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Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
 Matthew 5:16

At our November semi-annual meeting we decided to join with Humble Walk Lutheran Church to begin a program of reaching out to people in our church neighborhood, offering to do simple home repair or yard work. At our December church council meeting we set the weekend of June 3-5 to carry out this project. On this weekend we will need two sets of volunteers: 1. People who will do the repairs or yard work, 2. People who will prepare food and drink for the workers.



As part of this project we will also canvas the neighborhood this spring, asking for: 1. people who need home repairs/yard work done 2. people who will join us in helping to make the repairs.

Humble Walk Lutheran Church has a funding source for the purchase of repair materials. St. Luke also hopes to provide some funds, as we are able.

There will be two sign up sheets on the kiosk, one for people volunteering to help with repairs/yard work and one for people volunteering to help with food preparation. I would like this to be a project in which our whole church joins together as a bright light of the gospel for our neighbors. Please set aside the weekend of June 3-5 for this project and please sign up. Pr. Dave

News From Council President Joyce Bluel



Happy New Year!

This is sort of an anniversary for me also. It was ten years ago on New Years Eve that I walked through the back door of St. Luke with my mother. It felt like coming home, we found the congregation to be so welcoming that we joined that spring and have never looked back. Now here I am in my first month of serving as church council president.

I would like to take the time to thank those who are leaving the council this year for their contributions; Jane McGrew, Secretary and Tracy Arndt, Financial Secretary. Thank you to the remainder of the council who has chosen to stay on and serve another year, with Nancy Hegdahl switching from President to Vice President. We welcome back to the council, Sue McNeill, Secretary and Larry Litzkow, Financial Secretary, as well as our new commissioner, Michael Arndt. It is nice to see another one of our youth join the church council.

I look forward to working with Pastor Dave and the church council members, as we face the challenge of keeping our expenses within our means and working on some exciting outreach opportunities. One of which is our participation with Humble Walk church in fixing up properties in our neighborhood as outlined by Pastor Dave at our semi-annual congregational meeting. Just as the youth are able to contribute at their work camp, this is an opportunity for our able bodied adults to reach out and help others in the neighborhood.

Just a reminder, the church council is here to represent you, the congregation, so if you ever have questions and/or concerns, do not hesitate to contact one of us. You are always welcome to attend any monthly council meeting. The meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month with the exception of May and November.

Spotlight on...Dwight Paulson

I was born in Minot, North Dakota in 1943 and raised in Ryder, North Dakota. At the time I was born, General Dwight David Eisenhower was commander of the war efforts in Europe. I was named after him (first name) by my parents. I attended grade school (except for three years that we moved to Big Bend as my dad worked on building the Garrison Dam) and High School in Ryder. There were 12 in my graduating class. Of the eight living today, today I am in touch with six. I then went to Wahpeton, North Dakota and attended and graduated from the North Dakota State School of Science. It was there that I met my wife Donna Rae Betts.

After we graduated we moved to Fargo, were married in 1966, and worked there for one year. We then moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. For the first years Donna worked for Northwest Airlines and I was with the Webb Printing Company. Soon children started to arrive. We had Ryan in 1973, followed by Brant, one year later. During the time of just having the two boys, I went back to college to get a Business Degree from Metropolitan State University. We then had twin girls, and I wondered how I would provide for everyone. When the girls were about three I moved from a Purchasing Agent job to Sales. To this day I am involved in paper sales.

Donna and I live in Mendota Heights. Ryan, his wife Darla, and grandson Ryder live in Madison, NJ. Ryan works for Pricewaterhouse Coopers as a Senior Manager, Brant is in Dushumbay, Tcheekistan and is assistant party chief for a Washington DC consulting group. Taryn and Tonya live in Madison, Wisconsin and are married. Tonya is married to Jeff Mathison and Taryn to Ryan Conaway. Tonya works for the University of Wisconsin and Taryn with a video production company.

I plan to retire in the next two years, and Donna and I will continue our travels, which we both enjoy. Donna and I came to St. Luke soon after moving to St. Paul and have been members for over 40 years.



January Readers:
2 – Wendy Bjorklund
9 – Mike Hegdahl
16 – Olivia Peterson
23 – Barb Jensen
30 – Jeff Kingsley

January Acolytes:
2 – Kirby Peterson
9 – Connor Burchill-Riley
16 – Charlie Gaarder
23 – Corinn Burchill Riley
30 – Karl Gaarder



GIGANTIC Snow and ice storms

This year we seem to be having a large number of snow/ice storms on the weekends! One led to the cancellation of worship and talk of how best to inform people of such cancellations. First of all, if leaving your home is treacherous, a danger to life and limb, please stay home! I would rather see your smiling face in worship the next week than visit you in the hospital! Secondly, if the weather is absolutely terrible, forcing a cancellation of worship, Jo will put a message on the church phone stating that fact. We will also send an email out to all people who have email access, so please check email or call the church during inclement weather. Pr. Dave



The 2011 offering envelopes are now available in the Social Hall soon. Please pick up your box as soon as possible to defray postage expenses. Thank you.



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in January will take place on Tuesday, January 18th at Buca di Beppo; 2728 Gannon Rd 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, January 10th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

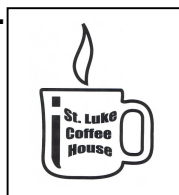
January Birthdays



- 1 - DUSTY JENSEN, LINDA FUNKHOUSER
- 10 - JACKIE SALABA, NOAH FABIE
- 12 - HAMLIN JOHNSON, SUE NODLER
- 13 – KIMBERLY LOEWEN,
MATTHEW BRUMMUND, JUDY JOHNSON
- 16 - NANCY HEGDAHL
- 17 – KATHY SPRAY, RUTH LINDGREN,
RICHARD SILTBERG
- 21 - LOUIS BILLMEYER
- 27 - KEVIN ARNDT
- 29 - NORMA ALEXANDER
- 30 - SUE MCNEILL

Come! Join us for...

- fellowship
- refreshments
- live music
- board games



at
St. Luke Coffee House
Open to all...just drop in!
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
We'll see YOU January 28!



Attention Parents:

- ▶ Our ever-popular Sunday School Retreat is scheduled for February 18-20. Families should receive a mailing outlining the specifics shortly. Please sign up on the kiosk as soon as possible!
- ▶ An organizational meeting to plan the Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, January 9 at 11:15. Families, remember, this is a fundraiser for our Camp Onomia retreat...we really need your support to make this happen! Specifics regarding matching funds from Thrivent to follow.
- ▶ Set-up for the Sunday School Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, January 15 at 1:00. Please plan on participating!
- ▶ We will be having a brief organizational meeting on Sunday, February 6 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!

Confirmation News



The first class after Christmas break will be on Wednesday, January 5. We will have class every Wednesday in January. Don't forget Sunday morning classes or sermon notes!



Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run volunteers December: Mark McGough, Ken McGrew, and Jeff Kingsley.

Souper Bowl Sunday!



No, that is not a typo. Sunday, February 6 is SOUPER Bowl Sunday. That Sunday the confirmation students will be selling delicious homemade SOUP as a fundraiser for needy children. All the money raised will be donated to a charity. So come to church on February 6 ready for some soup, or bring it home for a ready-made meal. It will help make it a super day for both you and some beautiful children.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for December: Eva Mac Niven, Max Elliott, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson, Katy Eggert

Our ushers for January will be: Roger Diestler, Doug, Abby and Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Al Baird.

The 2011 altar flower schedule is now posted on the kiosk. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. It is a wonderful way to celebrate a special event or to honor a loved one, and to beautify our church home. Sign up as soon as possible! You may use any florist of your choice, or make your own arrangement.



Navigating the Health Care System for Senior Care

Announcing a life planning workshop: "Caregiving—Get Ready, Get Going, Get Help" will be held Saturday, Jan. 22 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke

The panel, Marge Thurin, eldercare advocate; Barb McFarlane, Dakota County social worker and Julie Ellingson, social worker with Right at Home, a non-medical home care agency, will discuss community resources, costs, long-term care consults, hospice and more. Free and open to all. RSVP to church office: 651-698-9443.



145 Hungry people came to partake of the supper that St. Mark and St. Luke prepared for them on Monday, November 22 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in West St. Paul. Workers were: Dwight Paulson, Pastor Dave, Joyce Bluel, Dorothy Paul, Ann Verschoyle, Jean Gilland and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson also helped by furnishing cookies. Thank you, one and all.



Adult Sunday Forum

I would like you to join me in digging into God's Word and various Christian teachings. I will be offering some classes during the Sunday School hour after worship on Sundays (in the library 10:15 – 11:00).

>>The first is on Sunday, January 9. I helped put together a video of a Japanese survivor of the Hiroshima bombing. He is a Lutheran believer who takes this opportunity to speak about his horrific experience as well as calling on us all to work together for peace. We will watch it and talk about peace.

>>Sunday, January 23 we will watch a video by Dr. James Nestigen about the Lutheran understanding of Law/Gospel, examining Bible passages and our own lives to deepen our understanding.

>>Sunday, January 30 we will watch a video by Dr. Kenneth Sundet Jones, "Five Things You Should Know about the Reformation."

We will continue the Lutheran theme in February. Then during Lent (Ash Wednesday is March 9) we will begin using the book, "40 Day Journey with Martin Luther." This is a book of 40 short devotions using biblical passages, quotes from Martin Luther, questions to ponder and prayers for each day. We will follow this devotional each day at our respective homes, then on the Sundays of Lent, share our thoughts and insights with one another. I will have a copy of this book for you to examine. It can be purchased at Luther Seminary bookstore for \$9.75. Look for sign-up sheets for all of the above on the kiosk.

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