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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

Parish Times March 2013

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. John 20:1



In March we are journeying through Lent with our eyes on the empty tomb; first discovered by Mary. As we make this pilgrimage, we take time during our Wednesday evening Lenten services for God's Word, prayer, fasting, and repentance. Come take time to grow ever deeper in faith. Come, walk this road with our Lord, the source of hope and life. Our mid-week Lenten services are from 6:45-7:30. We are using the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer liturgy. During Holy Week we will worship on Maundy Thursday (March 28) and Good Friday (March 29), both at 7:00 pm. The road to Easter winds through both of these worship services. Take time to walk with our Lord on this road, as he walks it for you. We then come with Mary to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, March 31. Come, rejoice and give thanks to our Risen Lord who gives you his all so you may know life.

See you in worship,
 Pr. Dave

March Acolytes:

- 3 – Kayla Stadem
- 17 – Thor Burchill Riley
- 29 – Good Friday, 7P: Maggie Erickson
- 31 – Easter, 7A: Michaela McGough
- 31 – Easter, 9:30A: Teagan Burchill Riley

AUDIT

There will be an audit of the church financials on Sunday, March 10 after worship. This is an open meeting; your participation will be welcomed and appreciated.



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for January and February: Ken McGrew, Julie Ellingson, Bill Laramy, Doug Klein, Joan Wilson, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl.



Stamping With Sue

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on Saturday, March 30, 9:00 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!

March Readers:



- 3 – Katy Eggert
- 10 – Sue McNeill
- 17 – Wendy Bjorklund
- 24 – Laurie Herrmann
- 31, 7AM – Barb Jensen
- 31, 9:30AM – Ken McGrew

Confirmation Notes

We will volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan from 6:00-7:30 pm on Tuesday, March 5. Because of this, we will not have class on Wednesday, March 6. We will have class from 5:30-6:30 on March 13 and 20. We will not have class on March 27, Holy Week.

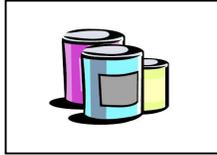




Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in March will take place on Tuesday, March 19th at the Twisted Fork Grille at Grand and Hamline in St. Paul at 5:30 p.m. Please notify Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) if you are planning on attending by Sunday, March 10th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

100th Anniversary Booklet

We are collecting a paragraph from any St. Luke member, current or former, to put in a commemorative booklet for our 100th anniversary of St. Luke Lutheran next April. Try to pinpoint a special event, a memorable moment, a “first” experience, a favorite celebration, whatever means the most to you about being a member of this church family. We are trying to keep it to one paragraph per person, but those who have been here 50+ yrs might have a couple paragraphs of memories. If we start now, we will have time to collect, edit and print the booklet for our April 2013 celebrations. Please submit your paragraphs to Sue McNeill (ssmcneill@hotmail.com), Joyce Bluel (jbluel@comcast.net), Pastor Dave (person_tokyo@yahoo.com), or Jo Klein (jojoklein@gmail.com) in writing or by email. Sue McNeill will actually be typing the materials. If you need to make changes later, that’s fine. Let’s just try to start composing that paragraph to share and then get it to someone in the list above.



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!

Each March, Minnesota FoodShare directs the March Campaign, the largest food drive in the state and restocks 300 food shelves across Minnesota. It recruits thousands of congregations, companies, schools and civic groups to run local food and fund drives to aid in the effort.

Minnesota FoodShare organizes a statewide media campaign to promote food shelf donations. It produces and distributes free promotional and educational resources for food drive organizers. It acts as a clearinghouse for cash donations and distributes the funds to participating Minnesota food shelves. Throughout the year, Minnesota FoodShare advocates on behalf of hungry Minnesota families with both state and federal lawmakers and educates the public about hunger in Minnesota.

So, during the month of March, we will be collecting donations of food and money for those in need. Checks can be made out to St. Luke with a notation of “food drive” in the memo line. Thanks for all of your help!



March Birthdays

- 3 - ABIGAIL WINECKE
- 4 - CARL ELLIOTT
- 6 – CONNELL MCGOUGH,
MARK STADEM
- 7 - JUDY SALABA
- 10 – JOE LUTY,
LOIS PORTER
- 12 - BETTY HOARD
- 13 - DAVID VERSCHOYLE
- 15 - DONALD ANNALA
- 16 – SUSAN LORENZ
- 18 - JACOB ARNDT,
LISA VANDROVEC
- 22 - ALEX KLEIN
- 24 - MICHAEL FABIE
- 26 - SHERIDAN MOORE
- 31 - JULIE GAARDER,
ROBYN RONGSTAD,
RALPH SKOE



March Anniversaries

- 12 - MIKE AMUNDSON
& KIMBERLY TYL: 2004
- 19 - SUE & DAN GRZYWINSKI: 1977

100 year Anniversary Dinner – April 13, 2013

The St. Luke Centennial celebration dinner will be held at the Lost Spur Supper Club on Saturday, April 13th beginning with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the buffet style dinner will be \$20 per person. We will begin taking reservations for the dinner on Sunday, March 3rd. The final date for payment of the dinner will be Sunday, March 31st. A table will be set up near the front entrance to take reservations and payments. Funding is available for those families that need assistance with the cost of the dinner; if interested please contact Pastor Dave. We want every member of our congregation there to celebrate this milestone!



Spotlight on...Julianna



I grew up on my family's dairy and beef farm in Wausau, WI, about three hours east of the Twin Cities. My parent's still run the farm today. My two older sisters and I grew up doing the usual farming chores -- milking cows, feeding calves, and stacking hay -- after school and on weekends. Sunday mornings were the most hectic. We got up very early to milk and make the most of the one bathroom in our house to take quick showers, then finish chores after church.

We were up at 4 a.m. on Easter Sunday so we could make the 6:30 a.m. service. Getting up that early wasn't a lot of fun, but seeing the sunrise on the drive to church and celebrating the Lord's resurrection with my church family made it worthwhile.

My sisters and I attended St. John's Lutheran until eighth grade. St. John's was small. I had only four male classmates. When I got to high school, I had 345 classmates. It was quite the adjustment! For many years, I played piano during church services and with the church school choir. Music is a very important part of worship for me.

How did I get to St. Paul? I earned my B.S. in Human Development & Family Studies at the University of Wisconsin -- Stout in Menomonie, WI. After graduation, I worked a year then moved to the Twin Cities. I've worked with adults with mental health and various disabilities for almost 10 years.

In 2009, I earned my M.A. in Gerontology from Bethel University. I've been working at Volunteers of America -- Minnesota in the Highrise Social Services Department for the last three years. I office in six Minneapolis public housing buildings and provide social services to tenants. My job is very rewarding and challenging. I'm fortunate to be able to hear about other people's faith at work and talk about their spirituality. It is enriching. My work puts life into perspective and keeps me grounded.

I started dating my husband Adam when I moved to the Twin Cities. We found St. Luke's after moving to the neighborhood in 2008 and got married here on Oct. 3, 2009. Pastor Dave and the entire congregation were very welcoming. We felt at home right away and had no doubts that St. Luke's was the right place for us. What I enjoy most at St. Luke's is the work the choir and musicians put into the services. It adds a special touch!

Our families are very important to us and we see them as often as we can. That means a lot of time in the car on weekends traveling to Wausau to see my family and to central Minnesota to see Adam's family. The travel can get exhausting, but it's worth it once we start playing with our nieces and nephews.

Adam and I have traveled to Las Vegas, New York City, Chicago and Mexico several times together. Every year for our anniversary we go to Lambeau Field for our annual Packers game. We have even been lucky enough to see them win two playoff games! When we're home, I love to bake, cook, try new restaurants, play with our bulldog Matilda, practice Yoga and lift weights.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN WORSHIP



Each week, through skits and brief reflections, we will look at different things that get in the way of our relationship with God and with others. As we look at these various ways in which we hinder relationships, we are encouraged to "fast" from them for a week and see the difference it makes in our lives.

WEEK 1 – February 20: Fast from being angry at others. "In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice."

–Ephesians 4:26, 31

Week 2 – February 27: Fast from judging others. "Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother." – Romans 14:13

Week 3 – March 6: Fast from complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing." – Philippians 2:14

Week 4 – March 13: Fast from overspending. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal." –Matthew 6:19

Week 5 – March 20: Fast from resentment and bitterness. "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." –Philippians 4:11

AND

Fast from discouragement. "Fathers, provoke not your children, that they be not discouraged." – Colossians 3:21

*Written by Pastor Chris Becker of
Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN*



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for February: Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder. Our ushers for March will be: Eva Mac Niven, Connell McGough, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Pam Ballis and Katy Eggert.



Musings from the Music Director

Why not consider singing or ringing during the next 5 weeks through Easter Sunday? Please join us for **Chancel Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals** every 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and sometimes, 5th Wednesday evenings of each month. (The St. Luke Praise Band rehearses every 4th Wednesday of every month.) During the Lenten Season, Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7:30 – 8:15 pm and Bell Choir will rehearse from 8:15 – 9:00 pm. Whether you can read music or not, **all** are welcome to participate in these two musical ensembles. *“Let everything [everyone] who has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.” Psalm 150:6*

--Sun. 2/24: Praise Band will provide worship service music

--Wed. 2/27, 7:30 – 8:15 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal; 8:15 – 9:00 pm: Bell Choir rehearsal

--Sun. 3/3: **Chancel Choir** will provide worship service music

--Wed. 3/6, 7:30 – 8:15 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal; 8:15 – 9:00 pm: Bell Choir rehearsal

--Sun. 3/10: **Bell Choir** will provide worship service music

--Wed. 3/13, 7:30 – 8:15 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal; 8:15 – 9:00 pm: Bell Choir rehearsal

--Sun. 3/17 **Chancel Choir** will provide worship service music

--Wed. 3/20, 7:30 – 8:15 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal; 8:15 – 9:00 pm: Bell Choir rehearsal

--Sun. 3/24, **Palm Sunday**: **Chancel Choir** and **Bell Choir** will provide worship service music

--Wed. 3/27, **REGULAR REHEARSAL TIMES**: 7:00 – 8:00 pm Chancel Choir; 8:00 – 9:00 pm: Bell Choir

--Sun. 3/31 **EASTER SUNDAY** – **Chancel Choir** and **Bell Choir** will provide worship service music

HYMN- SING PRELUDE – SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD – 8:40 – 9:00 am. Lift your voice in song during a 20-minute hymn-sing prelude on Sunday, March 3rd. As a joyful preparation before service, you will get a chance to sing many of the “good old” favorite hymns. Please list your favorite hymns on the sheet located on the tables in the narthex. You may either give you hymn favorites to Cammy or put them into the “Favorite Hymn” box located on the greeting table in the narthex.

PSALM SINGERS NEEDED! If you are interested in leading the singing of the Psalm on Sunday mornings, please see Cammy Horne. All ages and voice ranges are welcome to lead the Psalm singing!

I want to thank the resourceful men who helped turn the organ around! I love being able to actually see what is going on during the service! A special thank you to Doug Klein for adding the supports to the bottom of the organ so it is now level!

SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERVICES! Please consider sharing your musical gifts as the prelude and/or postlude during Wednesday night Lenten Services. Talk to Cammy Horne if you are interested.

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD! Psalm 150:1-6

In Peace, Cammy Horne

SAVE THE DATE for these
special centennial events:
April 13: Centennial Dinner
April 14: Centennial Service
Details to follow!

-100 YEARS-



EASTER FLOWERS The youth will be taking orders for Easter flowers on February 17th, 24th, and March 3rd. Your flowers will arrive in time for Easter (March 31). This is a fundraiser for their Group Workcamp mission trip. Please support our youth in this worthy endeavor!

2013 Fall Bazaar by Joyce Bluel



It's never too early to start planning for the St. Luke Church Fall Bazaar! As you have read in a separate article, this event raises quite a bit of money that can be used for things that we do not have in our regular budget. I would like to encourage all members to get involved; it is a great way to get to know your church family better and the money raised has been used for some very worthwhile projects.

The date for this year's Fall Bazaar is Saturday, October 12^h. Listed below are the committee chairs who have graciously volunteered again this year. If you are interested in working in these areas, please contact the chair(s) to volunteer your time and talent.

Judy Salaba, Sue Grzywinski, & Joyce Bluel: Co-chairs
Jo Klein & David Elliott: Rummage Sale
Sandi Gordon: Kitchen
Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski: Kiddie Room
Joan Wilson: Bake Sale
Joyce Bluel & Pam Ballis: Publicity
Judy Salaba, Sue Grzywinski, & Joyce Bluel: Crafts
Pam Ballis: Raffle

President's Corner

March 2013

First, let me thank you all for allowing me to represent St. Luke as its President once again. It is a special year for us and a testament to the solid faith base our congregation has nurtured for 100 years. As I hear of churches merging and closing due to lack of members, I thank God that we are strong and may continue, I hope, for another 100 years. In my 52 years as a member, I have seen a couple generations of families continue the tradition of bringing their children here for Sunday School, rather than closer to their home. That is a testament to our reputation for being a loving and protective congregation for all children in our programs. Non-members have felt safe entrusting their children to our care for various programs. I'm so proud of that. And then there are the women of St. Luke who inspire (and challenge) me to be as active and involved in our church 20 years from now as I am today. One of my favorite "involvements" is choir. Again a special year because we have a new Music Director, Cammy Horne, who is choosing new and marvelous music and one type close to my heart....gospel! Ruth Carlson has stepped forward to be our newest Treasurer. Our past treasurers have been a major reason for our financial stability and they will support Ruth in her office. I could fill this newsletter with all the people and groups I am grateful to have as "church family." If I had to choose a mantra for this year, it would be "Step Forward." Whether a new member or a long time member, we all need to step forward to help with the special events (our April centennial celebration, memory book, directory, etc.), and the recurring events (Bun Run, Loaves and Fishes, Fall Bazaar, Youth dinners, etc.) that have made St. Luke Lutheran a strong and solid congregation. I marvel at the events and opportunities we offer every year. There is a spot for you to add your time and talent. Please, make this year **YOUR** year to Step Forward!

--Sue McNeill



Results of the 2012 Fall Bazaar

by Joyce Bluel

The Bazaar committee met on January 27th after worship to discuss the results of the 2012 Fall Bazaar. Gross sales were \$6,152.24 and after expenses the net proceeds were \$4,732.91.

The committee voted to send \$100 to the Airport ministry \$1,000 to Camp Onomia, \$75 to Highland Leisure Age, \$1,000 set aside for expenses for the Centennial Anniversary dinner, \$300 to the Youth Work Camp Spaghetti Dinner to purchase a flat screen TV for its silent auction, and \$1,000 to sponsor the youth work camp leaving \$1,257.91 to be added to previous years balances totaling \$15,388.20 in the bank.

Among some of the other items that were discussed to be funded with these proceeds were replacing the aging food processor being used for preparation of the cole slaw at Loaves & Fishes, paying for the cleaning of the carpet in the social hall and contributing to the cost of replacing the flooring in the kitchen.

First Communion Classes

On Sundays, March 3, 10, 17, I will be leading a first communion class for our non-communing children during the Sunday School hour. If you and your child are interested in these classes, please talk with me. We will be making our own first communion cups out of clay while learning the meaning of communion and the love God shows through the bread and the wine. Then on Easter morning, your child will use the cup they have made to receive their first communion. They will then take that cup home as a remembrance. Please talk with me, Pastor Dave, if you are interested.



95 Hungry people were served supper on Monday, January 28th at St. Matthew's Catholic Church in West St. Paul for the Loaves and Fishes Program. Workers were Pastor Dave, Joyce Bluel, Larry Litzkow, Eva Mac Niven, Ann Verschoyle, Teagan and Thor Burchill Riley, Michaela McGough, Emma McGrew, Kirby Peterson and Kayla Stadem. Audrey and Robyn Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.



A special thank you and recognition to all of the drivers who on Sunday morning volunteer to pick up those who would otherwise not have a way to church. This is a wonderful ministry that goes unnoticed except by those who are helped. It means so much to be able to get out, to have our sins forgiven, pray, sing and worship with our church family, especially during the winter months. I will not attempt to name them all here, they know who they are. This truly is sharing God's love and friendship!
-Ann Verschoyle



Micro-Lending

All interested in making micro loans around the world, meet at church on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30. We will have a delicious Chinese dinner at the cost of \$5.00 per person. We will then make loans to people all around the world, helping give them new possibilities and hope! Join us! Sign up on the kiosk asap.

Worship Commission:

We are in need of an additional member to the Worship Commission. If you contact Sue McNeill, she can give you a description that Jeff Kingsley provided of his duties while on the commission. Most things are done before the service. No previous experience is necessary. There are current members you can speak to about duties. Tithing is not only offering money, but offering time and talents to our church family. I hope you'll take this opportunity to "tithing your time."



Feed My Starving Children

On Tuesday, March 5 from 6:00-7:30 pm we have an opportunity to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan. If you have never volunteered there before, you owe it to yourself to join us. It is a beautiful and rewarding experience. Through your work, you will help feed thousands, literally thousands of children. So sign up on the kiosk and plan on volunteering with us.



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