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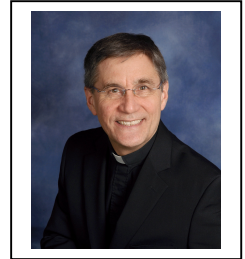
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*Open doors, open hearts, open minds.*

## Parish Times January 2014

*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.*

Philippians 1:3



All through the Bible we see that prayer is an essential part of our Christian faith. Our Lord Jesus consistently took time for prayer. He taught his disciples how to pray. As quoted above, Paul also wrote about the importance of prayer while also praying for all of his brothers and sisters in Christ. We are called to do the same. So, as I wrote in my semi-annual report, I call on each of us to take time for prayer. Specifically, join me this year in praying for the following:

1. Let us pray for our members every week. They are listed in the bulletin. Take it home and make it a priority to lift them up in prayer. Don't be afraid to let them know that you are praying for them.
2. Pray for St. Luke. This year I would like all of us to pray for new members. Let us pray we receive four new families or more this year. This isn't just so we have more members. This is so we can spread the good news of Jesus Christ to more people through word and deed. Please make this prayer a priority and when you see new people come to worship, greet them with Christian love, THEN talk with your friends. Make greeting new people your priority. Pray and reach out with love.
3. Pray for our children and youth. But don't just pray for them; also love them up with Christian love. Be a loving auntie or uncle to them. Give them a hug. Call them by name to say hi and to listen to what they have to say. Studies have shown that when children have loving adults outside of their family, they are much more likely to succeed and do well throughout life. You can make a huge difference in a child's life by simply showing them a little love. Isn't that what we are called to do? Pray for them, love them.

Let's pray and put our prayers into action!

God bless you all,

Pr. Dave

### January Acolytes:

5 – Emma McGrew

19- Matt Brummund



### Souper Bowl Sunday!

No, that is not a typo. Sunday, February 2 is SOUPER Bowl Sunday. That Sunday the confirmation students will be selling delicious homemade SOUP as a fundraiser for Feed My Starving Children. So come to church on February 2 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.





## Musings from the Music Director

### *New Year Musings from the Music Director*

***A special thank you to all the singers and ringers who shared their musical gifts during the many Advent and Christmas worship services. Your generous contributions of time and your many talents is greatly appreciated.*** 😊

***HYMN SING PRELUDE - Sunday, January 5th from 8:40 - 9:00 am. Come join the members of St. Luke as we sing several of our favorite Christmas Carols to prepare for worship on the first Sunday in 2014!***

***People needed to sing the Psalm during the worship service on Sunday mornings. The Psalm tone is very easy to learn and sing. Let Cammy know if you are interested!***

**SINGERS AND RINGERS WANTED! Come join us for Chancel Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals every Wednesday evening. Season 3 (January 8th through Sunday, March 9th) begins on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Chancel Choir rehearses from 7:00 – 8:00 pm and Bell Choir rehearses from 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Whether you can read music or not, all are welcome!**  
***“Let everything [everyone] who has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” Psalm 150:6***

**There WILL NOT be Chancel Choir or Bell Choir Rehearsals on Wednesday, December 25th or January 1st. Regular Chancel Choir and Bell Choir Rehearsals will resume again on Wednesday, January 8th, 2014!**

***A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. - Nelson Mandela***

**"Joy to the World!"**

*Cammy Horne, Music Director/Organist*



## Confirmation News

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No confirmation on January 1.  
Happy New Year! We will have class on Jan. 8 and January 15. No class on January 22, instead we will have it on Saturday, Jan. 25. On Monday, January 27 we will help with Loaves and Fishes from 3:30-6:30. Meet at church at 3:00 that day for a ride to Loaves and Fishes. Because we are volunteering at Loaves and Fishes on Monday, we will not have class on Wed., January 29. Finally, we will be making soup on Saturday, Feb. 1, meet at church at 10 a.m. We will sell the soup after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2 and donate the funds to Feed My Starving Children when we volunteer there on February 19.



### Pancake Breakfast

The workcamp youth will serve a delicious pancake breakfast after worship on Sunday, January 19. Come hungry! You will be served with mouth-watering food and smiles. All money raised will be used for attending workcamp. This year we are going to Pocahontas, Virginia in the Appalachian Mountains. We will join about 400 other youth in fixing up 40-50 homes. Thanks so much for helping us help others!

**January Readers:**



- 5 – Wendy Bjorklund
- 12 – Laurie Herrmann
- 19 – Barb Jensen
- 26 – Jill Burchill

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to celebrate a special event or to honor a loved one, and to beautify our church home. All are welcome to donate an arrangement. You may use any florist of your choice, or make your own arrangement. Simply let us know of your donation by leaving a message with the church office at 651-698-9443 one week prior. Thank you!



**Usher Notes**

Many thanks to our ushers for December: Eva Mac Niven, Jim Kroschel, Doug Nelson, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Pam Ballis, Katy Eggert.

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

**The St. Luke centennial commemorative HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS are now available to purchase at \$5.00 each. This affordable, special keepsake would make an excellent gift...pick up an ornament or two for you and yours!**



148 Hungry people were served supper on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the west side for the Loaves and Fishes program. Workers were Larry Litzkow, Joyce Bluel, Ann Verschoyle, Eva Mac Niven, and Dave and Nahoko Person, and sons John and Andy.



**GIGANTIC Snow and ice storms!!**

Do you remember a couple of years ago when a GIGANTIC snow and ice storm led to the cancellation of Sunday worship? If that happens again on a Sunday and 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 horrific, 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 for worship related information. Pr. Dave



**Ladies Night Out** – Ladies Night Out in January will actually be a **movie night** at Church on Tuesday, January 21st at 5:30 p.m. We will start off with a delicious supper followed by a showing of a movie. All women are welcome!!! Please let Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) know if you are planning on attending by Sunday, January 12th, so that we know how much food to prepare. Cost of supper will be determined and split among the participants the night of the event.



The 2014 offering booklets are now available in the Social Hall. Please pick up your box as soon as possible to defray postage expenses. Thank you.

## Spotlight on...Judy Johnson



Hi, I am Judy Johnson. I was born on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and I was raised in Saint Paul, MN. I was baptized into St. Luke Lutheran Church, where I was also confirmed. My parents Mike and Nancy Hegdahl are members as well. I have a son, Aiden, who is 2, and was also baptized at St. Luke in October of 2011. What I love most about the church is the sense of family that you feel when you are there. Everyone is so kind and caring. Someone is always willing to lend a helping hand if needed; just the sense of closeness is why I love attending church at St. Luke.

Well, about me. I have traveled a little in my life. I lived in Colorado for 3 years until I moved home in 2011. I absolutely love the mountains and being outdoors in Colorado, there is so much to do. In my time I did not learn how to ski, but there is still time for that. When I lived there I worked at United Airlines as a ramp agent, and then for the rest of my time there I was a security supervisor for a local security company based out of Denver. While I was there my activities were finding new trail paths, going hiking in the mountains, and seeing all the different animals. I love little mountain towns; they are just so lovely and laid back. CO is a truly beautiful place.

After I moved home in April, I started working with my dad at Transit Team Inc. Shortly after starting there my son Aiden was born in September of 2011, and that is still my current employer. I am only part time now, as I decided to return to school last summer. I attend Saint Paul College. I am studying to be a Medical Office Professional and I am going for my AAS degree. I am also in a program called the Jeremiah Program that is specifically designed to help single mothers to go through school and be successful in life. The Jeremiah Program helps with every aspect of life, starting with a 16-week empowerment course, and then life coaching meetings to make sure you are staying on goal, and weekly life skills meetings, as well. They not only help you stay on task for school and your education, they teach you about yourself and what you can accomplish. This program was a true blessing to me and I am super happy to be participating in it. I plan on graduating in the fall of 2015 so I have a busy couple of years ahead of me, but I am excited for what is to come.

Some of my favorite things to do is, of course, spend time with my son, taking him to see things; we go to the zoo often. I absolutely love cooking, and baking, I am always on the lookout for a new and interesting recipe. I do like outdoor activities like sledding and snowman making but it has just been too cold this winter to want to do those things. In the summer Aiden and I are always going for walks or I take him on the bike and we go see different playgrounds, as he loves sliding down different slides.

I am honored to be featured in this January spotlight, and I look forward to seeing everyone at church. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and a very wonderful New Year.



### January Birthdays

1 - LINDA FUNKHOUSER,  
DUSTY JENSEN  
5 - DAWN PETERSON  
9 - LAURIE HERRMANN  
10 - NOAH FABIE  
13 - MATTHEW BRUMMUND,  
JUDY JOHNSON,  
KIMBERLY LOEWEN  
16 - NANCY HEGDAHL  
17 - RUTH LINDGREN,  
KATHY SPRAY  
21 - LOUIS BILLMEYER  
27 - KEVIN ARNDT  
29 - NORMA ALEXANDER  
30 - SUE MCNEILL

UnDec The Halls!  
We will be removing  
Christmas decorations on  
Sunday, Jan. 5, after  
worship. Many hands  
make light work...please  
join us!



Thank you to our Bun  
Run volunteers for  
December: Ken  
McGrew, Julie Ellingson,  
Bill and Kathy Laramy,  
Doug and Jo Klein.

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