



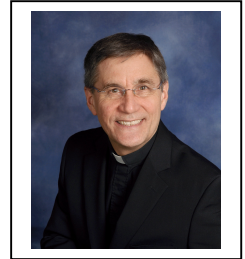
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# St. Luke Lutheran Church

*Open doors, open hearts, open minds.*

## Parish Times February 2014

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*



There are many ways we are following this as a congregation. It is one of our guides in our life as a church family. These words are also a beautiful and powerful guide for our lives as individuals. As Christians we are to strive for justice in this world, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. We also try to teach this to our children. It is one reason we have “the jar” in worship for our children. Each September they decide where to send this money, so helping the less fortunate and in this way, doing justice. In confirmation I not only want our youth to learn certain facts about our faith, I also dearly wish for faith to come alive for them in their everyday lives, lighting and guiding their lives. And so they volunteer in the CROP Walk, Operation Christmas Child, Loaves and Fishes, Souper Bowl Sunday and Feed My Starving Children. After confirmation they can also take part in workcamp. Making faith come alive is one of the aims of workcamp. You can help our youth in this faith journey by coming to the workcamp Spaghetti dinner/auction on Saturday, February 22 at 6 pm. ....doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with our God. It is a blessing for us all and for the world.

Pr. Dave

### Micro-Lending Dinner and Lending

All are invited to come to a delicious Chinese dinner here at St. Luke at 6:30 on Tuesday, February 4, followed by making micro-loans to people all across the world. The only cost involved is for the dinner, \$5.00. Come eat and help us improve people’s lives all across the world! In so doing, do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God! Please sign up on the kiosk so I know how much food to order.



--Pr. Dave



### Souper Bowl Sunday!

Sunday, February 2 is Souper Bowl Sunday, when the confirmation students will be selling delicious homemade soup for a free will donation. Give as little or as much as you wish! The money will be given to Feed My Starving Children. Eat some delicious soup while helping to feed children! It’s a win/win! If you wish to take some soup home, please bring a container for that purpose.

**Ladies Night Out** – Ladies Night Out in February will take place on Tuesday, February 18th at 7<sup>th</sup> Street Social – 2176 W. Seventh St. (formerly Parrish’s) at 5:30 p.m. Please notify Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) if you are planning on attending by Sunday, February 9th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Below is a church directory addendum, reflecting address updates that occurred since the directory was printed in April 2013. Cut and affix this article to the back of your directory for easy reference.

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## Youth Workcamp Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

On Saturday, February 22 at 6 p.m. our youth will hold a spaghetti dinner/silent auction fundraiser for the purpose of attending workcamp in July. During the weeklong workcamp we will join approximately 400 other youth from across the country to help repair homes for people, who for whatever reason, cannot repair them by themselves. Many of the homeowners are elderly, disabled, or simply cannot afford to make basic repairs. During this workcamp we will repair about 40-50 homes. But this isn't just about repairing homes; it is about repairing lives and growing in faith. It is a beautiful, beautiful time of giving and growth for everyone involved, both homeowners and our youth. So please support our youth, help them to help others, help them to grow in faith by coming on Saturday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. for some delicious spaghetti and an exciting auction full of fabulous items! Come hungry!



80 Hungry people braved the cold and snowy weather on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> for a free supper at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the west side for the Loaves and Dishes program. Workers were Larry Litzkow, Joyce Bluel, Ann Verschoyle, Eva Mac Niven and Dave and Nahoko Person, and sons John and Andy.



## Confirmation News

On Saturday, February 1 we will meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to make soup. We will sell the soup on Sunday, Feb. 2 (Souper Bowl Sunday). We will donate the money we receive to Feed My Starving Children when we volunteer there in March. No class on Feb. 5. We will have class on Feb. 12. On Monday, February 24 we will volunteer at Loaves and Fishes, meeting at church at 3:00. We will work at Loaves and Fishes until 6:30 that evening. We will have class on Feb. 26.

Early Communion Preparation Classes will be held soon. St. Luke Church has a tradition that a child is eligible whenever the parents and the pastor believe that the child is ready. Pastor Dave will be leading first communion classes on Sunday mornings, March 30 and April 6 during Sunday School, 10:15 to 11:00. Upon completion of these classes the children will receive their first communion on Easter Sunday, April 20. Please talk to Pastor Dave if you are interested in this class for your child(ren).



HOLY COMMUNION

## February Readers:



2 – Mike Hegdahl  
9 – Beth Peterson  
16 – Wendy Bjorklund  
23 – Laurie Herrmann



## February Birthdays

1 – ELLEN SCHULTZ  
4 – MAGGIE ERICKSON  
5 – KURT SCHULTZ  
7 – SAMANTHA SMITH  
9 – KIRBY PETERSON  
10 – JUNELLA LITZKOW  
11 – SUE GRZYWINSKI  
12 – ALEC SCHULTZ,  
14 – DIANNE DIESTLER  
16 – ANN VERSCHOYLE  
23 – LORRENE CHLIAN,  
MARY DYBVIK,  
VOLKER LANDENBERGER  
24 – JEFF KINGLSEY  
26 – KAREN WASKO



## Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for January: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Rob Herrmann.

Our ushers for February will be: Matthew Brummund, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike Hegdahl, Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder.0

## Ash Wednesday and Lent

This year Ash Wednesday falls on March 5. We will gather for worship that evening at 7:00 pm. The next five Wednesday evenings after Ash Wednesday we will gather for worship around the theme of "Making Change." Life is full of change and we will be touching on some of those changes throughout Lent as we move towards Easter. I will share more about our Lenten series in the March newsletter. --Pr. Dave.



## Lenten Soup Suppers

How about a nice hot bowl of soup to warm you up before our mid-week Lenten services? If you are interested in signing up to provide either soup or dessert for one of the 6 mid-week services, please sign up on the sheet posted on the kiosk. The first service will be Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and will continue each Wednesday through April 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to either Joyce Bluel or Junella Litzkow.

## Silent Auction

We need **YOUR** contributions for the St. Luke Silent Auction on Feb. 22. This is a fund raiser for our youth to participate in their annual Group Workcamp mission trip. Please...we are grateful for **ANY AUCTION ITEM** you may wish to contribute to this worthy cause. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Pastor Dave at 651-698-9443. Here are just a few ideas, to get you going:

1. gift cards
  2. themed gift baskets: soaps/lotions, coffees/teas, wine/cheeses...the possibilities are endless!
  3. a handmade item: scarf, blanket, arts/crafts.....again, the sky is the limit!
  4. a new item you purchase and donate to the auction
  5. a monetary gift towards the purchase of a TV for the raffle
  6. ...*whatever you wish to donate!*
- We can't wait to see what treasures come in...thanks so much for your generosity!

## Come one, come all to our ever-popular **ALL-MEMBER WINTER CHURCH RETREAT** at Camp Onomia, March 21-23.

Young and old, parents or singles, **all are welcome!** Want to get away from your busy life, and just relax and have fun? Or do you want to have some great family time with your kids? There is something for *everyone!* To RSVP, or for further info, contact Sue Grzywinski at 651-343-1453, or talk to Pastor Dave.





## Musings from the Music Director

### Want to get rid of the "winter blues?" Consider singing or ringing at St. Luke!

The **Chancel Choir** rehearses from 7:00 - 8:00 pm every **Wednesday** and shares music during the worship services on the **first and third Sundays of every month**. The **Bell Choir** rehearses from 8:00 - 9:00 pm every **Wednesday** and shares music during the worship service on the **fourth Sunday of every month**. The Praise Band always rehearses from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on the **1st Wednesday** of the month and leads the worship on the **2nd Sunday of the month (unless it is a special service)**.

**Season Three** - Wednesday, January 8th through Sunday, February 23rd.

**Season Four** - Wednesday, February 26th through Easter Sunday, April 20th

**Season Five** - Wednesday, April 23rd through Sunday, May 25th.

Please come and join the musical "pillars" of all three groups. I would love to see "new faces" participating in the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Praise Band at St. Luke Lutheran Church. All ages, shapes, and sizes are welcome; whether you can read music or not! *"Let everything [everyone] who has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD."* Psalm 150:6

### What role does music play in a worship service?

In my experience, music and worship are synonymous. As many of you know, I am a pastor's daughter. At the age of two, I sang my first solo, *"Beautiful Savior"* during a worship service. When my legs were long enough to reach the pedals, I played the organ for services. Twice a month, throughout my junior high and high school years, my father would lead service and I would play the piano for an afternoon worship service at the local nursing home. I am so grateful to my father for teaching me the important and significant role music plays in a worship service

It has always been my conviction that the music in a worship service is not or should ever be considered a **performance**; it is an integral part of the whole worship experience. The various hymns, anthems, and other music are used to enhance the various Biblical lessons, the Psalm, the sermon, and the overall liturgical Sunday theme. I spend a great amount of time and thoughtful reflection when selecting the hymns, anthems for the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, the music for the Praise Band, the Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude music as well as all other worship music used during a service. I am committed to making sure that what is being musically shared on a particular Sunday morning is directly related to the overall worship "theme" of the day. It is my goal as the Director of Music to make sure that the music offered during any service enhances rather than distracts from the overall worship experience for the congregation. .

**In my opinion, the worship service begins when the Prelude begins and ends when the last note of the Postlude has been played!** The Prelude music provides a time for personal, quiet preparation, reflection, and prayer. It is obvious that the members of St. Luke are a friendly bunch and enjoy talking with one another.

**Once you walk into the sanctuary, I encourage all of you to prepare silently for the worship service.** Listen to the prelude music and prepare your hearts and minds for the wonderful worship service to come! Also, please feel free to fully enjoy the Postlude music! I know that there will be plenty of "goodies" and coffee left if you decide to sit and listen to the Postlude - end of the worship service music!

I am so grateful to the volunteers who graciously participate in the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, Praise Band, and any other vocalist or instrumentalist who shares his/her musical gifts during a worship service. The musical talents and offerings from everyone provides such a rich, musical dimension to the worship services at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

I am thrilled that there are many opportunities for all members at St. Luke, regardless of age or experience, to share their musical gifts during worship. I look forward to a wonderful year of providing worshipful and appropriate music for all of the services at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

Blessings,  
Cammy Horne

#### February Acolytes:

Feb. 2 – Zach Moore

Feb. 16 – Maggie Erickson



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