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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100



We are called to give thanks. What fills you with thanks? Last month after being struck by lower back muscles spasms, I became extremely thankful for the ability to walk, lie down, or sit without pain. What a joy it is to do all of these things freely, easily, without giving them a second thought! As I write this I am also remembering yesterday's worship in which we had a large number of children in church and Sunday School. What a joy to have all those children come up for the children's sermon. What a joy it is to hear little voices in worship and see them crowd around the offering jar as they dig change out of their pockets to drop it in. I give thanks. I give thanks for the gift of this day, for these fingers that type these words, the ability to think, smile and laugh. And the more I think about all I have to be thankful for, the more I smile and realize just how blessed I am. Thanks be to God! Thank you Lord for blessings large and small. Thank you Lord for opening my eyes to see that sometimes, the "smallest" blessings are the greatest.

Come give thanks to the Lord on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm for our Thanksgiving Eve worship. Let's join our voices in thanks and praise!

--Pr. Dave



Stamping With Sue

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on Sat. Nov. 24 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.



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for October: Doug and Jo Klein, Ken McGrew, Joan Wilson, Mike Hegdahl.

November Readers:



4 – Wendy Bjorklund
 11 – Julie Gaarder
 18 – Joyce Bluel
 21 – Audrey Rongstad
 25 – Jeff Kingsley



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.

Save The Dates: We will have a new pictorial directory in 2013 to celebration our 100 years! LifeTouch has purchased Olan Mills. They have set aside January 17, 18, and 19 for our church photo sittings. Please save those dates for your family portrait. There will be more information soon. Check the bulletins on coming Sundays. The link to schedule your appointment online will be available on our website in November.



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

November Anniversaries



- 9 - TRACY AND KEVIN ARNDT: 1991
- 12 - LARRY AND JUNELLA LITZKOW: 1960
- 13 - CHUCK AND MICHELLE KLEIN: 1976
- 15 - HAMLINE AND JOAN JOHNSON: 1947
- 24 - JEAN AND BILL KLOTZ: 1945
- 26 - JACK AND JOAN HOLTZ: 1960

3rd Quarter 2012 Budget: \$111,152.05
3rd Quarter 2012 Giving: \$93,091.16



Now Thank We All Our God!

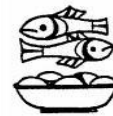
Join us for
 Thanksgiving Eve Worship,
Wednesday, Nov. 21st
 7:00 p.m.



November Acolytes:



- 4 – Thor Burchill Riley
- 18 – Maggie Erickson



130 Hungry people were served supper on September 24th at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in the Loaves and Fishes program. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Joyce Bluel, Jean Gilland and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey and Robyn Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.



Spotlight on...Lisa

I was born in Fargo, North Dakota to Ronald and Beverly Vandrovec, and was raised there alongside my older brother, Chad. Now, I am lucky to be blessed with a nephew, Matthew (4) and a niece, Grace (2). These are the new joys of my life and I look forward to seeing them each time I go back to Fargo.

I graduated from North Dakota University with a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree in 2002. Upon graduation, I was awarded the opportunity to perform a General Pharmacy Practice Residency at St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, North Dakota. I enjoyed my time in Bismarck and learned a great deal from my fellow pharmacists and physicians. One of the lessons I learned was that you truly aren't taught everything in pharmacy school, and that real life experiences are needed to augment academic education in order to be the best pharmacist possible.

After finishing my residency, I moved to Saint Paul and took a job with Fairview. I work at the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center in downtown Minneapolis. This is an outpatient oncology clinic in which patients are able to see their oncologists and receive their chemotherapy all in the same location. I have been with this institution for nine years and still learn something new every day. Many times when people think of a pharmacist they simply think of an individual who counts pills from behind a counter. I, however, do nothing of the sort. My responsibilities include educating our patients about the type of chemotherapy they will be receiving, conversing with physicians about patients' diagnoses, and checking chemotherapy prepared by technicians. The patients I meet constantly amaze and motivate me to do my best each day.

When I am not busy working, I enjoy gardening, taking care of my many house plants, running, cross country skiing, yoga, and watching sporting events. I am passionate for my North Dakota State Bison football team and for our Minnesota teams (Twins, Vikings, and Wild). However, I most enjoy spending time with my family, friends, and boyfriend Adam. My family and Adam are my "rocks" and without them I wouldn't be the individual that I am.

I have been attending St. Luke Lutheran Church since the summer of 2006. Interesting enough, I am not a member, but truly consider you my church when I am not in Fargo. The church I am a member at is First Lutheran Church in Fargo. First Lutheran is special to me as this is where I was baptized and later confirmed, and is responsible for initiating my relationship with Jesus Christ. St. Luke has been the right church for me while living in Saint Paul as I like the "small town" feeling. I have enjoyed attending this church as I have had an opportunity to develop friendships within a congregation of this size. While attending St. Luke, I have been fortunate enough to help with Vacation Bible School and serve as an usher. Thanks for making me feel so welcome!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive

"Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child." Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse

This Christmas season, would you like to make a difference in a young person's life? You can by participating in Operation Christmas Child. Simply pack a shoebox with small gifts and toiletries for a child aged 2-14 (you choose the age/gender of the child). The shoeboxes are distributed by Samaritan's Purse to children in need around the world.

Brochures with instructions/lists for filling the shoe boxes will be available in Social Hall on the Welcome Table beginning Sunday, October 28. Filled shoe boxes are due to church no later than **Sunday, November 18**. This is a fun project for all ages and really gets families in a Christmas mood. See Joan Wilson for more details.



Adult Forum

We will have Adult Forum right after worship in the library on Sunday, November 18. Come!



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 18. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to filling these baskets, please indicate on the "memo" line of your check: Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you!

Dec The Halls!

All are invited on Sunday, Nov. 25 at 11:00 a.m. to decorate our church home for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We'll begin with a potluck lunch, and then roll up our sleeves and dec the halls! 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!



Confirmation Class



We will not have class on November 7, that week should be used by all to buy and prepare their Operation Christmas Child present. We will have class on Nov. 14. There will be no class on November 21, instead come to the Thanksgiving Worship that evening at 7 pm. We will have class on November 28.

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.



2012 Fall Bazaar



Rainy and cool weather greeted us as we hosted another successful Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 13th. Despite the inclement weather, we still drew a nice crowd. There are many who attend each and every year and it was nice to welcome those who attended for the first time this year.

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. This event could not be held without the dedication and hard work of **all** of our members.

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

The ever popular Rummage Sale Room was a hive of activity again this year. The children found a variety of activities in the Kiddie Room to keep them busy.

Gwen Brummund headed up the General Store, where the kids could buy a chance to win a jar of candy and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to throw the dice and win a prize; another popular place was the lefse making station, run by Sue Grzywinski. There was a great demand for this treat.

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. We also raffled off two flat screen TV's, along with two \$100 Cub Food gift certificates.

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

Special thanks to our committee chairs: Rummage Sale Room – Jo Klein & David Elliott, Bake Sale – Joan Wilson, Raffle – Pam Ballis, Kitchen – Sandi Gordon, Kiddie Room – Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski, Publicity – Pam Ballis, General Store – Gwen Brummund, Lefse Maker – Sue Grzywinski, Treasurer – Eva Mac Given and our Greeter and Emcee – Sue McNeill.

Thanks again for your support!!

2012 Fall Bazaar Chairs

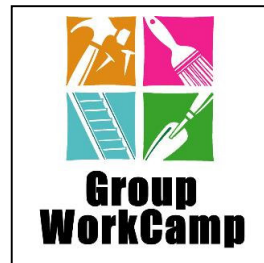
Joyce Bluel and Margaret Vigdal

There will be a Budget Meeting on Monday, Nov. 12 at 6:00 p.m. at church to plan the St. Luke budget for the coming year. *This is an open meeting!* Everyone is welcome. We encourage and value all input.



Usher Notes

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



We will have a workcamp meeting after worship on Sunday, November 11. Parents please come for the beginning of the meeting. We will try to set some dates for fundraisers, especially the Spaghetti Dinner. After that, there will be time for devotions for the youth.

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