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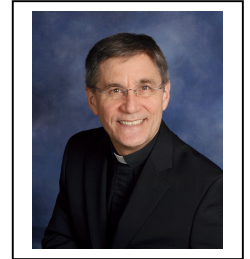
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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

Parish Times August 2014

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7



During this 101st year of the existence of St. Luke, I have been sharing some basics of the faith I have called "101," a reference to basic courses in colleges. I would like to continue this during adult forum time and if there is interest, in some evening courses this fall. I will begin this fall with a nine part video series on the Lord's Prayer by Dr. James Nestingen, former professor at Luther Seminary. Dr. Nestingen has a delightful way of presenting the faith in a down to earth, yet extremely insightful way. Please join me after worship this fall as we delve ever deeper into our faith!

Pr. Dave



Our heartfelt thanks to our Bun Run volunteers for July: Joan Wilson, Ken McGrew, Doug and Jo Klein, Julie Ellingson.



140 Hungry people were served supper on Monday, June 23rd in the Loaves and Fishes program at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the West Side. Workers were Pastor and Nahoko Person, Joyce Bluel, Larry Litzkow, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven.

WE NEED GENTLY USED SWEATERS for a Bazaar mitten project. Please bring yours in to the church office asap. Thanks!



Spotlight on...Michael Hoffman



I was born in Evanston, Illinois in October of 1972. We moved to Saint Paul when I was five. My mother and father used to work for the state and live in St. Paul. My sister teaches flute and lives in Springfield, OR.

I attended St. Paul Central, class of 1991. I have a Bachelors in Computer Science and Psychology and I may add a minor in French sometime soon.

I am a software engineer by training and I help support our engineers who work on customer projects. My company creates software for the Insurance industry.

My interests include history and photography. I also spend a lot of time in the summer bicycling. One of my favorite books is Frankenstein; an interesting read...very different from the movies.

I formally joined St. Luke this year. What first brought me to St. Luke was that it was a 10 minute walk away. I like the music and the people are friendly enough. I show up on most Sundays and that's more than 95 % of the people in our neighborhood do. I am hoping to get a little more involved in the future.

One of the best things about St. Luke is the traditional hymns. Also, the coffee hour after worship is a good idea.

In terms of an area of improvement, obviously, St. Luke could use a little work attracting younger people. I don't know precisely how to do that, but the problem is clear.

How do I see St. Luke 100 years from now? I would hope it would grow and attract more younger people. 100 years is way too far down the road. Maybe we could become a megachurch and broadcast our services? I know Pastor Dave would like to be a televangelist.



August Birthdays

- 2 - Emma McGrew, Phillis Amlee
- 3 - Kimberly Tyl
- 5 - Sandra Berger
- 7 - Donna Paulson
- 10 - Phyllis Rice
- 12 - Andrew Fried
- 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
- 25 - Jim Kroschel
- 26 - Megan Fried, Jay Peterson
- 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
- 30 - Mary Dybvig And Ralph Skoe: 2009



Usher Notes

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

August Readers:



- 3 - Mike Hegdahl
- 10 - Jennifer Fredrickson
- 17 - Wendy Bjorklund
- 24 - Laurie Herrmann
- 31 - Sue McNeill



August Acolytes:

- 3 - Zach Moore
- 17 - Matt Brummund

National Night Out

St. Luke is sponsoring National Night Out for our neighborhood on Tuesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. Come, meet neighbors, enjoy some food and good fellowship and live music with our neighbors.



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 once again 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.

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 the first three Sundays in August and placed on the designated table in the Fellowship Hall.

Deadline: Sunday, August 17. Questions? Contact Wendy Bjorklund.





Financial Report

The General Fund for the first six months of 2014:

Sunday offerings	\$66,662.75
Thrivent	1,864.00
Use of Building	1,970.00
Total	\$70,496.75
Expenses Paid	\$73,267.87
Budget	\$75,329.50

Thank You for your generous support of St Luke. Your six month giving statements are now available in the Social Hall. Please see me with any questions or comments.

Ruth Carlson, Treasurer

Rally Sunday T-Shirts

Sunday, September 7 is Rally Sunday. On that day, thousands of members of ELCA congregations across the United States will don yellow t-shirts with "God's Work Our Hands" written across them, and do service projects in their neighborhoods. We plan to join them. Please sign up to buy a yellow t-shirt (\$6.00: order it through St. Luke) and plan on wearing it on Rally Sunday. **Please place your order by AUGUST 6.** After worship we will go out into the neighborhood to pick up trash and other activities to spruce up our neighborhood a bit. We hope that people will notice all of the yellow shirts and ask what we are doing. It is our chance to invite them to join us at St. Luke. So sign up to buy a yellow t-shirt and plan on wearing it on September 7!



Mass Distribution of Produce

On Monday, August 11 from about 11:00-3:00 (this is the updated time) St. Luke will sponsor a mass distribution of FREE produce (fruits and vegetables) at the Francis Basket in Sibley Manor. ANYONE may come to this event to receive produce free of charge. There will be several mass distributions during the summer at Francis Basket (May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8), but at our semi-annual meeting in May, we voted to sponsor the distribution on Monday, August 11. That means on August 11 St. Luke will provide 10-15 volunteers to help set up tents, put food on pallets for the distribution, and give the food to people. We will be on our feet, bending, twisting, and hauling food. The food will be donated by Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank. Part of our sponsorship (besides providing volunteers) will be to pay one penny for each pound of food donated (usually about 12,000-15,000 pounds of produce – which comes to \$120-150.00, which St. Luke will pay). The staff at the Francis Basket will be there to help direct our efforts. This will be a one-time sponsorship for us, so please, come and help. What a great cause! ANYONE can come and receive produce FREE! Come help! The sign-up is on the kiosk.

Ladies, 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, making new friends and lots more.

When: Friday, Sept. 19th through Sunday, Sept. 21st.

Where: Camp Onomia

Who: St. Luke Ladies

Cost: \$82.00 per person for the weekend, which includes Friday snack, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast.
\$10.00 – Linens or bring your own

How to sign up: Send a \$10.00 deposit to Julie Gaarder at St. Luke Lutheran, 1807 Field Avenue , St. Paul, MN 55116



Micro-lending Dinner

On Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 pm we will meet to eat some good food (cost \$5.00) and make some micro-loans around the world. Come join us for fellowship and helping people around the world better their lives! Sign up on the kiosk. Remember that the money we are lending to people around the world does not come from our budget. It has been donated by individual members. It is lent out, then repaid to our account, so we can lend it out again. In this way, this money is used over and over again to help a wide variety of people throughout the world.

The Grandparent Scam



It's a scam that hurts both financially and emotionally. Someone calls an elderly individual pretending to be his or her grandchild. They say they're overseas, that there's been an emergency and they need money immediately. Far too often, the unsuspecting grandparent rushes to help by wiring the money and the scammer picks it up, never to be heard from again.

There are a few clues to watch out for if you think you're being scammed:

You must wire the money. The scammer won't accept money any other way; it must be wired so they can pick it up. Also be wary of callers asking you to provide funds via Green Dot or MoneyPak cards.

The person on the phone is rushed. The "grandchild" may sound like yours, but he/she can't talk for long because there is an urgent situation they need help with. If you think you're being scammed, **resist the pressure to act quickly!**

You're sworn to secrecy. The fake grandchild will beg you not to tell his/her parents.

Ask questions. What's your mom's name? Favorite pet? Where were you born? A real grandchild would obviously be able to answer these questions, while a scammer will struggle.

Ask for a phone number. A real relative won't be shy about providing contact information.

If you fell for the grandparent's scam, act quickly! Call the wire transfer service to cancel the transaction. Unfortunately, once the money has been picked up, there's no way to get it back. You can also file a consumer complaint with the Attorney General's Office at www.atg.wa.gov.



Musings from the Music Director

Dear Members of St. Luke,

I want to thank you for making me feel so welcome at St. Luke Lutheran Church. The past 20 months have been very spiritual rewarding and personally fulfilling for me. It has been such an honor serving as your music director and organist. Due to the fact that my teaching position at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls was eliminated this spring, I have been looking for another music teaching position. In August, I will be moving to Alabama. I have accepted a one-year music teaching position at a small women's college. I have been asked to serve as the Chair of the Music department and direct two choral ensembles and an instrumental ensemble. I told Pastor Dave that I spent many hours in prayer about this decision. I knew I needed to find a full-time teaching position, but I could not imagine leaving the caring community at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

It has been a joy and honor working with the members of the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir, and the Praise Band. I look forward to every worship service, am always spiritually nourished by Pastor Dave's wonderful sermons, and love the friendly fellowship with all of you.

I do not know what the future holds, but I do know that I have been truly blessed by being a member and the music director at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Thank you so much for everything you have given to me, especially my cup of coffee every Sunday morning, Bill!

Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God. - Pope Francis

Trusting in God and living in His Grace,
Cammy Horne



We warmly welcome you to Rally Day, Sunday, Sept. 7th! We have lots of fun things planned for the day, which culminates in a potluck lunch at 11:00 a.m. (Please bring a dish to share.) It is sure to be a festive day for all...mark your calendars and plan on participating!

Game Days Return beginning on Friday, Sept. 5 at 12:30 p.m. for an enjoyable afternoon of snacks, fun and games. Join us!



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"Wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for 75 years!"

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