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Thoughts from Pastor Dave:

“Be still and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

There is a writer, Kosuke Koyama, who speaks of the three mile an hour God. Have you ever thought of God in those terms? If you are like me, you often think of God as all-powerful, all knowing, all encompassing, along with other power-filled words. But a three miles an hour God? Koyama writes that this is the speed at which Jesus walked. Jesus did not drive a car, fly in a plane or take the bus. Jesus walked at three miles an hour. Jesus was not in a hurry, he took time for people, people we would normally rush by in our speed driven lives. Jesus took time for the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus took time for the blind beggar who wished to see. Jesus took time to nurture Nicodemus’s faith. Jesus walked with people at their speed. As I think of this, I wonder how many times I have rushed by our three mile an hour God, in too much of a hurry to notice anything but blurs.

During this time of Lent, I invite you to slow down, come worship on Wednesday evenings and Sundays. Stop, take a deep breath, then take a walk with our Savior who walks by your side. Slow down. Come worship our Lord as we remember during this Lenten season his journey, at three miles an hour, to the cross for you and me.

Pastor Dave Person



March Readers:

- 2 - Shantel Steen
- 9 - Jill Burchill
- 16 - Katy Eggert
- 21 - 7:00 PM - Al Baird
- 23 - 6:30 AM - Sue McNeill
- 23 - 9:00 AM - Wendy Bjorklund
- 30 - Barb Jensen

March Communion Assistants



- 2 - Audrey Rongstad
- 16 - Katy Eggert
- 23 - 6:30 AM - Sue McNeill
- 23 - 9:00 AM - Wendy Bjorklund



Usher Notes...

Many thanks to our ushers for February: Lee Johnson, Carl Goers, Steve Brummund, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder
Our ushers for March will be: Eva Mac Niven, Max Elliott, Carl Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vidgal, Dwight Paulson and Katy Eggert.



It's that time of year again: "Audit time". The audit of the church financial records will take place on Sunday, March 9th at 10:30 A.M. in a corner of the social hall. It doesn't take long with many hands. You don't have to be a bookkeeper or an accountant to help out. See Julia Gaarder if you have any questions.



Four Part Evening Bible Study on Jonah

There will be a four part evening Bible study on the Book of Jonah. Have you ever studied Jonah? If not, you are missing something! It is a great book. The study will take place from 7-8 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, April 29, May 6, May 13 and May 20. If you are interested in taking part in this Bible study, please sign up on the kiosk in April. Come and join this study of the reluctant prophet whom God uses to spread his grace and salvation.

- Pastor Dave Person



92 Hungry

People braved the cold, wet weather on Monday, Feb. 28 for the Loaves and Fishes supper provided by St. Mark's and St. Luke churches at Saint Matthew's church in West St. Paul. Many thanks to our workers: Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Sandy Berger, Ann Verschoyle, Helen Bye and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson for baking cookies.



It's time once again to bring out your best smiles! ☺ Olan Mills will be coming to St. Luke to photograph our happy congregation for the new 2008 photo directory. Dates will be Monday through Wednesday, April 21st through the 23rd, 3:00 to 9:30. Sign-up information will be in the social hall soon. Any questions? Contact Mike Hegdahl at 651-699-0499 or Sue McNeill at 651-688-8176, or email Sue at ssmcneill@hotmail.com.

March Acolytes:



- 2 – Sam Nodler
- 9 – Alex Klein
- 16 – Brian Spray
- 20 – Sam Elliott, 7:00 PM
- 21 – Jacob Arndt, 7:00 PM
- 23 – Peter Klein, 6:30 AM
- 23 – Sol Holmly, 9:00 AM
- 30 – Maggie Erickson

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone at St. Luke who helped make my installation as your new pastor such a blessed event.

Everything connected with the worship and the reception was graced by personal touches of love. I felt totally overwhelmed and filled with gratitude. Thank you so very much! It is good to be here in ministry with you.

Pastor Dave Person



Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for February: Jeff Kingsley, Ken McGrew, Julie Ellingson, Nancy Hegdahl.



President's Blog
March 2008

We have two upcoming projects I'd like to share with you and ask for your help in planning and participation. Mike Hegdahl is chairing the Photo Directory Project. I'm helping but it takes more than 2 pair of hands to make it happen. On Easter morning, we'll have the sign-up sheets for April 21, 22, and 23 to have your family/single photos taken. Please sign up and be sure you keep that appointment. There will be other tasks as we near those photo dates. Are you able to help? Please stop Mike or me and let us know you'd like to help in some way.

The second is the Stewardship Drive Project. We would like to start planning this spring and be ready to execute the drive the Sunday after Rally Day in September. This means a planning meeting in May (before we lose you to the lake cabins). There is no council member on the Stewardship Commission, but I actually think it is better to draw from the congregation for this project. The council will help to execute the project, but I'd really appreciate hearing your views on how to make this "painless" and "not intimidating" for all our members. The goal is to have a very good idea of what money will be coming in BEFORE we draft a 2009 budget. I am so proud of our congregation in their giving. You usually give more than your pledge card to all the extra events at the church and that is so appreciated! But to remain healthy and in the black, we need to know we have enough for the essentials like salaries, electricity, etc. Please let me know (651-688-8176 or ssmcneill@hotmail.com) if you will have an hour for a planning meeting, or would like to assist in getting the pledge cards out and returned. And I can't wait to hear your ideas! I know Pastor Dave has some helpful suggestions for annual stewardship drives that you may hear in the upcoming sermons and at the meetings.

Please share your time and talents for these two projects. Thank you.

March Birthdays:



- 3 - ABIGAIL WINECKE
- 4 - CARL ELLIOTT
- 6 - CONNELL MCGOUGH, SUSAN LORENZ, MARK STADEM
- 7 - JUDY SALABA, KEVIN BRANDT
- 10 - GWEN COATES, LOIS PORTER
- 12 - BETTY HOARD
- 13 - DAVID VERSCHOYLE
- 14 - GEORGE GROBE
- 15 - DONALD ANNALA
- 18 - JACOB ARNDT
- 19 - TARYN PAULSON, TONYA PAULSON, LUCY LIPSCOMB, SAM LIPSCOMB
- 22 - ALEX KLEIN
- 24 - MICHAEL FABIE
- 26 - SHERIDAN MOORE
- 30 - ERIC NELSON
- 31 - JULIE GAARDER, ROBYN RONGSTAD

March Anniversaries:



- 12 - MIKE AMUNDSON AND KIMBERLY TYL: 2004
- 19 - SUE AND DAN GRZYWINSKI: 1977



2008 Holy Week Schedule at St. Luke

- March 16:**
Palm Sunday Worship, 9:00 AM
- March 20:**
Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 PM
- March 21:**
Good Friday Worship, 7:00 PM
- March 23:**
Easter Worship, 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM
Easter Breakfast, 7:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt, 8:30 AM



Spotlight on...



Hamline Johnson

I was born at home on a farm near Cannon Falls, Minnesota on January 12, 1927. My mother was born in North Dakota, my father in South Dakota. They met when my father was harvesting and logging. When they married, they moved to the Cannon Falls area. I had 5 sisters and no brothers. Hence, I was the spoiled boy of the family. I went to country school until we moved to town in 3rd grade and then I continued in the Cannon Falls Public Schools through high school. As a child we went to the Vasa Lutheran Church. This was one of the first settlements in the area. When we moved to town, we continued at St. Ansgars Lutheran Church. I married Joan in Cannon Falls in 1947 after I returned from the Navy. I was a yeoman in communications stationed in the South Pacific. After we got married, we moved to the cities where I attended Dunwoody Trade School to become a Pipe Fitter. I worked at Welter's Heating and Air Conditioning for 35 years. While we were living on Mississippi Blvd. in St. Paul, Pastor Hock visited us at our home and invited us to St. Luke Church. After our visit we became members and remained members because of the small church atmosphere that we grew up with. All of our 4 children--Morris, Kathy, Cyndy and Patty--were baptized and confirmed here, as well as our grandchildren. 54 years ago we moved to our current home in Bloomington, and even after the move, we continued our church life here. I was a Sunday School teacher for many years, a choir member and maintained the heating system for the church. The best thing about St. Luke is the ease with which one can become acquainted and feel a part of the community. My favorite hymn is "In The Garden", which holds a long time fond memory of singing it as a child in church. I currently enjoy listening to the Gaithers music and I also enjoy gospel music. I would love to see these types of music incorporated into our worship. I love fishing and have been on numerous fishing trips up north as well as into Canada. My other favorite love is making homemade lefse for the family! It is a tradition we have enjoyed for many years. My wish for St. Luke is for the church community to continue to grow and flourish and make an influence in the neighborhood and beyond.



Notes from Conie:

-- Right before February's hymn selection meeting of the Worship and Music committee, a child approached me to suggest we sing his favorite hymn: "Angels We Have Heard on High." I thought to myself, what is stopping us from singing this wonderful music at times outside of Christmas? We opened up the hymnal and read the verses. The last verse is most definitely Christmas, but the first verse uses images of praise we can use at anytime. Could we write new verses that could be used during other seasons of the church? Or change a word to turn the phrase? In this case, we will be successful in praising the risen Christ.

What about you? Do you have a way with words? Take a hymn and write new words for it. Or perhaps you love the words of a particular poetic hymn and are not thrilled with the music it is set too. Is a new tune starting to form in your ear?

-- Super Soup Supper begins again when our initial Easter praises die away. Come confirmands, choristers and congregants! Let us continue to break bread together at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Sign up to be a Soup Chef on the kiosk in the Social Hall and hear the *Mmmm* praises of the young and experienced.



The Results Are In!

The Bazaar committee met on February 3rd to discuss the results of the 2007 Fall Bazaar. Gross sales were \$7,006.90 and after expenses the net proceeds were \$5,458.59.

The committee voted to send \$100 to the Airport ministry (Pastor Jack is helping out there since his retirement), \$1,092 to Camp Onomia, \$100 to "Feed My Starving Children", \$100 to the Youth Work Camp Scholarship Fund, \$200 to an organization in India that provides artificial limbs to children in need, and \$500 for organ maintenance, leaving a balance of \$3,366.59. Adding this to the amount not spent from previous bazaars, we have \$9,791.22 in the bank.

There is a need to have the organ pipes cleaned; these have not been cleaned since they were installed. The Worship Committee has been given an estimate of \$12,000. It will be necessary to get several bids for this work before proceeding, but it is the intention of this committee (pending approval of the full church council) to contribute 50% of the cost of the cleaning from the Bazaar funds and retaining the remaining funds for future needs.

2008 Fall Bazaar by Joyce Bluel

It's never too early to start planning for the St. Luke Church Fall Bazaar! As you have read in a previous article, this event raises quite a bit of money that can be used for things that we do not have in our regular budget. I would like to encourage all members to get involved, it is a great way to get to know your church family better and the money raised has been used for some very worthwhile projects.

The date for this year's Fall Bazaar is Saturday, October 11th. Listed below are the committee chairs, who have graciously volunteered another year of service. If you are interested in working in these areas, please contact the chair to volunteer your time and talent.

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

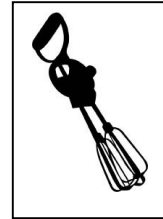
Hey, Youth! Mark your calendars for lunch and a sledding/skating outing on Sunday, March 9, 11:30 - 2:00. Watch bulletins for details. Don't miss it!



***This Egg Bake was a big hit at our Celebration Brunch for Pastor Person...
many people asked for the recipe...so here it is!***

OVERNIGHT EGGS AND SAUSAGE

- 1 Loaf of English Muffin Bread (It MUST be English Muffin! Need 7 - 8 slices) (If making two pans at the same time, you only need one loaf of bread.)
- 1 Lb. of "Regular" style Jimmy Dean Sausage (comes in plastic tube)...will use entire package.
- 1 Lb. of "Sage" style Jimmy Dean Sausage (comes in plastic tube)...will use half of package.
- 1/2 Bag (12 ounces) of Oreida O'Brien Frozen Hash Browns (these have onions & green peppers in them)...(whole bag is 24 ounces)
- 2 Cups of Cheddar Cheese (grated)
- 10-12 Eggs
- 2 Cups of Milk (1% is okay)
- Salt & Pepper (to taste)
- 1 tsp. Lawry Seasoning



Generously spray 9X13 baking pan with Pam (bottom tends to stick so grease well). Line bottom of pan with one layer of bread slices. Brown sausage until almost done. Drain and add hash browns then brown, drain and cool. Spread over bread. Spread cheese on top. Beat eggs with mixer. Then add milk, salt and pepper and Lowry seasoning. Pour over cheese. Cover and refrigerate overnight. PREHEAT OVEN for good 10 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour...leave covered for 45 minutes then remove tin foil for last 15 minutes. Sometimes needs to cook 10 extra minutes if still juicy in center. Let sit.

NOTE: JIMMY DEAN SAUSAGE COMES IN 12 OUNCE PACKAGES. GET 1 REGULAR JIMMY DEAN SAUSAGE AND 1 SAGE TYPE. USE ALL OF REGULAR SAUSAGE AND 1/2 OF THE SAGE SAUSAGE.

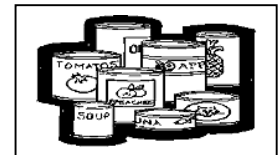
What does the number 1000 mean to you?

For me it means:

The number of times I begged for a puppy before my parents relented and said "yes."

The number of months in the shelf life of a Twinkie.

The number of hairs shed by my dog, Molly, every time she shakes.



And, most importantly, it's the number of pounds of food I hope St. Luke will donate to our local food shelf during the annual March Foodshare Month.

During this time of economic uncertainty, when we are all feeling the pinch of higher fuel, healthcare and food costs, it might be difficult to imagine giving to a food shelf. But, it's during these times when food shelves need our help the most, and I am confident that the generosity of St. Luke's congregation will come through as it has so often in the past. Too often, working people have to make the decision between buying food, paying rent, or purchasing medicine. Too often, kids go to bed hungry because there just isn't enough food to go around.

So, during the month of March, we will be collecting donations of food and money for St. Francis Basket. There will be a table set up in the fellowship hall for food donations. Checks can be made out to St. Luke with a notation of "food drive" in the memo line. If you have any questions, please talk with Wendy Bjorklund. Thanks for all of your help!

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