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O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:6-7

Come worship the Lord! As Christians, one of our core values is worship of our loving God. We gather to give thanks and praise to the Lord our God. At St. Luke, we now have two opportunities every week for worship. One is our traditional worship time of 9:00 a.m. on Sundays and the second is the more informal "Sacred Life" worship at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays. We meet in the library for the Sacred Life worship, gathered in a circle of chairs. There is a time of singing, silent prayer, shared prayer, Holy Communion, a message, and your own comments, questions or sharing, if you wish, after the message and during prayers.

So come, worship the Lord, gathering with friends and family to lift up our voices in thanks and praise to our God who grants us life, loved ones and this beautiful creation. Come worship the Lord!

St. Luke Lawn Church Service, Sunday, August 16!



Bring lawn chairs or blankets or use a chair provided by church. After the outdoor worship we will have games for the kids as well as treats, so come one, come all!



**Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for July:
 Nancy Hegdahl, Mark McGough, Ken McGrew, and Joan Wilson.**



August Readers:

**2 - Gwen Brummund
 9 - Sue McNeill
 16 - Shantel Zvenjicks
 23 - Megan Jefferson
 30 - Mary Dybvig
 and Ralph Skoe**



Ladies Night Out

The August Ladies Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 18th at the Red Lobster in Roseville at 5:45 p.m. If you are interested in carpooling to the restaurant, please meet at church promptly at 5:00 p.m. Please let Joyce Bluel (690-4614) know by Sunday, August 9th, if you are planning on going so we have a correct head count and reservations can be made.

Many thanks to the following for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of June: Al Baird, Ann Verschoyle, Eva Mac Niven, Bruce Magnuson, Audrey Rongstad, Ralph and Ruth Wassman, Lori Nakamura, Sam and Lucy Lipscomb, David Elliott and Jane McGrew.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for July: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Audrey McNamara, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Al Baird. **Our ushers for August will be:** Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, and Tom Gaarder.

Come! Join us for...
•fellowship •refreshments
•music •board games
at

St. Luke Coffee House

Open to all!
Fourth Friday of every month
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
All ages welcome...children's area provided
Just drop in!

We'll see YOU Friday, August 28!



162 Hungry people were served supper on June 22nd at the Loaves and Fishes site on the West Side. Many thanks to our workers: Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Pastor Dave, John Person, Junko Yamazaki, Ann Verschoyle, Helen Bye, Jean Gilland and her brother Dennis, and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson for baking cookies.

The Saint Paul Area Council of Churches would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all who participated in the Kitchen Kits drive for battered women's shelters. Together with 17 other congregations and community groups, we collected an estimated \$5800 worth of new kitchen and household supplies for women leaving shelters to start a new home. More information about the eight domestic violence shelters that received the supplies may be found at www.spacc.org/gateways

Thanks to everyone at St. Luke who participated in this drive!





Notes from Conie:

-- When Pastor Marbury Anderson lead our worship when Pastor Dave was away at WorkCamp, he said people have the fear of dying, but not the fear of death. Interesting semantics. We fear being alone in this process, but not the result. In times of personal crisis, we desire to surrounded by community to know we are loved, accepted. At St. Luke we're faithful to our call to serve others bringing hot dishes for new parents. I'd like to start a new ministry that visits the shut-ins or the sick and sings to and with them. No singing experience is necessary. Bringing your compassionate and open heart is a prerequisite. I will be setting up a meeting soon to share a few songs and tell a little more about the process. Watch for the announcement and I will see you there!

-- The Worship Band will be leading music at our Rally Day worship service on Sunday, Sept. 13. If you'd like to participate, please see Conie or Jo for rehearsal schedule and music info.

-- Make a joyful noise about the goodness you've been blessed with. A few spots remain on the August special music calendar. See Conie.

-- Mark the date: Fall rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 16. We kick off the year with potluck supper at 6:00 p.m. and then start learning music at 6:45 p.m. Join us!

-- On Sunday, August 2 at 10:15 the Worship and Music committee will select hymns for the fall season from "semi-finalists" individuals selected after studying the text for the day. Do join us! We'll be doing this again in early October for Sundays in the Advent season up to when Lent begins. If you'd like to join us in this work, please see Conie or Jeff.



August Birthdays

2 - EMMA MCGREW, PHILLIS AMLEE
 3 - KIMBERLY TYL
 5 - SANDRA BERGER
 7 - DONNA PAULSON
 10 - PHYLLIS RICE
 14 - TEAGAN BURCHILL-RILEY,
 THOR BURCHILL-RILEY
 18 - RALPH WASSMANN
 20 - DOUG KLEIN, CATHY ERICKSON
 21 - MAX ELLIOTT
 22 - DEAN STADEM
 24 - SOL HOLMLY, EARL ALEXANDER
 28 - JOAN JOHNSON, RAY JOHNSON



August Anniversaries

4 - KURT AND HOLLY SCHULTZ: 1984
 14 - KIMBERLY AND WILLIAM MILLER: 1984
 16 - GENE AND KATHY SPRAY: 1986
 16 - BRENDA AND CRAIG DREHMEL: 2000



All are invited to our first ever National Night Out here at St. Luke on Tuesday, August 4 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM!

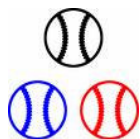
Please bring you own lawn chairs, beverage and a dish to share (salad, dessert, etc.) Lemonade, plates, cups and silverware will be provided.

Questions or suggestions? Call the church office at 651-698-9443

Please join us for a GREAT evening of food, fellowship, and fun for all ages!

Play Ball! Join us for another summer of fun and fellowship! Below is the August schedule for the softball season.

Please contact me if you have any questions. My home number is 651-699-0499 or you can email Nancy at nhegdahl@tchdc.org.
–Mike Hegdahl



August 2

Field 1 – 5:30 – St. Peder’s vs. St. Mark
Field 2 – 5:30 – St. Luke vs. Pilgrim
Field 1 – 6:30 – Immanuel vs. Plymouth

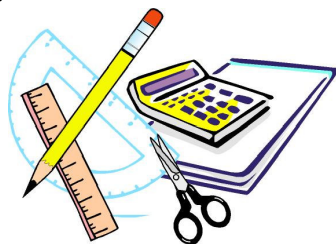
August 9

Field 1 – 5:30 – Plymouth vs. St. Luke
Field 2 – 5:30 – Immanuel vs. St. Mark
Field 1 – 6:30 – St. Peder’s vs. Pilgrim

August 16

Field 1 – 5:30 – St. Peder’s vs. Plymouth
Field 2 – 5:30 – Pilgrim vs. Immanuel
Field 1 – 6:30 – St. Luke vs. St. Mark

St. Luke will be participating in the School Tools drive sponsored by the St. Paul Area Council of Churches. The drive will occur from August 9-30 and focuses on accumulating school supplies and backpacks for students in need. Watch for a list of supplies and the agencies that will receive them in the church bulletin over the next few weeks. For additional information, please contact Wendy Bjorklund.



Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 10 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 10th.

Bring all of those gently used or unneeded items you cleaned out this summer to the White Elephant Sale. You may bring them to church, starting on September 6th and place in the corner of the Social Hall labeled "White Elephant" on the North West side of church.

Anyone willing to bake pies or other baked goods for the Bazaar, please contact Audrey McNamara at 651-698-4993. It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar!

Do you sew, knit, crochet or like to make handmade gifts? We have quite a large quantity of craft supplies on hand from previous years. Before purchasing supplies for your projects, check with either Margaret or Joyce to see if we have what you need. If you are planning on making crafts for the Bazaar, we would like to know in advance, please contact Margaret Vigdal at 651-683-0917 or Joyce Bluel at 651-690-4614.

The raffle tickets will be ready for distribution on Rally Day. The Raffle Committee could use help with mailings, phone calls, and collecting donations. If you can help in any way, please contact Joyce Bluel.

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:

White Elephant Co-chairs: Jo Klein & David Elliott
Bake Sale Chair: Audrey McNamara
Publicity Chair: Carol Vigdal
Kitchen Chair: Sandi Gordon
Kiddie Room Co-chairs: Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski
Raffle Contact: Joyce Bluel
Crafts Co-chairs: Margaret Vigdal & Joyce Bluel



Dig in and pick melodious blooms! The Worship and Music Commission invites you to help select hymns for our services September thru November. How? By digging into the lessons for a Sunday, praying about the connections God has planted in it for us, and then picking a handful of songs and hymns that resonate with the scripture, themes, and worship practices for the day. There's no prerequisite other than your open heart and mind. To help you a small packet of information about the readings and themes for a particular Sunday are in the Worship folder of the GROW cabinet. Take one and let Jo Klein, Jeff Kinglsey or Conie Borchardt know which Sunday you have selected. Then read, ponder, jot down 6 to 8 songs and bring your list to our hymn selection meeting after worship on Sunday, August 2 (or give it to one of us or put it in the Worship folder). The group will review the selections and then pick the finalists. Don't have a hymnal? You can borrow a red one or ask for an old green one. If you have questions, please contact Conie or Jeff.



Our annual Fall Women's Retreat at Camp Onomia will be held on Friday, October 2 through Sunday, October 4. The cost is \$72.00 per person, plus \$3.50 per person if you wish to use the pool. If you wish to rent linens, the charge is \$6.00 per set. To register, please sign up on the kiosk and submit a \$10.00 deposit to Eva Mac Niven by August 15th.

It is customary to rotate responsibilities among the groups that attend; this year, St. Luke will be responsible for the Sunday morning worship service.

It is a wonderful opportunity to relax and have fun for a *whole weekend* at a beautiful lakeside retreat center in the company of friends...who could ask for more? Sign up today!

Treasurer's Update – Julie Gaarder

2nd Quarterly giving statements are now available on the cabinet in the social hall. Please pick them up to save on postage.

2nd Quarterly giving:
 Adopted Budget: \$79,743.04
 2009 Pledges: \$63,129.04
 2nd Q. 2009 Received: \$64,619.00

The 2010 Budget meeting will take place on Monday, August 24th at 6:30 PM and I invite all to attend and help plan our 2010 budget.



Sacred Life - Tuesday Evening Worship

As mentioned in last month's newsletter we have now begun a new Tuesday evening worship service at 6:30. We are calling it "Sacred Life." The main purpose is twofold. First, it is a way of reaching out to people who do not find traditional worship meaningful or inviting. Secondly, it will provide an additional service for St. Luke members who, for whatever reason, could not attend Sunday's worship. It is a very informal worship that meets in the library. We sit in a circle of chairs, have a very simple liturgy and use the Bible readings and sermon from the previous Sunday. So please come and check it out. Please also let friends know of this new worship service!

Spotlight on...Judy Salaba



I was born Judith Maureen Warwick March 7th, 1947 in Belvedere, Illinois. My parents, Shirley and Howard Warwick, had me and my big brother Wayne. When I was 3 years old my mom married my current dad, Wayne Siltberg, and I have 2 younger brothers, Dan and Rick.

My family started going to St Luke Lutheran Church at the old church when Pastor Al Hock had invited us to come to services. I was baptized in the new church and my mom made my baptism dress out of material from silk parachute. My dad was a paratrooper in the Army and so it means a lot to have my dress made out of a parachute.

I went to Homecroft School, then to Highland Jr., and graduated from Monroe Sr. High School.

I married my high school sweetheart at St Luke Church. We were married for 25 years and had three wonderful children together, Dawn, Christine and Brian. I was lucky enough to be a stay at home mom. I kept very busy and did a lot of volunteer work in the school and community and church. I now have 2 son-in-laws Jay and Tony, a daughter-in law Katie and one granddaughter Ashley, and they all mean the world to me.

After my divorce, I tried several types of jobs until I found one I cared for. Then I attended St Paul Tech College, and took classes to become a CNA. I have worked at Integrated Home Care for 16 years. I started as a HHA and enjoyed the personal interaction with the clients. I have also worked at Integrated in many other capacities over the years. And I am currently a Care Team Coordinator and Medical Supply Coordinator. I enjoy the work that I do, and am always learning new things, since change is inevitable. I am also currently working part time evenings and weekends at The Alton Memory Care Facility where my dad is currently living.

My family gives me great joy! Plus, I have 2 dogs, Shoney and Skippy, who are a lot of company and very fun. I loved to go camping when my kids were younger, now I enjoy going on vacation with them. My hobbies are making jewelry, card making/stamping, craft making, cooking, and live theater/plays, spending time with friends and family, movies, "I Love Lucy" shows, and cuddling with my dogs.

My parents (Shirley and Wayne) were very loving and supportive to my family and me. They taught me so much by example of God's Love. The sadness of the loss of my oldest brother (Wayne) and my mom has been very difficult, but my faith has given me the strength and knowledge that God is always with me. Being a member of St. Luke Church has been an extended family for me over the years, and I have a very warm feeling in my heart for so many of them.

Over the years I have been involved in religious instructions in grade school, Sunday school, vacation bible school, Sunday School Superintendent, church council a few times, part of healing prayer group, our bazaar, craft days, choosing hymns, Luther League, spaghetti dinners, youth activities, and many other capacities. I pray that our church can grow and be fruitful and be in existence many more years to come. The best part of being a member of St Luke is the closeness and friendships you develop. St Luke is the only church I have been a member of, and this will always be a huge part of my life, and in the teaching of my spiritual beliefs.

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