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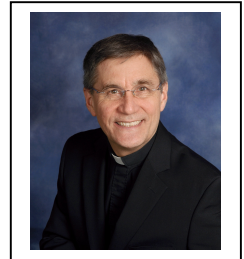
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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28:18-20



Today I received a card from the St. Paul Area Synod stating that they prayed for me on the 30th anniversary of my ordination, June 5. What a joy to know people have been praying for me! To tell the truth, June 5 came and went with nary a remembrance that it was the anniversary of my ordination. But now my memory has been tripped and I am flooded with images and thoughts. I read through the ordination service just now. I was ordained with about 20 other seminarians at the Gustavus Adolphus College chapel. It was quite overwhelming. The place was packed. After we were ordained, we took part in the distribution of Holy Communion. I remember my hands shaking uncontrollably. I couldn't handle the wine chalice, so my fellow newly ordained friend let me take the bread. That was doable. Even in the fumbling hands of this newly ordained pastor, the Body and Blood of Christ were received. Thank the Lord. Through 30 years of ministry there have been many times when I could only thank the Lord for seeing me and the church through. Sometimes I can hardly believe I am a pastor, yet here I am. God does indeed work in mysterious ways. But I am not the only one called to serve the Lord. The above reading from Matthew is just one of many Bible passages used in the service of ordination. This verse is just as important for you as it is for me, a pastor. As Martin Luther so famously noted, we are after all, a priesthood of all believers. We are each called by God to reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ. You and I are in the ministry together. Thank the Lord!

Pr. Dave



July Acolytes:
7 – Teagan Burchill Riley
21 – Emma McGrew



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for June: Eva Mac Niven, Connel McGough, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Pam Ballis and Katy Eggert.
 Our ushers for July will be: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Rob Herrmann.



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for June: Doug and Jo Klein, Joan Wilson, Nancy and Mike Hegdahl, Ken McGrew and Julie Ellingson.



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in July will take place on Tuesday, July 16th at Tavern on Grand; 656 Grand Ave. in 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, July 7th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

Musings from the Music Director



MANY THANKS to the many St. Luke members who have shared their musical talents to enhance our summer worship services. **SPECIAL MUSIC is still NEEDED** for the summer worship services. If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts during any of the worship services this summer, please speak to Cammy Horne! Anyone and everyone, regardless of your level of music ability, is welcome to "sing or play unto the Lord!"

PSALM SINGERS NEEDED! If you are interested in leading the singing of the Psalm on Sunday mornings, please see Cammy Horne. All ages and voice ranges are welcome to lead the Psalm singing!

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER JOINING THE CHURCH CHOIR: For the fitness buffs, singing in the Choir is not only heart healthy, it's soul healthy. But there are no monthly membership fees, and it's a lot easier on the knees than jogging.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! -Psalm 105:2

Peace,
Cammy Horne



July Birthdays

- 2 – KATHY LARAMY
- 7 – RUTH CARLSON, IAN WALTER
- 8 - JOYCE BLUEL
- 9 - NANCY MCGOUGH
- 10 - CYNDY STADEM
- 11 – DAVE GRZYWINSKI
- 13 - JASON GROM
- 14 - AL BAIRD
- 15 – BILL LARAMY, DOUG WASKO
- 16 - WENDY BJORKLUND
- 17 – BOB AND PAM BALLIS
- 18 - DICK HOLTZ
- 20 - DALLAS ERICKSON, PETER KLEIN
- 23 - JO KLEIN
- 26 - JILL BURCHILL. TATUM HERRMANN
- 27 – JENNIFER KROSCHER
- 28 - DAN GRZYWINSKI



July Anniversaries

- 6 - KEVIN AND MARYJO BRANDT: 1991
- 7 - JEFF AND MARY FAUST
- 10 - AUDREY AND LEROY RONGSTAD: 1953
- 19 - RICHARD AND PAULA SILTBERG: 1975
- 26 – DAVE AND SANDY GRZYWINSKI: 1980

July Readers:



- 7 – Wendy Bjorklund
- 14 – Julie Ellingson
- 21 – Katy Eggert
- 28 – Laurie Herrmann

Spotlight on...Jodi



My name is Jodi Landenberger. I was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin and spent most of my time growing up in Grayslake, Illinois. I am the youngest of three in a family that has spread out over the past 20 years. My parents retired to Missouri. My sister resides with her family in Illinois, while my brother and his reside in Texas. Growing up we attended St. Patrick Parish in Wadsworth, Illinois. My favorite mass to go to was the one with contemporary music.

I attended college at Winona State University. It was there that I made my confirmation at one of the local churches. The last part of my studies was an internship that brought me to the Twin Cities. After about 10 years I was starting to contemplate moving when I met my husband Volker. He was here from Germany on a two-year work program. Once we decided to get married, we stayed in the Twin Cities.

After being married about 5 years we decided we would like to adopt two children. After much paper work and waiting, our journey brought us to Eastern Russia where we were blessed to meet Aleksey and Victor. Six months later we were able to return to Russia and bring them home with us. During our time in Russia I really enjoyed our trips to some coffee shops and the chance to enjoy Blini. It is a very thin crepe like pancake filled with a simple meat or fruit. After many attempts we are now able to make them ourselves.

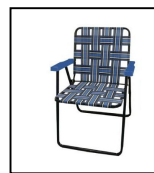
After moving to St. Paul and getting settled we decided to try St. Luke. It appealed to us due to the size. The church we attended in Shakopee was a fairly new congregation and very small. My husband and I both visited by ourselves before testing the waters with the boys. We love that there are so many long standing members and that is a place you can go and really feel you are a part of. We hope one day our boys will want to participate in the Work Camp Program.

I have worked as a Health Coach for the past 5.5 years. When I am not busy chauffeuring Alek and Victor to their activities and sports I really enjoy cooking and trying new meals. Last year we really enjoyed our first real garden bounty. I am not a huge fan of baking. As a family, we enjoy taking our dog Bella to the dog park along the Mississippi, bike rides, camping and travel. This summer we are looking forward to going to Missouri to visit my parents and Germany to visit Volker's family. I would love to do more domestic travel. So far my favorite place is the Outer Banks, NC.

Thank You!

A BIG thank you!

Thank you so much to all who have supported the youth and the workcamp trip this year. We are traveling to Troy, Missouri (northwest of St. Louis) leaving on Saturday, July 20 and returning on Saturday, July 27. Besides our group of 15 from St Luke, about 500 people will be descending on Troy for this week of repairing homes for those who need it most. It will be a week of blessing for everyone involved. Recently I received a phone call and email from one of the Troy townspeople, Barb Jones, who is helping to organize the workcamp. They work together with Group for two years to prepare for the one-week workcamp. Barb said that the whole town was ready to welcome the workcampers, extremely grateful for our upcoming ministry there. I will share with you all that happens. On behalf of the people of Troy, our youth, and me, thank you so much for helping to make this possible.



Lawn Service

Bring your chairs, chaise lounges, blankets on Sunday, July 14 as we meet outside for worship on the east lawn. Let's join our voices with the rustling wind and chirping birds as we all sing praises to our Lord.

Women: Save The Date!

The annual Camp Onomia Fall Women's Retreat will be September 20th thru 22nd. A \$10.00 deposit is required. Details to follow.



PLAY BALL! Summer is upon us again and it's time to think about St. Luke softball. We play every Sunday night at 5:30, July 14th to August 18th. The softball games are informal scrimmages with an emphasis on fun and fellowship. We hope you can join us...the more the merrier! If you are interested, contact Mike Hegdahl at 651-699-0499 or 651-600-8180, or email at nkh116@aol.com

National Night Out

St. Luke is sponsoring National Night Out for our neighborhood on Tuesday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. Come, meet neighbors, enjoy some food and good fellowship and live music with our neighbors.



Canoe Trip!

We are planning a youth BWCA canoe trip, leaving St. Luke on Thursday afternoon, August 15 and returning Monday, August 19. I need another adult with a car to help out. It would be best if the adult had access to a truck or large vehicle with a trailer hitch. We have free use of canoes and a canoe trailer if we have a vehicle capable of pulling it. My Prius is not able to pull a trailer. So youth, and an adult ready for adventure, please join us. The sign up is on the kiosk. If we can use the free canoes, the cost will be about \$75.00 per person. -Pr. Dave



It is now time to order your St. Luke apparel! Polo Shirts, t-shirts and caps; men, women and youth sizes available in assorted colors. Order your apparel today! Order forms are in the Social Hall.

Happy Independence Day!



*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
Bates/Ward*

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