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## Parish Times February 2010

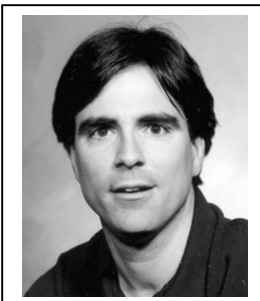
*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. Romans 6:3-4*

On Wednesday, February 17 we begin our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Luke. The following five Wednesday evenings of Lent, we will be joining with Immanuel Lutheran Church and Pilgrim Lutheran Church for worship centering on baptism. Lent is traditionally a time to remember our baptism. The overall theme of the worship series will be, *Signed and Sealed for the Journey: Lenten Explorations in Baptismal Living*. We have chosen five speakers for this series. They will each talk about one of the five promises we make at the affirmation of baptism service (confirmation). Those five promises are:

1. to live among God's faithful people
2. to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
3. to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
4. to serve all people, following the example of Jesus
5. to strive for justice and peace in all the earth



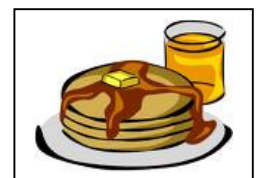
Speakers will include Bishop Peter Rogness, Rev. Dr. Mary Hinkle Shore (Associate Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary), Rev. K.P. Hong, (Protestant chaplain at Macalester College), and Minnesota State Representative Alice Hausman. As I write this, we are waiting to confirm the final speaker. Each Wednesday worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be preceded by a soup supper at 6:00 p.m. A schedule, including who will be preaching where will be posted when all of the information is available. I believe that all who take part in this worship series will be deeply blessed. Come join us for worship on this Lenten journey.  
 Pr. Dave



On September 18, 2007, Carnegie Mellon professor Randy Pausch delivered a one-of-a-kind last lecture that made the world stop and pay attention. It became an Internet sensation viewed by millions, an international media story, and a best-selling book that has been published in 35 languages. To this day, people everywhere continue to talk about Randy, share his message and put his life lessons into action in their own lives. Randy died of cancer on July 25, 2008, at the age of 47.

All are invited to participate in a book discussion at St. Luke on "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. at church. Don't miss it; this may well be one of the most inspirational books you will ever read.

Attention Group Workcamp Families: The Youth will be organizing the Easter Breakfast this year to benefit the forthcoming group workcamp mission. There will be a planning meeting for all parents and workcamp youths on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 11:15. Your participation is needed and will be greatly appreciated!





### Confirmation News

We will have class as normal on Wednesday, Feb. 3. On Saturday, Feb. 6 we will meet at church at 10:00 a.m. to prepare the soup to sell the next day, Souper Bowl Sunday. Because we are doing this, we will not have class on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Also, because Wed., Feb. 17 is Ash Wednesday, we will not have class. Instead come to the Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 p.m. Beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 24, the next five Wednesday evening classes will begin at 5:30 p.m. because we have Lenten worship at 7 p.m. If you have any questions about this, contact Pr. Dave.

### Highlights of the January Council meeting:



Highlights of the January 11, 2010 council meeting:

- Five new hearing devices have been ordered.
- A planning meeting for this year's Easter breakfast has been scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Although the cost for Onamia has been increased for both adults and youth, we should be able to leave the cost to our members the same. Also, Thrivent has discontinued their Care in Congregation Fund, so there will be no matching funds from them this year. As the pool has not been repaired, there will be bowling again this year.
- The council has agreed to consider renting our facilities one evening a week to the Assemblies of God Church. They are non-denominational and currently have a congregation of 35 adults plus children. Exact details and fee will be explored with them in the near future.
- Thrivent will be sponsoring a jobs seminar at St. Luke. This seminar is scheduled for Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 and will be open to the public. More information will be coming in the near future.

The council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. All are welcome!

### Youth Workcamp

### Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction

Come support our youth, eat some delicious spaghetti, and take part in the silent auction on Saturday, February 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m. We have received some wonderful donations from generous members and area businesses for the silent auction. The proceeds of this will all support the youth in traveling to a workcamp in Centralia, Illinois where they will join about 400 other youth in fixing up about 55-60 homes for people who for whatever reason cannot do it themselves. The workcamp includes Bible studies and Christ-centered programs linking faith to the work. It is a time of blessing for all involved, so come to the spaghetti dinner and support your youth!



### February Birthdays

- 1 - ELLEN SCHULTZ
- 4 - MAGGIE ERICKSON
- 5 - KURT SCHULTZ
- 7 - SAMANTHA SMITH
- 8 - DOUG LUND
- 9 - KIRBY PETERSON
- 10 - JUNELLA LITZKOW
- 11 - SUE GRZYWINSKI
- 12 - ALEC SCHULTZ,  
CASSONDRA JOHNSON
- 14 - DIANNE DIESTLER
- 16 - SAM NODLER,  
ANN VERSCHOYLE
- 23 - MARY DYBVIG,  
LORRENE CHLIAN
- 24 - JEFF KINGLSEY
- 26 - KAREN WASKO



## Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for January: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Al Baird.

Our ushers for February will be: Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder

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



## Hey YOUTH!

**On Sunday, February 14 we will be going to Youth Comic Sports for a great time. Be sure to sign up on the kiosk where you will find all the pertinent information! Come join the fun.**

## News From The Council President - Nancy Hegdahl



Many of you probably have read articles or heard some statistics about how hard it is, for Lutherans, to share their faith with others, and even more difficult for Lutherans to invite someone to their church. One statistic is that the average Lutheran invites someone to church once every 23 years. How often have you invited someone to church? I should tell you that this isn't just a problem in the Lutheran church; other Christian denominations have the same problem.

The renewal of the church isn't likely to happen unless we rededicate our lives to Christ and live our lives not just as believers but as **Christ's Disciples**. Often we might feel that it's up to the pastor to spread the Gospel. How many of us last Sunday had a significant conversation with someone in church about what God was up to and what we heard in Pastor Dave's sermon? It stands to reason that if we can't talk about God among ourselves in church we certainly are going to have a difficult time talking about God on the bus or in the office lunchroom. Most of the things that we do in life don't come naturally; we have to be taught how to do most everything. For example, a great pianist doesn't sit down at the piano and give a concert without many hours of practice. It is also a known fact that the more we practice the better we get at it. Starting now let's start practicing inviting neighbors, friends, co-workers, and other acquaintances to join us on a Sunday morning.

At our November semi-annual meeting the question was raised if we changed the time of our Sunday morning service would that help bring in new attendees to our church home. The Council was directed to conduct a survey of our congregational members to find out how each of you feel about a possible time change, so over the next few weeks the council will be conducting such a survey and soliciting your input which will be reported on at the semi-annual meeting in May. Please keep an open mind as you fill out your survey and remember to practice inviting someone to join us on Sunday morning, or to the youth Spaghetti Dinner on February 27.

## Souper Bowl Sunday!

No, that isn't a misprint...February 7 is Souper Bowl Sunday! The confirmation youth will prepare some delicious, mouth watering soup which you can purchase to eat at church or bring home for that other super bowl event. All soup will be sold for a free-will donation, with 100% of all donations going to Feed My Staving Children. So come hungry to help feed the hungry!



We invite you to attend a very special worship service here at St. Luke Church on Sunday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m. We will be welcoming Rev. Al Hock as guest pastor to honor the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Pastor

Hock served our congregation from 1945 to 1983 with great commitment and compassion. Come join us for this joyous celebration in tribute to our esteemed and beloved St. Luke pastor!



110 Hungry people were served supper for Loaves and Fishes on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. Workers were Dwight Paulson, Pastor Dave, John Person, Andy Person, Ann Verschoyle, Jean Gilland, and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson helped by baking cookies. Many thanks to our volunteers for their continued support of this worthy cause.



Attention Parents:

Early Communion Preparation Classes will be held in the next few weeks. St. Luke Church has a tradition that a child is eligible whenever the parents and the pastor believe that the child is ready. Pastor Dave will be leading first communion classes on Sunday mornings, February 28, March 7 and March 14 during Sunday School. (10:15 to 11:15) Upon completion of these classes the children will receive their first communion on Easter Sunday, April 4. Please talk with Pastor Dave if you are interested in this class.

## February Readers:

7 – Mike Hegdahl

14 – Megan Jefferson

21 – Joyce Bluel

28 – Wendy Bjorklund



## Attention Parents:

- ▶ Our ever-popular Sunday School Retreat is scheduled for February 19-21. Families should receive a mailing outlining the specifics shortly. Please sign up on the kiosk as soon as possible!
- ▶ We will be having a brief organizational meeting on Sunday, February 7 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!



## Notes from Conie:

Thank you to Penney Kelly, Junella Litzkow, Deb Vigdal, Christine Olson, Jeff Kingsley and Pastor Dave who helped select hymns on Jan 10 for our united voices to sing for the upcoming Lenten season. You can help select hymns for upcoming Sundays – the next season we'll be choosing are the Sundays of Easter to Pentecost and our meeting day will be Sunday, Feb. 28. See the sign up sheet on the kiosk for available Sundays and Conie to get preparation materials.

- With warm hearts and tummies, we thank our Wed night Soup Providers from January: Christine Olson, Conie Borchardt, Jo Klein and especially Al Baird for his weekly dedication to serving confirmation and choir diners. If you'd like to offer your culinary skills to the Wednesday night gathering, please sign up on the kiosk! All are invited to dinner on Wednesday nights – Al starts serving at 6 p.m.
- Minestrone Minstrels update: In December a merry band of seven young and experienced people went and sang Christmas carols to Roy Rongstad at the VA Home, Lou Roth at St. Mary Home, and our friends at the Highland Chateau. As of this writing, we had another planning meeting and rehearsal for an outing on Jan. 24. Watch the Bulletin for future meeting rehearsals and join us in this visitation ministry.
- Many thanks to the Worship Band for leading our song on Jan. 17: Jo Klein, Wendy Bjorklund, Mike Wobig, Patty Stadem, Andrew Stadem, Barb Jensen and Deb Vigdal.
- In February, love is synonymous with candy hearts and cupid's arrows on Valentine's Day. This year this holiday of romantic love is on the Sunday where we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord, the event when Jesus meets Moses and Elijah on a mountaintop, his appearance changes to a "dazzling white" and God speaks: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." This last summer I had an experience where I felt like the Beloved Child of God. It was full of deep unconditional acceptance – unlike the trials and tribulations of romantic love. Have you had a similar experience? I hope so. If not, I pray God will take every opportunity to assault you with love and that you are open to receiving it in whatever trimmings it may appear. Wishing you blessings of joy, love, wisdom and peace each and every day.



**Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in February will take place on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at Cap's Grille in South Minneapolis – 5000 Hiawatha Avenue 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, February 7<sup>th</sup> so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.**

## Spotlight on...Susan Grzywinski



I was born and raised in Saint Paul, Minnesota. I grew up a few blocks from St. Luke and for some strange reason we went to the church up the road a little further. I don't remember the name of the church, but it is the orthodox Jewish temple now. My dad died when I was five and my grandmother came to live with us. My grandmother didn't drive; she was the one who made the decision to go to St. Luke. She made arrangements for Pastor Pilgrim to pick us up and I have been attending ever since.

I have been married for almost thirty-three years to Dan, and we have a son Alex, whom most of you know. I have a strong passion for needle art that includes, knitting, weaving and spinning wool. I also enjoy cooking and taking care of my family. I am a registered nurse at the VA medical center and I work on the Hospice and Palliative care ward. I have also recently made the decision to return to school and am now enrolled in the weekend adult program at Augsburg College.

Over the years I have been involved at church with teaching Sunday school, working with the youth and volunteering for the Bazaar. I have also worked as the custodian for many years. I consider most of the congregation at St. Luke as being part of my family and I am grateful for that.

**PLEASE be sure to take a moment to fill out the important survey about service times that you received with this newsletter as an attachment. Please email your responses to Nancy Hegdhal at [nkh116@aol.com](mailto:nkh116@aol.com) by March 1. Thank you!**

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