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*Open doors, open hearts, open minds.*

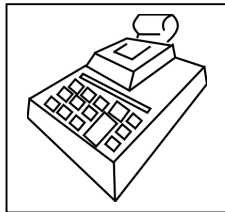
## Parish Times May 2012

*Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*



On Saturday, June 9 we will hold our second annual “Neighbors Together” day. On this day we will let our light shine throughout our church neighborhood by offering to help make repairs to area homes and spruce up area yards. We offer to do this at no cost to the homeowner. But in order to do this, each one of you needs to help, as you are able. We need people who are handy with hammers, saws and rakes. We also need people who can put together a good lunch so that we can be refreshed by delicious food and good fellowship. All can help as we let our light shine throughout our church neighborhood. So please set aside this date and sign up on the kiosk.

Pr. Dave



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](mailto:tjgaarder@comcast.net).



### Confirmation News

We will have our final class on Wednesday, May 2. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be confirmed this year will have their question and answer time on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. We will also take our confirmation pictures on that day. The rite of confirmation (Affirmation of Baptism) will be held on Sunday, May 20.

**I will be taking a trip** to Tokyo, Japan (with Nahoko) in May at the invitation of my former church, Ichigaya Lutheran Church. They are celebrating their 60-year anniversary this year and are asking all former pastors to come back and preach sometime during the year. They have asked me to come back on Pentecost (May 27) to preach...in Japanese! I haven't preached in Japanese for five years, but I am looking forward to it and feel very honored to be asked. They have even offered to pay for my round-trip airfare! While I am gone Pastor Walt of St. Mark will take care of any pastoral emergencies. If you need pastoral care while I am gone, please contact Pastor Walt at St. Mark Lutheran Church. –Pr. Dave

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**PLAY BALL!** Spring is upon us again and it's time to think about St. Luke softball this summer. We play every Sunday night beginning with the first Sunday night after the July 4th weekend, until the Sunday night before the State Fair begins. Games start at 5:30 and we will be playing against Pilgrim, St. Peder's, Plymouth, St. Mark's, and hopefully Immanuel will be joining us again this year.

The softball games are informal scrimmages with an emphasis on fun and fellowship. We hope you can join us...the more the merrier! If you are interested, contact Mike Hegdahl at [651-699-0499](tel:651-699-0499) or email at [nkh116@aol.com](mailto:nkh116@aol.com)

### Neighbors Together

Saturday, June 9...

**REMEMBER THIS DATE!**

We need YOU! We will be helping our Homecroft 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.



### May Birthdays

- 4 - MICHAEL AMUNDSON
- 6 - PAULA SILTBERG
- 7 - KEVEN MEYER
- 9 - KENT PETERSON, SARA FABIE
- 11 - IAN HOLMLY
- 12 - CONIE BORCHARDT, JULIE ELLINGSON
- 17 - HELEN KLEIN
- 18 - KATY EGGERT, LARRY LITZKOW
- 19 - JEAN KLOTZ, STEVE BRUMMUND
- 21 - DAN VIGDAL, MARYJO BRANDT
- 23 - STELLA DREHMEL
- 26 - KAYLA STADEM
- 28 - PATRICIA STADEM, SUE PALM
- 29 - CRAIG DREHMEL



### May Anniversaries

- 11 - ROBERT AND LOIS PORTER: 1968
- 22 - DAN AND DEBORAH VIGDAL: 1971
- 30 - TOM AND JULIE GAARDER: 1992



**Ladies Night Out** – Ladies Night Out in May will take place on Tuesday, May 15th at Outback Steakhouse, 2181 N. Snelling in 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, May 6th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.



### Stamping With Sue

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on May 26 (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](mailto:ssmcneill@hotmail.com); work 612-596-4011; home 651-688-8176. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

**Sunday, May 6th** is our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting following worship. We need and value your input...please plan on participating.



### Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for April: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Jean Gilland. Our ushers for May will be: Carl Goers, Gwen Brummund, Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Nancy Hegdahl, Mike Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder.

## Spotlight on...Junella



I was born and spent my first 19 years in Menomonie, Wisconsin. My father was a good farmer and my mom was one of the first working mothers outside the home in my community. I had one sister 14 months younger than me; she died in 2009. I'm the last of my family.

The Baptist Church invited my mother to join them when we moved into their neighborhood. Many of the songs I learned in Bible School and at church camp are still special to me.

Beauty School was my destination after High School. The school was in Dinky Town on the University of Minnesota campus. When I finished the course, I got a job at a beauty shop at Grand and Fairview. I stayed there for 24 years.

Larry and I met on the dance floor in Menomonie. We were married in his Lutheran Church and have lived in St. Paul for 52 years. We have two adult children. Laurie lives in St. Paul and has one daughter, Samantha. Samantha is 23, and we have watched her grow into an interesting young adult. David and his wife K.C. live in Houston, Texas and have Alexander, who is almost 2 years old. We often wished we lived closer to watch him explore his big new world.

We were active members of St. Matthew's Church in the Midway for 34 years. We took 3 work mission trips to Mexico and worked with the youth. When Dorothy Day Center opened around 1982, I organized a group from St. Matthew's and we worked with Jehovah Lutheran Church to serve meals. I thought it was a one year project....but it lasted over 20 years! We served 175 to 250 in 3 settings, once a month. It was a fast paced night; we served chili and fruit salad.

I did a 9-year stint in St. Catharine's College cafeteria and really enjoyed the students. My last job was office work with the State of Minnesota.

Retirement is great; I try to do things I enjoy. I knit mittens with a group of retired people. They are called "Marvelous Mitten Makers". The group makes mittens, scarves and hats. They have donated over 19,000 items to schools and missions in the St. Paul area. Many of my St. Luke friends give me hats for this project.

St. Luke is extended family for us. I'm proud of our youth and the Workcamp project. I love the lively contemporary services; and I especially enjoy piano music in the services. St. Luke is a well-planned building, with a no-stairs Social Hall, easily accessible to all.

Please, let us all notice visitors, and make them welcome!



### News from President Joyce Bluel

It doesn't seem possible that it is May already, where does the time go? Summer is about a month away. I have a few reminders of events you can think about adding to your busy schedules.

We will be holding our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> following worship. Aside from our usual reports we will have an open discussion regarding our Centennial Celebration in 2013 and how we can return to our roots of greater outreach. Please plan on attending and voicing your thoughts and ideas.

The committee to plan our Centennial Celebration activities has met two times and has set the date of the worship service to commemorate the anniversary for Sunday, April 14, 2013. Bishop Rogness is available and will preach at this service. Details for a dinner, which will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2013, are still in the planning phase. If you are interested in participating in the planning of our Centennial Celebration, please join us at our next meeting. All are welcome!!

"Neighbors Together" will be held on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, a sign up sheet is available on the kiosk for both workers and people that are willing to provide lunch for the workers. Please consider participating if you are able. There is also a sign up sheet on the kiosk for volunteers to man the St. Luke booth at Highland Fest again this year. The dates of the Fest are July 20-22. This is a great way to increase our visibility in the community. Grab a buddy and sign up for a shift or two; hopefully the weather will cooperate this year.



115 Hungry people were served supper on Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthew's Church in the Loaves and Fishes program. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Joyce Bluel, Jean Gilland, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.

This year we will have Vacation Bible School June 18-21 (Monday-Thursday). If you can help with any facet of VBS, whether it be as a teacher, providing some food or treats, games, crafts, music or other aspects, please sign up on the kiosk. Let's reach out to area families with VBS!



**A BIG Thank You!**

I want to thank everyone who has so generously supported the youth workcamp trip through your donations and purchases of fund raising items. You have all been fantastic in your support. We still have a ways to go, but our goal is in sight. The youth will not only enjoy this workcamp trip, they will grow during it while helping people who need assistance. Thank YOU for helping to make this all possible.  
Pr. Dave



**Highland Fest 2012**

St Luke is participating in Highland Fest again this year in an effort to get the word out about our congregation in the neighborhood. This is an excellent venue for us to meet and greet people and let them know how welcoming we are here at St. Luke. The event attracts approximately 60,000 visitors over the three-day festival.

We need volunteers to staff our booth at the fest. Volunteers can sign up for an hour, two hours or three hour intervals. You can buddy up with someone or sign up alone. We will be handing out our brochure, as well as promotional items with our logo and church information.

The dates for this year's Highland Fest are July 20-22. A sign up sheet is posted on the kiosk. Consider being an ambassador for St. Luke. No experience necessary, all ages are welcome!

**Micro-Lending**

The micro-lenders will meet on Tuesday, May 8 at 6:30 at church. We will eat a delicious dinner for just \$5.00 a person, have some good fellowship and then make some loans to people around the world. These are loans that change lives, so join us to make a positive difference in our world.



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for April: Julie Ellingson, Bill Laramy, Doug Klein, Ken McGrew.



**May Acolytes:**  
6 – Maggie Erickson  
13 – Kayla Stadem  
20 – Karl Gaarder  
27 – Sam Lipscomb



**May Readers:**  
6 – Wendy Bjorklund  
13 – Beth Peterson  
20 – Jill Burchill  
27 – Sue McNeill

Adopted 1st Quarter Budget: \$37,173.50  
1st Quarterly 2012 giving: \$30,643.66



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