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Thoughts From Pastor Juli....

St. Luke is moving forward in calling a new pastor! The Mission Profile committee has been working hard to identify the needs of the community and the congregation, and we are ready for the next phase - electing a call committee.

The meeting to elect the committee members will be Rally Sunday, September 9. The constitution calls for electing 9 members from at least 18 nominees. We will be collecting names of people for the entire month of August.

Please give serious thought to serving on this committee. It would be best if the committee were representative of the congregation as much as possible. In addition, the work of the committee is very time consuming. The members will be asked to travel to listen to sermons (possibly some distance), take part in interviews, meet separately to discuss candidates, review mobility papers, and give prayerful consideration to the next pastor of this congregation.

In the St. Paul Area Synod, the average time from the Call Committee beginning its work to installing a new pastor is three months. Of course, some calls are filled more quickly, but some take longer. Consider your other time commitments over the fall when deciding whether to serve in this way.



August Readers:

- 5 – Sandi Gordon**
- 12 – Audrey Rongstad**
- 19 – Shantel Steen**
- 26 – Joyce Bluel**



Thank you to our Meals on Wheels volunteers for June 22: Al Baird, Ann Verschoyle, Louis Billmeyer, Eva Mac Niven, Jane and Emma McGrew, Betty Nelson, Audrey Rongstad and Ralph Wassmann.

Quarterly Givings Data, For Your Information:

Adopted Budget as of 6/24/07:
 \$74,075.25
 2007 Pledges as of 6/24/07:
 \$53,517.75
 2007 Offering Received:
 \$56,737.00





August Birthdays:

- 2 - EMMA MCGREW, PHILLIS AMLEE
- 3 - KIMBERLY TYL
- 5 - SANDRA BERGER
- 7 - DONNA PAULSON
- 14 - TEAGAN BURCHILL-RILEY,
THOR BURCHILL-RILEY
- 18 - LEE JOHNSON, RALPH WASSMANN
- 19 - JULIA THOMPSON
- 20 - DOUG KLEIN, CATHY ERICKSON
- 21 - MAX ELLIOTT
- 22 - DEAN STADEM
- 24 - SOL HOLMLY, EARL ALEXANDER
- 28 - JOAN JOHNSON, RAY JOHNSON



August Anniversaries:

- 4 - KURT AND HOLLY SCHULTZ: 1984
- 16 - GENE AND KATHY SPRAY: 1986
- 16 - BRENDA AND CRAIG DREHMEL: 2000

We are looking for volunteers to help put the 2008 church budget together on Tuesday, August 21st at 6:30 P.M. Many heads will make the compiling go smoothly. Please join us for this important meeting!



Save the Date:
St. Luke Rally Day
and Pig Roast:
Sunday, Sept. 9!



Usher Notes...

Many thanks to our ushers for July: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Alex Klein, Audrey McNamara, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Al Baird

Our ushers for August will be: Lee Johnson, Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser and Tom Gaarder



104 Hungry people were served for Loaves and Fishes on June 25th. Many thanks to our workers: Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Sandy Berger, Helen Bye, Ann Verschoyle, and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Donna Paulson and Audrey Rongstad for baking cookies.



We are sorry to report that there has been a recent attempted break-in at church. A screen on the north side of the Social Hall was slashed in the process. It could have resulted in extensive damage or loss, but thankfully, the window was locked. This incident compels us to remind everyone to close and lock all windows and doors upon leaving church to discourage intruders. Thank you.

You Might Be A Lutheran If...

- ...every time something changes, the old one was better.
- ...you hold your family reunion in the fellowship hall.
- ...you serve Jell-O as a vegetable.
- ...you can't have a meeting without having coffee and cookies.
- ...you refer to your trip to Minneapolis as a pilgrimage.
- ...you count coffee among the sacraments.
- ...sharing the peace during the service takes more time than the sermon.



Spotlight...

Lee Johnson

I was born on a farm near Amery, Wisconsin. My father was born in Sweden and came over here when he was a young man. He married my mother and I am one of twelve children: nine girls and three boys. There's one brother and one sister and myself left.

I was confirmed in a Methodist church. After I got married I became a Lutheran.

I have worked in super markets all my life. The last one was Hoves in Highland. I worked for Hoves for 28 years; I managed the produce department, and was responsible for purchasing produce.

As a family we had stands at the Minnesota State Fair for 28 years; we sold fruit and salads.

I lived at 1813 Sheridan for 40 years. We joined St. Luke when it was built. It was close for our four girls to go to Sunday school.

My favorite hymn is "In The Garden" and "Amazing Grace".

I have organized the Usher group for many years, and I participate in Meals on Wheels.

I live in Eagan, as do our four daughters. I have 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

We have had two great pastors, and I hope we will get another one as good as they were.



Mission Profile Committee Update

Why are we doing this?

The Mission Profile Committee will be providing the completed Mission Profile document to the synod within the first few weeks of August. At that time it will also be available to congregational members. I encourage you all to take time to read through it. This has provided us an opportunity to outline who we are and what we feel we need and hope for in our next leader. The Synod will use this document to help find potential candidates and those candidates can also use the Mission Profile to learn about us.

One question I've received is "Are we really that different from any other Lutheran church?" This is an excellent question that many people probably have not taken the time to consider. I would answer yes. However, it isn't that St. Luke is that different, but Lutheran churches are indeed different from each other.

One area of difference is demographics. What are the ages of our members? How many families do we have? How many single people? And what activities do we have for those age groups?

Our surrounding community and the opportunities it provides us makes us unique as well. As a church within the city, our outreach is probably different than a church in the suburb. Something we've noticed while creating this profile is how active St. Luke is with food – and it isn't just cookies after church and chili at the bazaar. We participate in many community oriented food services and we regularly collect food for the hungry. Our love of food and feeding people is a defining quality.

Other areas that make St Luke unique are how long our congregation has been around, how long pastors tend to stay with us and even the fact that we are a Reconciling In Christ Congregation. All this information is compiled in our Mission Profile, resulting in a reflection of the personality of St. Luke. The Call Committee and the Synod will be able to use this to find not only a match with our needs, but with personalities as well.

Sandi Gordon
Church Council President



Fall Bazaar Update
Joyce Bluel

Mark your calendar, the St. Luke Fall Bazaar is Saturday, October 13th. That's only about three months away, my how time flies.

As you go about cleaning and organizing your homes this summer, think about donating some of your gently used or unneeded items to the White Elephant Sale. Also, this would be a good time to dust off your favorite baking recipes and decide what you want to make for the Bake Sale. Do you sew, knit, crochet or like to make handmade gifts? Consider making some items that we can include in our Craft Sale.

This event is successful because of the hard work and dedication of all of our members, be it White Elephant, Bake Sale, Kiddie Room, Raffle, Publicity, Kitchen or Crafts. Again, here is the list of committee chairs to contact if you are interested in participating in this year's Bazaar:

White Elephant	Co-chairs: Jo Klein & David Elliott
Bake Sale	Chair: Audrey McNamara
Publicity	Chair: Carol Vigdal
Kitchen	Chair: Sandi Gordon
Kiddie Room	Co-chairs: Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski
Crafts	Co-chairs: Margaret Vigdal & Joyce Bluel
Bazaar Chairs	Joyce Bluel & Margaret Vigdal

Announcing a Sunday School Planning Meeting on Thursday, August 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jo Klein. If you would like to offer your time and talents to Sunday School in ANY capacity—fulltime, part-time, or substitute teacher, or teacher assistant—please join us for this important meeting. We will be discussing Rally Day plans, curriculum, class rosters and more. Curious, but not ready to commit? Please come, by all means...just sit in and get a feel for it without any obligation. We are really looking forward to another terrific Sunday school year...please consider your part in it!



Have you received any St. Luke news via email lately? Then you are not on our group emailing list, and we want to fix that! We currently have a St. Luke email group of about 60 people, but we know it could be larger. Emails are a truly fast and efficient way of getting info out, so please, if you are not on the list, drop a quick email to Jo Klein at jojoklein@gmail.com so that you may be added. Thanks.