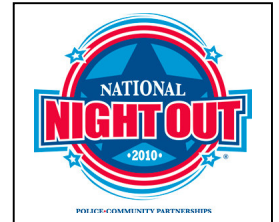
Tuesday, August 3, 2010

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Here at St. Luke Church

Please bring your own lawn chairs and beverages, and a dish to share. (Casserole, salad, dessert, etc.) Lemonade, coffee, plates, cups and silverware will be provided.

Please join us for a great time!



Come! Join us for...

- fellowship
- refreshments
- live music
- board games

at

St. Luke Coffee House

Open to all

just drop in!

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All ages welcome...

We'll see YOU August 27!



Notes from Conie:

We were blessed with the gift of guitar music by Sheridan Moore and Jo Klein during our worship services in July. Thank you! You can add a special gift of music to our worship too - contact Conie for more details.

To Hymn Selectors: Please turn in your list for the Sept-Nov 2010 period by August 8, 2010 as final selections will be made after worship. If you have already turned yours in, THANK YOU! All are welcome to help Jeff Kingsley and I narrow the field of finalists - join us in the fellowship hall after worship on Sunday, August 8, 2010!

Minestrone Minstrels - our next visit outing is Wednesday, August 4. Watch for more details to come.

Following in the footsteps of Pastor Dave and Nahoko, Conie is also discontinuing her home phone. Please update your directories with this number: 651-587-7530.

Prelude of Song: We're only a couple of months into our new prelude format of singing. If there are any songs you think would be appropriate for our worship preparation time, please let Conie know.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for July: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Al Baird.

Our ushers for August will be: Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder.



Note: New Time for Women's Bible Study Group
Women's Bible Study is changing its meeting time to 1:00 p.m. beginning in August. The August Study will be held Thursday, August 5th at the home of Dorothy Paul and Joyce Bluel. If you need directions, please feel free to call (651) 690-4614. All women are welcome any time!

Set aside Wednesday, August 25th, 6:30 p.m. for the annual Budget meeting. It should take about an hour to set up the 2011 preliminary budget for the council to approve. Come join us and see how we determine where your weekly giving is spent. Thanks, Julie Gaarder.



2010 Summer Softball Schedule



Played at Groveland Elementary School (Corner of Prior and St. Clair)

August 1	St. Luke's	St. Mark's	Field 1 (5:30 start)
	St. Peder's	Plymouth Cong	Field 2 (5:30 start)
	Pilgrim	(Bye week)	Field 1 (6:30 start)
August 8	Plymouth Cong	Pilgrim	Field 1 (5:30 start)
	St. Mark's	St. Luke's	Field 2 (5:30 start)
	St. Peder's	Bye week)	Field 1 (6:30 start)
August 15	St. Mark's	Pilgrim	Field 1 (5:30 start)
	Plymouth Cong	St. Peder's	Field 2 (5:30 start)
	St. Luke's	(Bye week)	Field 1 (6:30 start)



Wanted: Wine Corks!
Please save your wine corks. We would like them for a project for the 2010 Bazaar. You can give them to Julie Gaarder at any time. Thank you.

News From Council President - Nancy Hegdahl



Since coming to St. Luke, I regularly ask questions like, "What is distinctive about St. Luke?," "Why would someone come here instead of another church down the road, or instead of staying in bed, going to a coffee shop, heading to a Vikings game, or any number of other options?"

What do you think? What drew you here? What keeps you here? What would it take to inspire your friend, family member, or neighbor to get involved?

I had the opportunity to visit the church in my hometown of rural Revillo, South Dakota over the 4th of July and remembered the things that drew me to this little country church called Zoar. First, it was the people who struck me as genuine, good, caring, joyful, Christ-centered people. Then, I remembered how the church opened its doors to the youth organization (Luther League), which I was involved in. I am still impressed by the congregation's desire to care for and reach out to the young people through their Cradle Roll Program to make these little children feel a part of their church community in Christ's name.

After being at my little hometown church and looking at the stained glass windows that line the outside of the sanctuary, I have discovered that there are common themes at Zoar, ones that are at the heart of what is distinctive about St. Luke and of what drew me here. Week after week, I find myself grateful for the privilege of serving in a church that places such a high value on Christ-centered worship, music, preaching, teaching, fellowship, missions, and service. I love that we are an intergenerational congregation that celebrates the joy of life together in Christ while, at the same time, keeping at the hard work of trying to love one another even when it isn't easy. I am thankful for the strength we have in the deep roots of our heritage and for the fresh movements of the Spirit that have been and continue to be possible because of the willingness of our members to venture into uncharted territory.

I am so thankful to be a part of the ministry here at St. Luke. We may not be a "perfect" church, but God knows we are blessed and have a lot to offer and boldly move forward in ministry to share that goodness with others.

155 Hungry people were served supper at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the West Side on June 28th. Workers from St. Luke were Pastor Dave and Nahoko Person, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Jean Gilland and her brother Dennis, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson also helped by baking cookies.





**Carol Sack to Speak at St. Luke
Lutheran Church on Pastoral
Harp Ministry
Thursday, August 5, 7:00 p.m.**

Carol Sack's work of ministering to the dying through voice and harp has brought healing, peace, and alleviation of pain to hospice patients. She has many beautiful stories to tell.

Carol brought her ministry to a man in a hospice for homeless people, who would not respond to anyone. When she came to his room he immediately turned his back to her as he lay on his bed. She sang and played for a while. When it seemed like he had fallen asleep, she quit playing and quietly made preparations to leave. At that moment the man turned his head, took Carol's hand and simply said, "I have never felt so pure in all my life." This man passed away shortly after this encounter, but the hospice staff told Carol the next week that he was a completely different person after this time.

Through stories, art, pictures, and the beauty of her music, Carol will share her ministry with us. You will leave this evening blessed.

A missionary in Tokyo, Japan, Carol both teaches Pastoral Harp at Lyra Precaria (Lyre Prayer) and ministers to the dying through voice and harp. She says she is nothing more than an instrument of God's grace and love. Come and be filled with that grace and love. There is no charge. All are welcome.



**Fall Bazaar Update –
Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair**

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 12 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th.

Bring all of those gently used or unneeded items you cleaned out this summer to the White Elephant Sale. You may bring them to church; starting on September 12th and place in the corner of the Social Hall labeled "White Elephant" on the North West side of church.

Anyone willing to bake pies or other baked goods for the Bazaar please contact either Dorothy Zitterow or Joan Wilson. It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar!

Do you sew, knit, crochet or like to make handmade gifts? We have quite a large quantity of craft supplies on hand from previous years. Before purchasing supplies for your projects, check with either Margaret or Joyce to see if we have what you need. If you are planning on making crafts for the Bazaar, we would like to know in advance, please contact Margaret Vigdal at 683-0917 or Joyce Bluel at 690-4614.

The raffle tickets will be ready for distribution on Rally Day. The Raffle Committee could use help with mailings, phone calls, and collecting donations. If you can help in any way, please contact Doug Lund or Heather Rissler.

The proceeds 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. This is also a way for us to reach out and give our neighbors a chance to get to know us better. There is something for everyone to get involved with, just contact one of the following chairs:

White Elephant Co-chairs: Jo Klein and David Elliott

Bake Sale Co-chairs: Dorothy Zitterow and Joan Wilson

Publicity Chair: Carol Vigdal

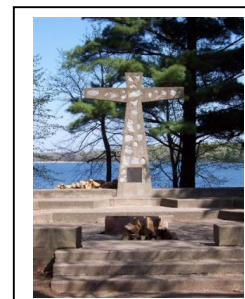
Kitchen Chair: Sandi Gordon

Kiddie Room Co-chairs: Barb Jensen and Alex Grzywinski

Raffle Co-chairs: Doug Lund and Heather Rissler

Crafts Co-chairs: Margaret Vigdal and Joyce Bluel

Reminder to sign up on the kiosk for the Ladies Retreat at Camp Onomia on Sept. 24 through Sept. 26. A \$10.00 deposit is required and sponsorship is available for anyone wanting to attend. Please see Julie Gaarder for details.



Spotlight on...Mike Hegdahl

I was born on October 9, 1953 at St. Mary's Hospital in Minneapolis to Don and Jean Hegdahl. I weighed in at 10 lbs. 5 oz. I was baptized and confirmed at Hillcrest United Methodist Church in Bloomington. My dad, Don, passed away in 1997 and my mom, Jean, lives near my sister in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. I come from a family of four siblings: two older brothers and a younger sister. We all grew up in the same house of 53 years in Bloomington, Minnesota. I have been happily married to Nancy for 18 years. We have three children from our previous marriages. They are Janell, Judy and Matt. Janell is married to Mike Walter and they live in White Bear with one of our three grand children. His name is Ian and just turned one on July 7. Judy is single and living in Colorado. Matt is married to Jessica and they live in Colorado with our other two grandchildren, Eily (4) and Ezra (10 months).

I graduated from Kennedy High School in Bloomington in 1971. Shortly after that I received a degree in Horticulture from Hennepin County Vo-Tech. After about eight years in the Horticulture field, I returned to school at the Colorado Art Institute in Denver and received an Associate Degree in commercial photography in 1984. Most of my work history involved the horticulture field (8-10 years), the commercial photography field (10-12 years) where I worked at Fingerhut and various commercial photography studios including school portraiture. My present occupation is a Para-Transit driver for Transit Team. I transport people with disabilities through a program called Metro Mobility. I have been doing that since 1992.

My hobbies are photography, gardening, and baseball card collecting. My brother reminds me of the unique talent I had when I was younger when he would cover the baseball players face on his card and I could still tell him who it was. I enjoy all types of music and have a great love for the outdoors, and playing softball. I am currently the manager of the St. Luke softball team.

I started attending St. Luke's in 1989, shortly after I met Nancy. I enjoyed and stayed on worshiping at St. Luke's not only because Nancy was there, but I loved the smaller congregation of St. Luke. My favorite hymn is a toss up between "Ava Maria" and "Amazing Grace."

Currently my various activities at church include photographing the confirmation class, doing promo photos around church, serving as an usher and coaching the softball team. In the past I have been on the call committee, directory committee, and have participated in the bell choir and on many boundary waters canoe trips.

Areas of improvement at St. Luke's? First thing that comes to me is the need for new members. St. Luke's is so warm and welcoming; I don't see why we can't attract more new members to our church family. Ten years from now I would like to see St. Luke's involved more in the local community similar to the level it is starting at now.

There it is! I hope I didn't leave anything out. If so, maybe I'll come up and tell you more! God Bless.

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