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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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Look, I am making all things new. Revelation 21:5

This was the theme for the Group Workcamp our youth attended in Brockton, Massachusetts this year. We talked about making the homes we were working on new (we worked on 44 homes that needed a variety of repairs). We also talked about each of us being made new through Jesus. We had some great devotions and conversations about that. When you think and pray about being made new through Jesus, what does it mean to you? Is there a part of your life that needs renewal? One way renewal begins is through a deepening of our relationship with Jesus. It is Jesus who makes all things new. He is our Creator and Renewer. When we wish to make a part of us new, it is best to bring this to Jesus through prayer. In that prayer we ask for renewal. Then we begin working towards that renewal. As we work towards renewal we continue in prayer to ask Jesus for the strength and determination to continue on. I have done this in my own life and it has been a great help for me. Jesus does bring renewal. This is not only a word of hope and strength for each of us as individuals; it is also a word of hope and strength for St. Luke. It is in Christ that St. Luke receives direction, hope and strength. As we approach our 100-year anniversary next year, let us all make it a practice to deepen ourselves in prayer. Let us pray for personal renewal as well as pray for the continued renewal of St. Luke, this beautiful gift God has given us.



Pr. Dave

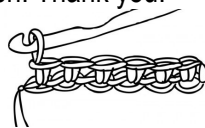


Stamping With Sue

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on **Sept. 29** 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!

Fall Bazaar

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.



Sunday School Families: The Sunday School Staff warmly welcomes you to Rally Day, **Sept. 9!** We have lots of fun things planned for the day, which culminates in a pig roast/potluck lunch at 11:00 a.m. (Please bring a dish to share.) It is sure to be a festive day for all!



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in September will take place on Tuesday, September 18th at T.G.I. Fridays in Bloomington; 2201 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 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, September 9th 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, reading, shopping, games, crafts, Bible studies, puzzles, laughter, seeing old friends and lots more.

When: Friday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, Sept. 16

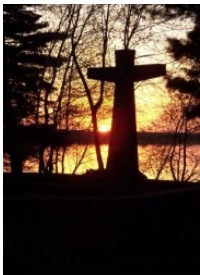
Where: Camp Onomia

Who: St. Luke Ladies

Cost: \$78.00 per person for the weekend, which includes Friday snack, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast.

Linens are \$6.00, or bring your own

How to sign up: Send a \$10.00 deposit to Julie Gaarder at St. Luke Lutheran, 1807 Field Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55116



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for August: Mike Hegdahl, Julie Ellingson, Bill Laramy, Doug Klein

September Readers:

- 2 – Audrey Rongstad
- 9 – Beth Peterson
- 16 – Wendy Bjorklund
- 23 – Joyce Bluel
- 30 – Sue McNeill



September Acolytes:



- 2 – Maggie Erickson
- 9 – Charlie Gaarder
- 16 – Karl Gaarder
- 23 – Sam Nakamura
- 30 – Thor Burchill Riley

September Birthdays



- 4 - KELLY JOHNSON
- 6 - PAUL LELII,
DELTAH NIEMI,
AUDREY RONGSTAD
- 9 - KEN MCGREW
- 10 - AIDEN JOHNSON,
MICHAELA MCGOUGH,
LUE ROTH
- 11 - JANE MCGREW,
GENE SPRAY
- 12 - MIKE WALTER
- 15 - SANDY GRZYWINSKI
- 17 - CONNOR BURCHILL-RILEY,
CORINN BURCHILL-RILEY
- 22 - CAROL VIGDAL
- 25 - NAHOKO PERSON
- 26 - SAMANTHA BRUMMUND
- 27 - GWEN BRUMMUND
- 29 - JORDAN BRANDT,
ERIC ELLINGSON



Hobby Night

A group meets in the library here at church on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. to work on projects that we don't find time to finish at home. It is a great time of fellowship and fun! If you want more information, talk to Sue Grzywinski or Joyce Bluel.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for August: Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder. Our ushers for September will be: Eva Mac Niven, Connel McGough, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Pam Ballis, Katy Eggert.

Spotlight on...Sandy



I am the younger daughter of Dale and Violet Lorenson, who reside in Cannon Falls, MN, where I grew up. I have one older sister, Pam, who lives in Cannon Falls. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, where my great grandparents on the Lorenson side of the family were charter members. Dad is Swedish, and Mom is Norwegian, so I have a strong Scandinavian background! I have 5 nieces and nephews, and 6 great nieces and nephews.

I graduated from Cannon Falls high school in 1972 and went on to school at Winona State, graduating with a 2-year Associate Degree for medical secretary. After graduation, I moved to Minneapolis and worked at Fairview Riverside Hospital medical records department, transcribing medical dictation. In 1978, I accepted a new position at the Airport Medical Clinic that involved more varied duties and stayed 22 years. I now work at Park Nicollet Clinic Administration in St. Louis Park, providing administrative support to the leaders of Primary Care, Behavioral Health, and Risk Management. I enjoy my work very much and the great people.

I met my husband, David in 1975, and we married in 1980. While honeymooning at Breezy Point, I found out for sure it was true love during a fishing outing. Dave really wanted me to catch fish and fixed me up with his *favorite* lure. Well, my fish line broke while casting and that favorite lure sailed into the horizon, never to return. Shortly thereafter, my fish line somehow became all tangled up in the motor. We rowed back to shore. He took it all in stride!

I enjoy water aerobics and yoga classes, walking, cooking and trying new recipes, and watching sports. I love dogs, and we have an 11-year-old yellow lab, Lucy, who has such a big heart.

Dave and I have always felt genuinely welcomed at St. Luke whenever attending St. Luke events with Dan, Sue and Alex. We came to realize last winter that it was the right time to officially become part of this wonderful St. Luke family. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms. I am looking forward to growing into our community of faith!



News from President Joyce Bluel

Wow, September already??? That means the start of school and a busy calendar here at St. Luke. Rally Day, which is September 9th, marks the beginning of another year of Sunday school, the choirs will begin meeting weekly for their rehearsals and the annual Fall Bazaar is just six weeks away.

This November at our semi-annual congregational meeting we will be electing a new church council. The positions on the ballot will be; President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Secretary which make up the Executive Committee. The only requirement for these positions, with the exception of President, is that you must have served on the council as a commissioner. For the President position, you must have served on the council as an officer. There will also be 6 commissioner positions open. No experience is necessary to be a commissioner.

It is never too early to begin thinking about making a commitment to serve on the council. Officers have one-year terms. Commissioners have two-year terms. The commissioners report on the various commission activities (e.g., parish life, worship, stewardship, evangelism, youth & education, social action, and property). You choose an area that interests you. How much time you devote to working on the commission is up to you. Your time on the council will include monthly meetings (1-2 hrs) and any commission meetings scheduled. As outgoing President I ask you to seriously consider being on the ballot this November. Feel free to ask your council any questions you may have. We are happy to talk to you about this important opportunity to serve.



135 hungry people were served an evening meal at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the West Side on February 28th for the Loaves and Fishes program. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Jean Gilland, Joyce Bluel and Ann Verschoyle. Audrey Rongstad and Robyn Rongstad helped by furnishing cookies.

Scholarships are available to anyone attending a Lutheran College. Deadline for the Spring semester 2013 is due to the church council no later than November 1, 2012. The deadline for Fall semester 2013 is July 1, 2013. Please contact Julie Gaarder to get instructions and an application for qualification.

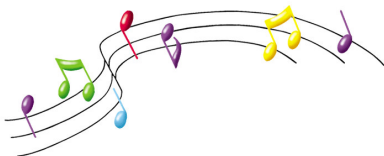


Please save your 10 oz. olive or maraschino cherry glass jars **and** lids for homemade jam to be sold at the Fall Bazaar. If you have any jars and lids available or have questions regarding this, please contact Sandy Berger at church or at 651-489-1032.



Lift Every Voice and Sing... Lift Every Bell and Ring!

Vocal choir and bell choir resumes on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 26. Vocal choir is at 7:00; bell choir is at 8:00. Whether you are a returning member or a newcomer, we welcome you with open arms! Join us!



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.

Safeguarding Offerings and Deposits



Upon recommendation of the ELCA, the church council at its August meeting, voted to change the practice of counting the weekly offering by adding a second person to perform the count and verify the deposit. Presently it is just the Financial Secretary that counts and deposits the money in the bank, which leaves that person in a vulnerable position should there ever be a question regarding a deposit. A log of the amount to be deposited will be signed and dated by both the Financial Secretary and the second person counting the offering. To maintain confidentiality of the offering, the second person performing the count will be a member of the church council and will be on a rotation basis among all of the members of the council.

Confirmation Class



Orientation for confirmation students and parents will take place on Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 in the library. We will talk about the curriculum, schedule and expectations. See you then!

GAMES DAYS RETURN beginning on Friday, Sept. 7 at 12:30 p.m., continuing bi-monthly, on the first and third Fridays of the month. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game, and settle down to an afternoon of fun...join us!



Adult Forum



The first adult forum will be right after worship on Sunday, September 23 in the library. In our Christian life, we use certain words quite often, yet if we were asked to define them, we might stumble a bit. One of those words is “righteous” or “righteousness.” What does the Bible mean when it speaks of righteous or righteousness? You will find that it is translated into the English in a variety of ways that may widen your understanding of your faith. Another word we will explore is “sin.” What is sin? How do you define it? What does it mean to be both sinner and saint, as Luther declared? Did Luther really tell us to “sin boldly?” What did he mean by that? ... and many more questions. Come, explore and see.

2013 Group Workcamp

In 2013 we will attend the workcamp in Troy, Missouri. We will leave St. Luke for the workcamp on Saturday, July 20 and return on Saturday, July 27. (No long road trip).

According to Group this camp is already half full! So sign up today and get your \$50.00 deposit in by Sunday, September 23 so we can reserve your spot!



**Group
WorkCamp**

Micro-lending Meeting

On Wednesday, Sept. 5 we will meet at 6:30 for a catered Chinese meal (\$5.00 per person), then lend out the funds we have received back from repaid loans. Join us in making loans to people all around the world...join us in helping others help themselves. Sign up on the kiosk asap.





Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 6 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 also be accepting gently used and clean clothing. Also, we will NOT be accepting furniture, exercise equipment, appliances or electronics. You may bring your items to church; starting on September 9th and place in the corner of the Social Hall labeled "Rummage Sale" on the North West side of church.

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!

Do you sew, knit, crochet or like to make handmade gifts? 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 soon. The Raffle Committee could use help with collecting donations, selling raffle tickets and working the raffle table the day of the event. If you can help in any way, please contact Pam Ballis (612) 418-6929.

Back by popular demand will be the General Store. We are looking for donations of bags of candy to be used in the candy jar game and gently used items to be raffled off at the General Store, if you are willing to donate, please contact Gwen Brummund (651) 306-1511. Sue Grzywinski will be returning to make and sell her potato lefse by the slice this year.

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:

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Just a reminder that we have an active Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted and given to anyone you know who is experiencing a loss, a grave illness, a troubling time, etc. The shawls are created with a prayer for each row. If you make one for someone in the congregation, please feel free to take a card in the shawl box (in Jo's office) to accompany it. You should also check with Jo on whether they have received a shawl already. She keeps a list of shawl recipients. If you make a shawl, please put a note pinned to it with your name and place it in one of the boxes in Jo's office. We have several available right now, but we encourage anyone who can knit or crochet to join this ministry by creating a shawl. No particular pattern. No particular yarn. No particular color. Just your time and a prayer for each row. If you need more information, please feel free to contact Sue McNeill, Eva Mac Niven, or Dianne Diestler.



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