



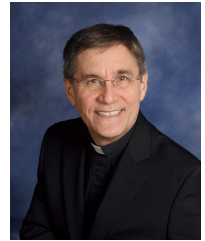
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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
 Psalm 136:1



There are days that are so full, so rushed, that all I can do is hang on until I finally fall into bed exhausted. I imagine you have experienced this too. Life can rush by in overdrive at times, sweeping us up with it. In times like that we have little else we can do but hang on for dear life. However, because life can get so fast, it is good to stop every now and again, even everyday if possible, creating time to give thanks while glorying in the miracle that is life. We take so much for granted. But when we stop to contemplate the many blessings all around us and in us, we are filled with both wonder and joy. Join your church family of St. Luke for one such moment, when we stop to give thanks to our God on Wednesday, November 25 at 7 pm for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Pr. Dave



Our heartfelt thanks to our Bun Run volunteers for October: Mike Hegdahl, Joan Wilson, Doug and Jo Klein, Ken McGrew and Julie Ellingson.



November Acolytes:
 1 Zach Moore
 15 Ava Herrmann



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out will go on hiatus for November and December. We will resume Ladies Night Out again in January. Watch the December newsletter for details of where we will be dining in January. If you have suggestions of restaurants please feel free to contact Joyce Bluel.



Loaves and Fishes

St. Luke members helped to feed 99 hungry adults and children at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on September 28th. Workers were Tracy Arndt, Joyce Bluel, Roger and Dianne Diestler, Larry Litzkow and Pastor Dave.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for October: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Volker Landenberger, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Rob Herrmann. Our ushers for November will be: Steve and Gwen Brummund, Matt Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Michael Hoffman.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

ASSISTANTS:

Readers:

- 1 Jeff Kingsley
- 8 Sue McNeill
- 15 Wendy Bjorklund
- 22 Katy Eggert
- 29 Mike Hegdahl

Communion:

- 1 Jeff Kingsley
- 15 Wendy Bjorklund

On All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 1, 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.



Confirmation

Prepare a shoebox for Operation Christmas to be ready by Sunday, November 22, when the shoeboxes will be delivered. I will be away on a trip to Japan so we will meet for class on Tuesday, November 24.
-Pr. Dave



Thanksgiving Baskets

As is the St. Luke tradition, we will be collecting donations for Thanksgiving Baskets, which will be distributed to members of our community. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 22. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to filling these baskets, please indicate "Thanksgiving Basket" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

Now Thank We All Our God!

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Wednesday, Nov. 25th
7:00 p.m.



Be sure to attend our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 1 after the service. Please plan to take part in this important meeting on the current and long-term goals of our church family.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

November 15-22 we will be collecting shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. To participate, get a shoebox and fill it up with toys for a boy or a girl. You will find pamphlets on the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall with all the details you need to know. Once full of goodies, bring your shoebox to church between Nov. 15-22. Your shoebox will then be sent somewhere around the world to a young child who otherwise would receive nothing for Christmas. There is so much BAD news around the world. Here is a simple way to help bring some GOOD news, some real joy to a child. For more information, check out the Welcome Table or ask Pr. Dave.





November Birthdays

- 1 Kou Vang
- 2 Jeff Faust
- 8 Thelma Krosky
- 13 Colleen McGough
- 14 Joshua Vigdal
- 16 Brenda Drehmel
- 17 Dwight Paulson, Joan Wilson
- 18 Bruce Magnuson
- 23 Christine Salaba
- 24 Kira Faust
- 25 Ben Vigdal
- 26 Janell Walter
- 30 Adam Czech, Robert Herrmann



November Anniversaries

- 9 Tracy And Kevin Arndt: 1991
- 12 Larry And Junella Litzkow: 1960
- 13 Chuck And Michelle Klein: 1976
- 26 Jack And Joan Holtz: 1960

Dec The Halls!

All are invited on Sunday, Nov. 29 after worship to decorate our church home for the Advent and Christmas seasons. After decorating, we will all enjoy a potluck lunch together. Donations of Poinsettias to adorn our altar are greatly appreciated. Join us for this cherished, time-honored St. Luke tradition...it is sure to put you in a festive mood!



Need to pick up a special gift for a teacher, co-worker or favorite aunt? You will find just the right things among the wide variety of one-of-a-kind, handcrafted treasures in the classroom across the hall from the library...check it out soon!



♪ ♪ Musings ♪ ♪ from the Music Director

Dear Members of St. Luke,

I want to thank you all for the warm reception I have been receiving these last couple of months! Thank you for making me feel comfortable as I get used to this transition. I want to extend an invitation to members to join choir and bell choir! We could always use new members. I encourage those who might be interested to at least attend a few rehearsals and see what you think! I'm definitely having a great time working with both choirs, and I think it will be great fun for many of you. Please contact me with questions. Kohle091@umn.edu

Blessings,
Katie



Financial Report

General Fund	September	Year to Date
Receipts	\$11,154.00	\$110,068.06
Expenses	\$14,153.62	\$110,735.90

Scholarships are available to any St. Luke member attending a Lutheran College. Deadline for the Spring semester 2016 is due to the church council no later than **November 1, 2015**. Please contact Ruth Carlson to get instructions and an application for qualification.



*I am grateful for what I am and have.
My thanksgiving is perpetual.
Henry David Thoreau*





2015 Fall Bazaar

St. Luke hosted its 31st Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 10th. The weather was beautiful and we had a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. This event could not be held without the dedication and hard work of **all** of our members.

The money raised from the Bazaar is used to carry out the ministries of St. Luke as well as providing a great fellowship opportunity for our church and community.

The day started off with our traditional fare of delicious rolls and hot coffee and moved into lunch with scrumptious chili and chili dogs and hot, fresh popcorn was available to munch on throughout the day.

The ever popular Rummage Sale Room was busy again this year. A pumpkin walk, face painting, ring toss and a duck pond were available in the morning in the Kiddie Room free of charge for the children. Our games of chance of Bingo and spinning the wheel for prizes at the General Store were also popular with those in attendance.

The raffle offered the chance to win some very nice prizes this year thanks to the generosity of many Twin City businesses as well as members of our congregation. In addition to these donations, we raffled off a 40 inch flat screen TV, a full size handmade quilt along with two \$100 gift certificates.

Thanks to the talented bakers and crafters, we had a nice quantity of items to offer the shoppers.

Special thanks to our committee chairs: Rummage Sale Room – Jo Klein, Bake Sale – Joan Wilson & Deb Vignal, Raffle – Dianne Diestler & Katy Eggert, Kitchen – Beth Peterson, Kiddie Room – Bev Eckstrom, Publicity – Pam Ballis, Treasurer – Julia Gaarder and our Greeter and Emcee – Roger Diestler.

Thanks again for your support!!

2015 Fall Bazaar Chairs
Joyce Bluel and Judy Salaba

2015 BAZAAR RAFFLE

Thank you to the many area businesses who were kind enough to donate prizes for our raffle. When you get a chance please stop in to any of these businesses and purchase food or other goods they may offer in their stores.

A. Johnson & Sons
Bennett's Chop House
Bibelot Shop
Bruegger's Bagels
Café Latte
Carbone's Pizza
Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
Cleveland Wok
Cooper's Super Value
Dunn Brothers Coffee
Espresso Royale
Ficocello's Hair Salon
Great Clips
Groveland Tap
Hair to Go
Highland Café & Bakery
Italian Pie Shoppe
Izzy's Ice Cream Shop
J&S Bean Factory
Jungle Theatre
Kruger Potatoes
Minnesota Twins
Minnesota Vikings
O'Gara's Bar & Grill
Old Log Theatre
Patina
Pine Tree Orchard
Punch Pizza
Rita Amborn Beauty
Rocco Altobelli Salon
Salon 760
Scusi/Blue Plate
Smash Burger
Snuffy's Malt Shop
St. Clair Broiler
Starbuck's Coffee
Which Wich
Woolley Bakery

Also THANK YOU to the many St Luke members who also donated many very nice gifts and tickets to sporting events.

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