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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



I believe that a cheerful giver is a person who realizes that all they have is a gift from God. This isn't to say that they don't work hard for what they have. No, it is the realization that all of their talents, every breath taken, our very life, all of our loved ones who support us are a wonderful gift from God. And so cheerful givers gratefully and joyously receive and just as gratefully, give, so multiplying the joy. Thanks to your generous giving, St. Luke has been able to reach out to people both near and far, both here in St. Paul and far across the globe. We do this as disciples of the Lord, reaching out with God's love. On Sunday, October 28 we will observe Stewardship Sunday, celebrating our ministries of outreach and making our estimates of giving for the continuation of the Lord's work through St. Luke. Come celebrate!

Pr. Dave



Stamping With Sue

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on Sat. Oct. 27 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!

Be sure to attend our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 4 after the service. Please plan to take part in this important meeting on the current and long-term goals of our church family.



CROP Walk

Join the confirmation students on Sunday, October 14 for the CROP Walk. We will walk for a couple of hours that day, beginning at 1 p.m. We walk to raise money and awareness for people who are suffering and dying. We walk so that people may simply live. Did you know that hunger kills more people annually than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined? Join us, either by walking or by making a contribution. You will most likely save someone's life.



Ladies Night Out –Ladies Night Out in October will take place on Tuesday, October 16th at Shamrocks Irish Nook – 995 W 7th Street 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, October 7th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for September: Ken McGrew, Joan Wilson, Mike Hegdahl, Julie Ellingson, Bill Laramy.

October Readers:



- 7 – Wendy Bjorklund
- 14 – Mike Hegdhal
- 21 – Katy Eggert
- 28 – Beth Peterson



October Birthdays

- 1 – LILY BROVALD, PENNEY KELLY
- 3 – ANNE FABIE
- 5 - LAURIE SMITH
- 6 - EVA MAC NIVEN
- 9 - MIKE HEGDAHL
- 11 - JULIANNA CZECH, AUDREY MCNAMARA
- 12 - AMY DRIER
- 17 – WANDA MATHISON
- 18 – KIM MILLER, STACEE SPRAY
- 21 - STEVEN BRUMMUND, JACK HOLTZ, SHIRLEY JOHNSON
- 23 – KYLE ZVEJNIEKS
- 24 - ZACHARY MOORE
- 27 - ZACHARY STADEM
- 31 - ANN ANNALA, MARGARET VIGDAL



October Anniversaries:

- 3 – ADAM AND JULIANNA CZECH: 2009
- MIKE AND DEB WOBIG: 2009
- 7 - KENT AND BETH PETERSON: 1989
- 10 - MIKE AND NANCY HEGDAHL: 1992
- 12 - EARL AND NORMA ALEXANDER: 1946
- 21 – JANELL AND MIKE WALTER: 2006
- 24 - DOUG AND JO KLEIN: 1981



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012/13

- Sept. 9: Rally Day –Staff Installation
- Oct. 21: MEA Weekend – NO classes
- Nov. 4: Congregational Meeting: NO classes
- Nov. 25: NO classes: Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 2: Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10:15 to 12:00
- Dec. 9: Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10:15 to 12:00
- Dec. 16: Christmas Program, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 23: NO classes; Christmas Break
- Dec. 30: NO classes; New Year’s Break
- Jan. 13: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- Feb. 8-10: Sunday School Retreat
- March 31: Easter - Egg hunt...NO classes
- May 5: Congregational Meeting: NO classes
- May 12: End of Year party – Presentation of Bibles
- May 19: Confirmation Sunday

October Acolytes:



- 7 – Kirby Peterson
- 14 – Kayla Stadem
- 21 – Emma McGrew
- 28 – Michaela McGough

Spotlight on...Beth



I was born on April 2, 1966 in Minneapolis and was adopted 6 weeks later. My dad and mom, David and Jean Kirby had four sons, Mark, Matthew, Daniel and Samuel (all great Bible names) and decided that they were ready for a little girl. I grew up in Duluth, graduated from Denfeld, was a member of The Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, baptized and confirmed there.

I moved to Minneapolis in 1984 to attend the U of M to study elementary education. After two years I decided I did not know what I wanted to do when I grew up so I quit school and got a job. I worked retail in fine jewelry for many years.

On October 7, 1989, I married my high school sweetheart, Kent Peterson. We purchased our home in South Minneapolis and after 7 years of marriage we decided to start a family. Our daughter, Olivia was born December 4, 1995 and 3 years later on February 9, 1999 our son Kirby came along. I was fortunate to stay at home with the kids when they were small. I did work a couple of nights at Pepitos restaurant to have some adult time. When Kirby started school I started working at a small company that distributes corporate awards.

Olivia was baptized in Duluth but when Kirby was born we decided we needed to find a church of our own. My friend and neighbor, Amy Drier invited us to check out her church, St. Luke. I am very pleased that she did. Kirby was baptized on July 7, 1999 and we all became members that same year. The kids have attended Sunday school, Olivia was confirmed and Kirby is in his second year of confirmation. Olivia has gone on 3 work camp trips and Kirby is very excited about going on his first trip to Missouri next year.

The friendliness at St. Luke is a very beautiful thing and is why we became members. I enjoy fellowship after church, whether I am serving or just chatting. That is probably why I enjoy working in the kitchen during the Fall Bazaar.

It has been a wonderful thing to watch all of our children grow up and become young adults and I would love to see more families in church with young children. The sounds of laughter and chattering of kids in church just makes me smile.



News from President Joyce Bluel

Ah, fall; I love this time of year, the beauty of the fall colors and the chill in the air. After our hot and steamy summer it is a welcome respite. The change of seasons is one of the reasons I choose to live in Minnesota.

It is again the time of year to think about our stewardship and what that means to our congregation and us. Stewardship is more than just putting an envelope in the collection plate on Sunday (though it is also a necessity), but it also means giving of your time and talents to make our ministry here at St. Luke successful.

At our November 4th Semi-Annual Congregational meeting we will be once again electing commissioners and officers for our church council. I have found it to be a wonderful experience and a way to use the gifts I possess to serve our congregation. I am asking each of you, whether you have served in the past or are new to our congregation to consider running in this election. Our congregation needs fresh ideas and enthusiasm to continue growing. We are all pressed for time these days, but it is the one thing that costs so little (meetings are held once a month) and will reap great rewards. Please feel free to talk to our current Council members about their service and to let them know if you are interested in serving on the church council.

October also means the annual Fall Bazaar. Don't forget to mark the date on your calendar, Saturday, October 13th. I look forward to seeing all of you there; let's open our doors to our neighbors with good old St. Luke hospitality!!



147 Hungry people were served supper on Monday, August 27th at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in the Loaves and Fishes program. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Joyce Bluel, Ann Verschoyle, and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey and Robyn Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.



Adult Forum

We will have adult forum on Sunday, October 21 after worship in the library. Come and dive deeper into the faith!



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for September: Eva Mac Niven, Connel McGough, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Pam Ballis, Katy Eggert.

Our ushers for October will be: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Jean Gilland.

Confirmation Class



Confirmation News

We will have confirmation class on Oct. 3 and 10. On Sunday, October 14 we will do the CROP Walk, leaving church at 12:30 and walking for a couple of hours to raise money for hunger. Because we are doing the CROP Walk, we will not have class on October 17. We will have class on October 24, but no class on October 31, Halloween. Boo!

2013 100th Anniversary

Booklet: We are collecting a paragraph from any St. Luke member, current or former, to put in a commemorative booklet for our 100th anniversary of St. Luke Lutheran next April.



Try to pinpoint a special event, a memorable moment, a "first" experience, a favorite celebration, whatever means the most to you about being a member of this church family. We are trying to keep it to one paragraph per person, but those who have been here 50+ yrs might have a couple paragraphs of memories. If we start now, we will have time to collect, edit and print the booklet for our April 2013 celebrations. Please submit your paragraphs to Sue McNeill (ssmcneill@hotmail.com), Joyce Bluel (jbluel@comcast.net), Pastor Dave (person_tokyo@yahoo.com), or Jo Klein (jojoklein@gmail.com) in writing or by email. Sue McNeill will actually be typing the materials. If you need to make changes later, that's fine. Let's just try to start composing that paragraph to share and then get it to someone in the list above.

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.





Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 2 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13th.

Bring all of those gently used or unneeded items you cleaned out this summer to the Rummage Sale. This year we will again be accepting gently used and clean clothing. Also, we will NOT be accepting furniture, exercise equipment, appliances or electronics. You may bring them to church until **noon on October 7th**. If you have any questions, please call Jo Klein at 699-2393 or David Elliott at 699-2397.

Anyone willing to bake pies or other baked goods for the Bazaar please contact Joan Wilson (253-6111). It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar! You will need to bring your baked goods to church on **Friday, October 12th between 6:00 and 8:00 pm**.

We will be accepting your handmade craft items for sale at the bazaar starting on **Wednesday, October 10th and Thursday, October 11th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and then Friday, October 12th 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 Margaret Vigdal at 683-0917 or Joyce Bluel at 690-4614.

The raffle tickets have been distributed and will be available for sale the day of the bazaar. Top prizes include a (2) flat screen TVs, (2) Cub Foods gift certificates, and much, much more! We will also accept any new prize donations from our members, and we will be collecting additional prizes from the businesses we have solicited. The drawing will be held at 2:30 PM. If you are interested in helping with the raffle please contact Pam Ballis (612)418-6929

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:

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| Rummage Sale | Co-chairs: Jo Klein & David Elliott |
| Bake Sale | Co-chairs: Joan Wilson |
| Kitchen | Chair: Sandi Gordon |
| Kiddie Room | Co-chairs: Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski |
| Raffle | Chair: Pam Ballis |
| Crafts | Co-chairs: Margaret Vigdal & Joyce Bluel |

September 23, 2012

My Fellow St. Luke Church Family Members,

I am writing to you today to ask you to help a member of our church family, Jill Burchill, and her children. As many of you are aware, Jill has been renting a house on the City's west side for quite a few years. A recent inspection by the City of Saint Paul revealed a serious deficiency in the electrical system and the house has been condemned. The owner of the house has decided not to make the necessary repairs to meet the City code and in fact has decided to raze the house and sell the land. The owner has given notice for Jill and the children to vacate the house by September 30, 2012.

Jill is having difficulty finding a place that she can rent at the modest rate she is currently paying. With the time constraint and the immediate need to find shelter for this family, we are looking to raise at least \$2,000 by November 1st. St. Luke has always been a caring, loving congregation that will do whatever it takes to make sure every member has the basic necessities like food, shelter and clothing along with the love and support of our church family.

The money raised will be put into the "Burchill Family Trust Fund" and will be distributed to the family as needed until they are back on their feet. Jill is currently looking for full time employment, which will help in providing additional funds for the increase in rent that can be expected with finding a new residence.

I ask that each of you prayerfully consider giving what you are able to help Jill, Corinn, Connor, Teagan and Thor get settled in a new home and alleviate the feeling of insecurity they are now experiencing. You may deposit your donation in the collection plate to St Luke Lutheran with "Burchill Family Trust Fund" in the memo.

Also, if any of you have or know of any resources that we can tap to help out with employment or housing, please let either Pastor Dave or myself know.

Thank you.

Joyce Bluel
Church Council President

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