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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22



Lent is fast approaching. This year our Ash Wednesday worship service falls on February 13 at 7 pm. The worship will be preceded by a time of prayer, from 6:30-7:00 pm. During this thirty-minute time of prayer, you may take a piece of paper provided and write on it something that is causing you pain, maybe your own sin, a sin someone committed against you, or some other hurt. We will have a cross at the front of the sanctuary with a number of nails in it. Please take your paper and pierce it through one of those nails, offering this hurt/sin to God. Near the end of the thirty-minute prayer time, I will burn these papers (no one will read them) and mix a bit of those ashes into the ashes we will receive on our foreheads. We go before God as a sinner, but knowing that our sins are forgiven, nailed to the cross of Jesus. Come worship that evening as we remember the giftedness of life and the grace that fills each moment. Come, remember that you are ashes and to ashes you shall return.

Our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services will begin on February 20 and continue for five weeks. Worship will last from 6:45-7:30 for each of the five Wednesday evening Lenten services. This Lent we will stress fasting. However we will not be talking about fasting from food, but rather fasting from anger, judging others, complaining, overspending, resentment and bitterness, and finally, discouragement. Each week we will center on one of these topics and that whole week strive to fast from it. Everyone attending will receive a wooden "prayer cube" with these six fasts written on them. Please use this prayer cube throughout the Lenten season, and beyond, to help you in your fasts. In this way, I pray that we may all come to see the beauty of the fruits of the Spirit and grow in them.

Pr. Dave



Stamping With Sue

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on Saturday, Feb. 23, 9:00 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: ssmceill@hotmail.com; work 612-596-4011; home 651-688-8176. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

Souper Bowl Sunday!

Sunday, February 3 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! All of the donated 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.



February Readers:



- 3 – Mike Hegdahl
- 10 – Jeff Kingsley
- 17 – Beth Peterson
- 24 – Laurie Herrmann



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in February will actually be a **night in** at church, on Tuesday, February 19th at 5:30 p.m. We will start off with a delicious supper followed by a showing of a movie. All women are welcome! Please let Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) know if you are planning on attending by Sunday, February 10th, so that we know how much food to prepare. Cost of supper will be determined and split among the participants the night of the event.

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

Confirmation Class

On Saturday, Feb. 2 we will meet at church from 10:00-noon to make soup for Souper Bowl Sunday. On Sunday, Feb. 3 we will be selling the soup with all donations going to Feed My Starving Children. There will be no class on Feb. 6. Feb. 13 is Ash Wednesday. Please come to the 7 pm worship service. During Lent we will meet from 5:30-6:30, so please come at that time on Feb. 20 and 27.



February Acolytes:



3 – Teagan Burchill Riley
13 – Kirby Peterson
17 – Emma McGrew

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 (ssmccneill@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.



Training to Serve is an organization that provides education to people about the unique needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons as they age. With the council's approval, St. Luke's is graciously hosting a “Training to Serve” event open to all members of our congregation and to the public at large in order to support our mission of being a “Reconciled in Christ” congregation. We guarantee you will learn something new at this engaging and informative sensitivity training. Light supper provided by Right at Home. **RSVP to Leanne at 952-854-6122 is required!** The event is scheduled for Monday evening, February 25th. Supper at 6 p.m. Program from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Spotlight on...Emily



Hello! My name is Emily D. Morris. I am 17 years old and I have lived in Minnesota my entire life. My mother's name is Katy Barrett and my step-father's name is Brian Barrett –but everyone calls him Bare, although no one knows why. She is a preschool teacher at Saint Matt's in West Saint Paul and Bare is a Supervisor at 3M. Together they also raised my beautiful 11-year-old sister, Jenny. My daddy's name is Mark and when he's not working at the bakery, he's scraping up extra "dough" at the carpeting business he owns, "Marks Wall-to-Wall Carpeting". He is married to my step mom, Anastasia and they have two perfect kiddos of their own, Jesa and Jacob. Jesa is 6 and has just started her first year of kindergarten at an arts and music school and Jacob, who just turned a year old in December, spends his time mastering the art of walking. Anastasia also runs in home day-care, so the house is also filled with kids playing. I love spending as much time as possible with my family and they are very important to me.

I live in South Saint Paul with my mom, Bare, and Jenny. This is my last year at South Saint Paul Senior High School and I'm going to miss it very much. However, I am very excited to start next fall at Winona, Concordia, or Inver Hills. As far plans after college goes, I would love to move to Texas and spend my years training dolphins, but that's very unlikely because I could not handle the large spiders down there.

St. Luke is the only church I have ever attended and I would never dream of ever leaving it. I started going to St. Luke with my cousin Abby Winecke on Sundays if I had slept over the previous night... then I started going to the Onomia retreats... then Vacation Bible School... then the summer Group Work Camps... until I just started coming as often as I could. I was initially attracted to the church because of the people. I met my best friends there and I found people I could tell things to that I've never shared with anyone else. Becoming a part of St. Luke changed my life forever and I consider myself very blessed to be a part of St. Luke's community.



Musings from the Music Director

Thank you to the members of the chancel choir, the bell choir and the soloists (Jo Klein, Sue McNeill, Abby Winecke and Jeff Kinglsey) who provided special music during the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Your musical gifts and contributions added so much to these special worship services.

PSALMISTS needed! Please let Cammy know if you would like to be the song leader for the singing of the Psalm on Sunday morning. All ages and voice ranges welcome!

Ringers and Singers wanted! Come join in the musical fellowship on Wednesday evenings. Chancel Choir - 7:00 pm and Bell Choir at 8:00 pm. Reading music is not required, just a sincere desire to sing and ring praises unto God! The Chancel Choir provides special music for the worship services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month. The Bell Choir provides special music for the worship service on the 2nd Sunday of every month. If you would like to sing or play a musical solo for any worship service, please contact Cammy Horne! **"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!" Psalm 95:2:**

Instrumentalists needed for the St. Luke Contemporary Praise Band! The contemporary praise band is looking for more guitar players, a bass player, and a drummer! If you are interested in sharing your musical gifts once a month during our contemporary worship service, please contact Cammy Horne. The rehearsal for the contemporary praise band is held the fourth Wednesday of every month and provides the music for worship on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Do you have a favorite hymn? Please put your hymn suggestions in the ***Favorite Hymn box*** located in the fellowship hall. There will be a 20-minute "Prelude Hymn Sing" from 8:45 - 9:00 am on **Sunday, March 3rd! Bring family members, friends, and your voice and come prepare for worship by singing good old favorite hymns!**

I am so happy to be sharing my music ministry at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Thank you for making me feel so welcome!

Peace,

Cammy Horne

Youth Workcamp Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction

On Saturday, February 23 at 6 p.m. our youth will hold a spaghetti dinner/silent auction fundraiser for the purpose of attending workcamp in Troy, Missouri from July 21-27. 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 23 at 6:00 p.m. for some delicious spaghetti and an exciting auction full of fabulous items! Come hungry!



ALL MEMBER WINTER RETREAT!

► Our ever-popular Family Retreat is scheduled for February 8-10. Families should receive a mailing outlining the specifics shortly. Please sign up on the kiosk as soon as possible!

► We will be having a brief organizational meeting on Sunday, January 27 at 11:15 to make plans for the upcoming retreat. What traditions do we want to keep? What new traditions do we want to develop? We want to hear from YOU!

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 3, 10 and 17 during Sunday School, 10:15 to 11:00. Upon completion of these classes the children will receive their first communion on Easter Sunday, March 31. Please talk to Pastor Dave if you are interested in this class for your child(ren).



HOLY COMMUNION



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for January: Roger Dieslter, Doug, Abby and Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, George Heriot and Jean Gilland. Our ushers for February will be: Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder.



Giving Totals:

Budget 2012 - \$148,694.00

Giving 2012 - \$127,357.16

The 2012 Giving Statements are now available in the Social Hall. Please pick up your statement asap to defray postage expenses.

**SAVE THE DATE for these
special centennial events:**

April 13: Centennial Dinner

April 14: Centennial Service

Details to follow!

-100 YEARS-

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