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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.
 Luke 24:5



The women went to the tomb of Jesus prepared to anoint his battered body with spices as was their custom. They were prepared for death. After all, they had seen Jesus die on the cross. They had seen his lifeless body taken away and placed in the tomb. It was just like all the other deaths they had witnessed in the past. Death is the end. But what they found at the tomb filled them with terror. Jesus is risen! How could that be?? Even for us hearing this some 2,000 years later, it seems impossible, too good to be true. Maybe we ask the same questions as the women, “How can that be? Death has always won. No one beats death.” But on Sunday, April 8 we celebrate Easter, the day Jesus conquered death so that we too may live not in fear of death, but live fully, joyfully, knowing that Jesus will guide us through death to new life. Come, celebrate this Easter. We will worship at 7:00 and 9:30. The youth will serve breakfast between services, proceeds going to workcamp. Come worship our Lord and celebrate life!

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.



April Readers:

- 1 – Mike Hegdahl
- 8 – Easter, 7A: Wendy Bjorklund
- 8 – Easter, 9:30A: Beth Peterson
- 15 – Jeff Kingsley
- 22 – Ken McGrew
- 29 – Sue McNeill



Confirmation News

There will be no classes on Wednesday, April 4 (Holy Week) or April 11. Our service project for April will be to participate in the Highland Park clean up on Saturday, April 14. We will meet at church at 8:30 a.m. that morning, and then help clean up from about 9 to 10 a.m. We will have classes on April 18 and 25, from 6:15 to 7:30.

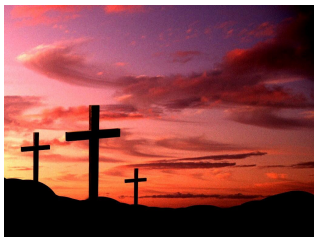


April Acolytes:

- 1 – Karl Gaarder
- 5 – Maundy Thursday, 7P: Sam Lipscomb
- 6 – Good Friday, 7P: Thor Burchill Riley
- 8 – Easter, 7A: Kirby Peterson
- 8 – Easter, 9A: Charlie Gaarder
- 15 – Emma McGrew
- 22 – Michaela McGough
- 29 – Teagan Burchill Riley

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship

As we follow the path of our Lord on his journey to the cross, we stop to worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. “Maundy” is the old English form of the Latin word for “commandment” (mandatum). This is the day that Jesus instituted the Lord’s Supper, washed his disciples’ feet and gave them the new commandment to love one another (John 13:34). Traditionally, Maundy Thursday is the day that we receive forgiveness for the sins confessed on Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. In this way, Lent is a time of penitence. Good Friday is the day they crucified our Lord. We will worship through hymns and readings, remembering that our Lord died for us so that we may know life, life abundant. Come, worship the Lord!



Mark the Date: Sunday, May 6th

is our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting following worship. We need and value your input...please plan on participating.



April Birthdays

- 1 - JOAN HOLTZ
- 2 - BETH PETERSON
- 3 - BARB JENSEN
- 4 - CARL GOERS
- 5 - DAVID ELLIOTT
- 6 - TOM GAARDER, JOSHUA STADEM
- 7 - MICHAEL ARNDT, JEAN GILLAND
- 11 - SAMUEL ELLIOTT
- 13 - LEROY RONGSTAD
- 14 - LARRY VIGDAL
- 15 - RILEY MILLER
- 18 - PASTOR JACK
- 21 - TRACY ARNDT
- 24 - JOHN FABIE
- 26 - ABBY KLEIN, GLADYS BYRNES
- 30 - EDDIE MCGREW



April Anniversaries

- 8 – DAVID AND NAHOKO PERSON: 1978
- 11 - DAVID ELLIOTT AND SUSAN LORENZ: 1990
- 25 – BOB AND PAM BALLIS: 1992



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in April will take place on Tuesday, April 17th at Chianti Grill – 2050 Snelling Ave. N., Roseville 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, April 8th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for March: Eva Mac Niven, Connel McGough, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson, Katy Eggert.

Our ushers for April will be: Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Jean Gilland.

Spotlight on...Ann



I was raised on a farm of 320 acres, located west of Lamberton, Minnesota, along Highway 14. Later, during my school years, we then had a new, big house built for a family of seven. After graduation from Lamberton High in 1954 I worked at Martin Luther College dining hall in New Ulm. I met my first husband, Loren Fenske, at George's Ballroom.

After the dining hall job, I came home and became Dad's "Hired Man", mowing the yard, plowing the fields, and hauling in grain. I even pierced a bloated steer to save it's life! I helped Mom with gardening, feeding chickens, and cleaning house.

When Loren came home from the army, we were married and lived in a trailer house on the farm so Dad had a helper, and my parents could retire on the farm.

Loren died of cancer after 8 years of marriage. My folks moved to town, and I moved closer to my two sisters and brother in St. Paul. I then met and married Ray Verschoyle, and David came along. I did housecleaning for several people and flower gardening at Sibley Manor to keep myself busy after divorcing Ray. I missed David since he needed special institutional help with his Tourette's Syndrome. I also did some volunteer work at the Highland Chateau. I met Alan Baird through house cleaning.

My church activities were choir, Women's Bible Study Circle, Meals on Wheels, and coordinating music for the Chateau Sunday services. I currently volunteer with Loaves and Fishes, and communion services at Rockwood and Alton.

My primary hobby is craft work. I especially enjoy embroidering dishtowels and cloths for the Fall Bazaar.

David was born on March 13, 1967; he had Tourette Syndrome and behavior problems. He spent time in facilities in Faribault and St. Peter. He came back to Minneapolis four years ago. He is doing very well now. He graduated from Rem-Lyndale Facility and has now been accepted for advancement into a new group home. David has really grown up. He is friendly, kind, helpful, and likes to be busy. He loves dogs and cats.

We both like the friendly, warm, encouraging and helpful congregation of St. Luke.

It would be nice if the congregation could grow bigger and stronger, with more active people. I have found that being active in small things builds friendships, as well as faith and trust in God.



News from the President Joyce Bluel

Blessed Easter Greetings to Everyone!

Spring is in the air. This is the time of year we all take inventory of what needs to be done to our homes and how we are going to accomplish that long list. St. Luke will once again hold our "Neighbors Together" work project on Saturday, June 9th. We will be canvassing the neighborhood for home improvement projects in April and May. If you can use a hammer or a paintbrush, please consider joining us in this service project. If you aren't very handy or unable to physically do this kind of work, how about signing up to provide lunch for the workers? Everyone is welcome and needed!

St. Luke will be celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2013. A planning committee is being formed and will start meeting to formulate plans for the celebration. A sign up sheet is on the Kiosk. If you do not want to serve on the committee but have photos, articles or ideas that you would like to share, please feel free to contact either me or Pastor Dave and we will see that your input gets to the committee.

The Saint Paul Area Synod Assembly will be held May 18-19 at Prince of Peace Church in Burnsville. This year's theme is "Living Lutheran: What does our story mean?" St. Luke is allowed two delegates besides Pastor Dave at the assembly. If you are interested in learning more about the assembly and/or are interested in attending and representing St. Luke, please talk to Pastor Dave. The early registration deadline is April 16th.



155 Hungry people partook of the supper prepared by St. Mark and St. Luke at St. Matthew's church in the Loaves and Fishes program on February 27th. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Joyce Bluel, Jean Gilland, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey and Robyn Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.

All are invited to a Minnesota Youth Symphonies concert here at St. Luke church on Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. It is certain to be an enjoyable concert, presented by an exceptionally gifted group of young people...let us support them in their efforts!



Micro-lending

Our next micro-lending meeting will be on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30. Come for some good food, fellowship, and making some loans around the world that change peoples' lives!



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for March: Julie Ellingson, Jeff Kingsley, Ken McGrew, Joan Wilson, and Mike Hegdahl.

Holy Week



Join us for Holy Week Services:
 Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.
 Good Friday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
 Easter Sunday, April 8:
Worship, 7:00 a.m.
Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
Egg Hunt, 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 9:30 a.m.

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all who helped out with the youth spaghetti dinner/auction, and to people who ate spaghetti, purchased auction items or tickets for the raffle. Thanks to ALL of you we had an extremely successful fundraiser for workcamp. Thank you for supporting the youth and the people in Massachusetts whose homes we will be repairing this summer.



On Easter Sunday, April 8, you will not want to miss St. Luke's annual Easter Breakfast! The proceeds from the breakfast will be used for the youth group Workcamp 2012 program.





Stamping With Sue
 Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on **April 28** (last Saturday of the month) 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; work 612-596-4011; home 651-688-8176. No experience necessary. All are welcome!



St. Luke Centennial Committee Meeting

The first 100 year anniversary committee meeting will be on Sunday, April 1 (no fooling), in the library after worship. As we look forward to our 100 year celebration, I would also like us to return to our roots of evangelism. The founders of St. Luke felt a calling from God to begin a church in this area. They started with this calling, no congregation, no building, no budget. What they built through the grace of God and their deep faith is now St. Luke. We have been given so much. Let us return to these roots of call and evangelism during this centennial year.

Neighbors Together

Saturday, June 9...
REMEMBER THIS DATE!
 We need YOU! We will be helping our Homcroft neighbors during this time, by doing some basic home repairs, free or at a minimal cost to the homeowners. Let's be a light to our neighbors, showing them the love of Christ! Come with your paintbrush and hammer, or come ready to make some good food for all to share. Let's ALL join together in reaching out in love and service. Save that date, Saturday, June 9.



Hobby Night at St. Luke

Do you have that project that you started long ago and just can't seem to find the time to sit down and work on it? Well, now is your chance. Come to church on Thursday, April 19th at 6:30 p.m. and take the time you need to complete your project. It could be a sweater you started and never finished, that scrapbook you never find time to put together, or maybe you are just looking for ideas for a project to work on. Who knows...maybe we can come up with some ideas for projects that we can work on together to sell at our Fall Bazaar! We will start out with at least one night a month; if popular enough, we can add more nights.

Easter Lilies and Easter Garden

We need lilies and/or flowering plants for our annual Easter garden display. Can you help? Every bloom counts: let's make this our most glorious display ever! Please bring your floral offerings to church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 7. Please feel free to stay and help with arranging the flowers and to decorate the Easter cross. You may take your flowers home to enjoy after the 9:30 Easter Sunday service.

