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## Parish Times August 2011

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*  
 Romans 8:1



I just finished writing a sermon centered on this one line Paul wrote in the letter to the Romans. It is truly a remarkable statement, addressed to the Romans as well as to each one of us who confess Jesus to be the Son of God. If a person takes the time to meditate on what is written here, they will discover a deep peace. Are you carrying a heavy burden? Do you sometimes wake in the middle of the night weighed down by guilt? What we find in Christ Jesus is that our slate is wiped clean. Our sins, wrongs, guilt lose their power. We are freed to live anew. I invite you to take some time in your busy life to slow down, stop, and simply meditate on this short sentence. Let its powerful peace fill you. Do this every day this month, knowing that what Paul wrote to the Romans, he writes to you, "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." You are free. Take time, quiet yourself and let these words fill you with new joy and life.

-Pr. Dave



**Stamping With Sue – August 27**  
 Sue McNeill announces her monthly Stampin' Up! technique classes on the last Saturday of the month (except for holidays) in the church library 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 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.**



**August Readers:**  
 7 – Barb Jensen  
 14 – Gwen Brummund  
 21 – Larry Litzkow  
 28 – Joyce Bluel



180 Very hungry people were served supper on June 29 for the Loaves and Fishes Program at St. Matthews Catholic Church in West St. Paul. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Anne Verschoyle, Joyce Bluel and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey and Robyn Rongstad baked cookies for the meal.

**St. Luke Lawn Service!** We will have our final outdoor worship service on our church lawn on August 28. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, or us a chair provided by church. After the outdoor service we will have a kickball game for the kids, as well as treats, so come one, come all!





## Recipe of the Month

[Printed from the 2005 St. Luke Cookbook]

### Chicken-Spinach-Pasta Salad – Eva Mac Niven

- 1 envelope Good Seasons Italian or Zesty Italian dressing
- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 8 oz. egg noodles
- ½ bag spinach
- small bunch green onions

This is not a salad that you can whip up at the last minute. In fact, it tastes best if made up one day before serving. (Sometimes that can be an advantage.) Make up the dressing and refrigerate to mellow. Cook the chicken breasts with salt and pepper; cool and shred meat into bite-sized pieces. Cook the egg noodles and drain and cool. Tear spinach into bite-sized pieces. Add onions, chopped, with a few tops. Combine all ingredients, add dressing very sparingly and refrigerate. Add a little more dressing just before serving.

## School Tools for Kids in Need

It's almost time for children to return to school and many will not have the necessary tools to learn. St. Luke is participating in a drive coordinated by the St. Paul Area Council of Churches to collect school supplies for kids in need during the month of August. These supplies benefit nine programs and organizations in the East Metro that serve homeless and low-income school children. As just one example, the St. Paul Public Schools Title 1 Program for Homeless Children and Families served nearly 2,000 homeless students last year.



So, even if you no longer have school-aged children of your own at home, you can still experience some of that "back to school" excitement by donating needed new school supplies to the drive. Watch the Sunday bulletin for a list of recommended supplies. Supplies can be donated every Sunday in August and placed on the designated table in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Wendy Bjorklund



PLAY BALL...all are welcome! We play every Sunday night, July 10 through August 21. Games start at 5:30 and 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 with an emphasis on fun and fellowship. We hope you can join us...the more the merrier! If you are interested in coaching the team this year please let me know. Questions contact Mike Hegdahl at [651-699-0499](tel:651-699-0499) or email at [nkh116@aol.com](mailto:nkh116@aol.com)



**August Acolytes:**  
7 – Colleen McGough  
21 – Eddie McGrew

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



**2nd Quarter giving report:**  
**Adopted Budget - \$78,996.06**  
**2011 Pledges - \$61,178.00**  
**2011 Received - \$64,134.50**

## Announcing a St. Luke Tag Line Contest!



Enter the contest to win a \$25 gift card from Target.

All you have to do is submit an entry with a "tag line" that best describes St. Luke Lutheran Church. If your "tag line" is selected by the church council and voted as the winner by the congregation, you will win the \$25 gift card.

Here are some examples of "tag lines" used by other churches:

- > *A Great Place For Your Family!*
- > *Where faith and adventure meet!*
- > *Where Life is Always Happening*
- > *The Church with a Mission, The Pastor with a Message, For making people better.*
- > *A home for hungry minds and souls.*
- > *A potluck of people...come join the feast!*
- > *God's Work, Our Hands.*
- > *Connecting people to God, each other and their mission in the world.*

So put on your thinking caps and submit an entry. Let's have some fun and create a "tag line" for St. Luke at the same time. Submit entries to Pastor Dave (he will be the only one to know the identity of the submitter and will not have a vote). Deadline for submittal will be September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### August Monday Morning Bible Study

There will be no Monday morning Bible studies on August 8, 22, or 29. I will be out canoeing with my good friends on our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary canoe trip together (8), with our St. Luke youth (22), and my sons (29). It is time to glory in God's beautiful creation with old friends, youth and my beloved sons. - Pr. Dave



### Usher Notes

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



### August Birthdays

- 2 - EMMA MCGREW, PHILLIS AMLEE
- 3 - KIMBERLY TYL
- 4 - ALICE RAPACZ
- 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
- 31 - LESLIE LELII



### 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
- 30 - MARY DYBVIG AND RALPH SKOE: 2009



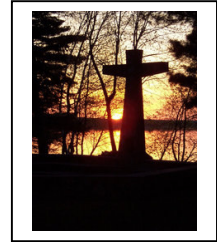
**Ladies Night Out** – Because we had to cancel our June visit to Tavern on Grand, we are making a second attempt. Ladies Night Out in August will take place on Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Tavern on Grand, 656 Grand Ave., St. Paul at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in car pooling, please meet at church at 5:00 p.m. Please notify Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) if you are planning on attending by Sunday, August 7 so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.



**Many, many thanks** to all those who braved the heat of Highland Fest and represented St. Luke at our booth. Double thanks to those who worked double shifts! Pastor Dave, Michael Arndt, Pam Ballis, Wendy Bjorklund, Joyce Bluel, Roger Diestler, Katy Eggert, Charlie Gaarder, Julie Gaarder, Karl Gaarder, Sandi Gordon, Penney Kelly, Jeff Kingsley, Bill Klotz, Larry Litzkow, Sue McNeill, Christine Olson, Joan Wilson, Kyle Zvejnieks.

**Ladies: Are You Ready for the 3 ‘R’s - RETREAT, RELAX AND READING?**

Join us for relaxing, shopping, games, crafts, Bible studies, puzzles, laughter, seeing old friends, make new ones and lots more. Friday, September 16th through Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at beautiful Camp Onomia. The cost is \$75.00 per person for the weekend, which includes Friday snack, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Linens are an additional \$6.00, or you may bring your own. Scholarships are available to those who need it. To register, please submit a \$10.00 deposit to Julie Gaarder, and sign up on the kiosk. Need a ride? Check the appropriate box on the sheet.



**Our youth canoe trip will take place August 19-22 (possibly leaving the evening of Aug. 18). Sign up sheet is on the kiosk at church. Cost is about \$70.00 (we will know final costs when all the expenses are added up and divided by the number of participants).**



**Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair**

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 12 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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 11th and place in the corner of the Social Hall labeled "White Elephant" on the North West side of church. **This year we will also be accepting gently used and clean clothing for our rummage sale portion of the White Elephant Room. Also, we will NOT be accepting furniture, exercise equipment, appliances or electronics.**

Anyone willing to bake pies or other baked goods for the Bazaar please contact either Dorothy Zitterow or Joan Wilson. 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 683-0917 or Joyce Bluel at 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 Nancy Hegdahl.

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:

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| White Elephant | Co-chairs: Jo Klein & David Elliott       |
| Bake Sale      | Co-chairs: Dorothy Zitterow & Joan Wilson |
| Kitchen        | Chair: Sandi Gordon                       |
| Kiddie Room    | Co-chairs: Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski  |
| Raffle         | Chair: Nancy Hegdahl                      |
| Crafts         | Co-chairs: Margaret Vigdal & Joyce Bluel  |

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