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*Open doors, open hearts, open minds.*

## Parish Times July 2012

*And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new."*  
 Revelation 21:5



On July 26 our youth, Kyle and I will be leaving for workcamp. The theme for this year's Group workcamp is "Made," based on the Revelation text above. This will be the fourth workcamp St. Luke youth have attended. Each year the number of youth attending has increased. Once the youth attend one camp, they want to attend again. In 2009 six youth attended; in 2010 that number doubled to twelve; 2011 saw fourteen youth and in 2012 we have fifteen signed up to go. Workcamp (despite it's name) is fun. Our young people meet other youth from across the country. 275 youth are scheduled to attend our workcamp this year. All the youth are divided up into "crews" of six people, all strangers, who will work together repairing a house for five days. Some grow so close they correspond with one another for years to come. One youth I know grew so close to the homeowner, he continued to visit her for years, even attending her funeral. Some deep relationships bloom through workcamp. Each day of workcamp begins with a program that includes a time of devotion. During the day, each crew takes time from the work on their house for a time of devotion as a crew. Then each evening there is a Christ-centered program followed by a devotion time for youth groups. All the devotions are prepared by Group to tie in faith together with the work we are doing. They do an excellent job. Kyle and I have been amazed and joy-filled at the deep and beautiful discussions we have with our youth group in the evening devotion times. I wish each of you could hear both the questions and statements of faith that come from those devotion times. It is a time when our youth have felt "safe" to voice their deepest questions, thoughts and hopes. We have some very wonderful youth and it is a privilege to be part of this journey with them. Thank you for your support.

Pr. Dave



Do you know something about accounting and managing spreadsheets?

The Executive Council Treasurer/Recording Secretary position at St. Luke Church is now open on the 2012 November ballot for the year 2013. See Julie Gaarder if interested. 651-690-0117 or [tjgaarder@comcast.net](mailto:tjgaarder@comcast.net).



This summer we will have three outdoor worship services on our church lawn, on the following Sundays: June 17, July 15 and August 12. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, or use a chair provided by church. Come one, come all!

### National Night Out

St. Luke is sponsoring National Night Out for our neighborhood on Tuesday, August 7. Come, meet neighbors, enjoy some food and good fellowship with our neighbors.





**PLAY BALL!** Summer is upon us again and it's time to think about St. Luke softball. We play every Sunday night, July 8 to August 19, at 5:30 PM. We will be playing against Pilgrim, St. Peder's, Plymouth, St. Mark's, and hopefully Immanuel will be joining us again this year.

The softball games are informal scrimmages with an emphasis on fun and fellowship. We hope you can join us...the more the merrier! If you are interested, contact Mike Hegdahl at 651-699-0499 or email at nkh116@aol.com



**Ladies Night Out** – Ladies Night Out in July will take place on Tuesday, July 17th at Cap's Grille, 5000 Hiawatha Ave. S., Minneapolis 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, July 8<sup>th</sup> so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

**July Acolytes:**

- 1 – Kayla Stadem
- 15 – Emma McGrew



**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

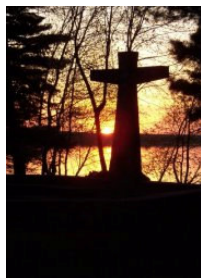
**Where:** Camp Onomia

**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 June: Doug Klein, Ken McGrew, Joan Wilson, Mike Hegdahl, Julie Ellingson.



**July Readers:**

- 1 – Jeff Kingsley
- 8 – Wendy Bjorklund
- 15 – Katy Eggert
- 22 – Michael Arndt
- 29 – Beth Peterson



July Birthdays

- 7 - IAN WALTER
- 8 - JOYCE BLUEL
- 9 - NANCY MCGOUGH
- 10 - CYNDY STADEM
- 11 - DAVE GRZYWINSKI
- 13 - JASON GROM
- 14 - AL BAIRD
- 15 - DOUG WASKO
- 16 - WENDY BJORKLUND
- 17 - BOB AND PAM BALLIS
- 18 - DICK HOLTZ
- 20 - PETER KLEIN, DALLAS ERICKSON
- 23 - JO KLEIN
- 26 - JILL BURCHILL
- 27 - JENNIFER KROSCHER
- 28 - DAN GRZYWINSKI



July Anniversaries

- 6 - KEVIN AND MARYJO BRANDT: 1991
- 7 - JEFF AND MARY FAUST
- 10 - AUDREY AND LEROY RONGSTAD: 1953
- 19 - RICHARD AND PAULA SILTBERG: 1975
- 26 - DAVE AND SANDY GRZYWINSKI: 1980



**Hobby Night**

A group has started meeting 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 June: Eva Mac Niven, Connel McGough, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Pam Ballis, Katy Eggert.

Our ushers for July will be: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Jean Gilland.

## Spotlight on...Al



I was born in a farm house in Cushing, Wisconsin in June 1929. I went to a one room school with no electricity or running water until high school. We had an outhouse in back, also without electricity or running water. I graduated from St. Croix Falls High School in 1947.

After high school I got a job with Western Electric Company, wiring switchboards and line finders. I then moved to Eugene, Oregon for the telephone company when they changed from a manual system to a dial system. I went with a childhood friend who also worked for the telephone company, and lived in a boarding house. I have one of the "new" telephones we installed while in Oregon in the upstairs of our home, and it still works! When I tired of the Oregon life I moved closer to home and came to St. Paul, Minnesota.

I bought a 1930 Packard 4-door convertible with twin spare tires on the front fenders. That car would be worth a mint today, but I sold it for a stock car to race. I rolled and totaled the stock car. I still think it would be fun to drive around a racetrack again! I love to watch NASCAR stock car racing on television.

I was drafted during the Korean War and joined the paratroopers and jumped out of airplanes. When I was discharged I went back to St. Paul and went to St. Paul Vocational School to become a machinist for tool and dye mold making. I followed this profession for my entire working life. While I was still in school I met and married my wife, Phillis Buehler, in 1955, and have been together ever since.

In 1957 we bought a house in St. Paul's Highland Park area and joined St. Luke Lutheran Church in 1958 where our two sons Scott and Roger were baptized and confirmed.

I retired in 1997 and started my hobby of making miniature antique models from wood; items like old horse drawn carriages, road graders, and even cannons!

We have been "Snowbirds" since my retirement, going to Florida 6 months out of the years where it is warm and sunny. I belong to a Sawdust Engineers Club (wood working club) where I make toys, work on my models, and make wooden bowls of different types of wood. You may have seen them at one of the Fall Bazaars. Each year I enter something in the Minnesota and Florida State Fairs. I have won over 50 ribbons so far. I hope I live long enough to make all of the things I want to!



### News from President Joyce Bluel

Well, summer is here and it's a time for family vacations and fun in the sun!! With our short summers we need to take advantage of the outdoors when we can. At St. Luke we have some opportunities to do just that in the coming months. Our outdoor services have resumed so bring your chairs or blankets and join us in the side yard for worship on July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>; softball games start again at Groveland on Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>; and Highland Fest is July 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Please consider including these events in your busy schedules.

Our Neighbors Together project was a success again this year, thanks to all who participated. Despite the hot, humid weather, we were able to help our neighbors at three different sites. Thanks to all who provided lunch for the workers, it was welcomed by all.

Enjoy the warm weather and be safe!



### Highland Fest 2012

St. Luke will have a booth once again in the Highland Fest, Friday through Sunday, July 20-22. We need YOU to help "man" (women also welcome) this booth! Have fun doing it. Some of our people are going to bring in the bean bag toss game and give away small bubble blowing prizes with our St. Luke name written on it. This is a way to make our name well known in the community and hopefully attract new people. So sign up (on the kiosk) for an hour or two, bring a friend, as well as your smiling face! --Pr. Dave





**STATISTICS DON'T LIE!**

**How to Stay Safe in the World Today:  
Where IS the Safest Place?**

- 1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.**
- 2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.**
- 3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.**
- 4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.**
- 5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.**

**But...**

**You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!**

**And . . . Bible study is safe too! The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.**

**So, attend church, and read your Bible...  
IT WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Please use St Luke's coffee cups when serving coffee on Sunday mornings. The Church Council has asked that we do not use styrofoam cups for this use. It is quite costly and also not good for our environment when we dispose of them. It does not take much time to wash cups and a little soap is not so expensive. Your cooperation with this would be appreciated by all. Thank you.  
--Dianne Diestler,  
Coffee Fellowship Chairperson

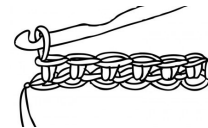
**2013 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Booklet:** We are collecting a paragraph from each member to put in a commemorative booklet for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Luke Lutheran next April.



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](mailto:ssmcneill@hotmail.com)), Joyce Bluel ([jbluel@comcast.net](mailto:jbluel@comcast.net)), Pastor Dave ([person\\_tokyo@yahoo.com](mailto:person_tokyo@yahoo.com)), or Jo Klein ([jojoklein@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.



**Stamping With Sue**

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on **July 21** 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](mailto:ssmcneill@hotmail.com); work 612-596-4011; home 651-688-8176. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

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