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Support Our Schools

A Community Partnership Opportunity for St. Luke

St. Luke has been contacted by Support Our Schools, a non-profit organization committed to improving the academic achievement of students in St. Paul Public Schools. One way that it does this is through a program called "Leadership United", which connects schools with community partners. Currently, they are working with the St. Paul Area Council of Churches to connect individual schools with members of the faith community.

St. Luke has the opportunity to become partners with Homecroft elementary school, which is just across Edgcombe road from the church. Many of you have a long history with Homecroft. Some of you may know that Homecroft's future is uncertain. This uncertainty should not prevent us, however, from considering partnering with the school between now and the end of the school year. Enrolling just under 300 students, Homecroft is a small school. Most of the students do not speak English at home and receive free or reduced lunches at school. These are kids who are working hard to learn a language, acquire reading and math skills and often eat their best meal of the day at school. This is an opportunity for St. Luke to be a good neighbor to some of the neediest members of our community.

As a Homecroft volunteer, you could volunteer an hour a month, a week or much more. All ages are needed and welcome. Would you be willing to do any of the following?

- help in the library
- tutor in reading, writing and math
- help to plant and maintain a school garden
- greet students in the morning (8:40 to 9:10 a.m.)
- help students during breakfast (8:45 to 9:10 a.m.)
- chaperone on field trips

I do not want to commit to this partnership without knowing I have your support and interest. Please talk to me at church, or email me at wlbjorklund@stcloudstate.edu or call me at 651-690-9309 for more information, or to indicate your interest. Thank you! --Wendy Bjorklund



January Readers:

- 6 – Sandi Gordon**
- 13 – Katy Eggert**
- 20 – Alex Grzywinski**
- 27 – Sue McNeill**

January Communion Assistants



- 6 – Sandi Gordon**
- 20 – Alex Gryzwinski**



Usher Notes...

Many thanks to our ushers for December: Eva Mac Niven, Max Elliott, Carl Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson and Katy Eggert

Our ushers for January will be: Roger Dieslter, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Alex Klein, Audrey McNamara, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Al Baird

January Acolytes:



- 6: Riley Miller, 13: Connor Burchill-Riley,**
- 20: Jacob Arndt, 27: Jordan Brandt**



The 2008 altar flower schedule is now posted on the kiosk. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two. It is a wonderful way to celebrate a special event or to honor a loved one, and to beautify our church home.



January Birthdays:

- 1 - DUSTY JENSEN, LINDA FUNKHOUSER
- 10 - JACKIE SALABA
- 12 - HAMLIN JOHNSON, SUE NODLER
- 13 - MATTHEW BRUMMUND, JUDY JOHNSON
- 16 - NANCY HEGDAHL
- 17 - KATHY SPRAY, RUTH LINDGREN
- 21 - LOUIS BILLMEYER
- 27 - KEVIN ARNDT
- 29 - NORMA ALEXANDER
- 30 - SUE MCNEILL



Call Committee

Service of Installation

The Service of Installation marks the call of a pastor to a new ministry. Not only does this mark a beginning, but it establishes the union between a congregation and pastor. It allows an opportunity to publicly affirm the mutuality of that relationship and begin it with prayer.

The Service of Installation for Pastor Dave Person will take place on January 27th during worship service. As a member of the congregation of St Luke that will be entering into this relationship, I encourage you all to attend. Bishop Peter Rogness will be presiding at the service.

Sandi Gordon - Call Committee Chair



101 Hungry People were served at St. Matthew's Catholic Church for the Loaves and Fishes program on November 26. Many thanks to our workers: Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Helen Bye, Sandy Berger, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson for baking cookies.



Youth Game Day
Hey Youth—you are all invited to a Game Day on Sunday, Jan. 13 after worship. We'll make pizzas together and play the afternoon away. Plan on attending...should be lots of fun!

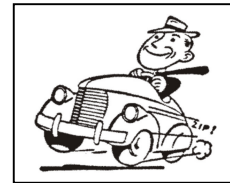


Mark your calendars for Sunday, Jan. 20 for our annual Sunday School Pancake Breakfast...we will once again be raising funds for our retreat in February. \$600.00 Matching Funds are being applied for through South Ramsey County Chapter 30100 of **Thrivent** Financial. We need to raise \$600.00 in order to qualify for the \$600.00 in matching funds, so please, give generously! Also, if you cannot attend the breakfast, but wish to support this worthy cause, your donations would be greatly appreciated...you may mail in your contribution to the church office, of place it in the offering plate...many thanks!

Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for December: Jeff Kingsley, Ken McGrew, Julie Ellingson, Joan Wilson and Jill Burchill.



NEEDED! Drivers to do the Saturday morning Bun Run! We need enough volunteers to ensure no one will drive more than once a month, along with at least one sub. Ideally, we could use at least 5-6 volunteers. Currently, some of our volunteers cannot continue beyond the first of the year, which means we have about half of what we need. This is a task that starts early on a Saturday morning (about 7:30 a.m. at the St. Louis Park Byerly's), but everything is completed in a few hours. Bread products are delivered to two points very close to St. Luke, with the remainders made available to our members Sunday morning (and you get first pick!). Training is available! Please contact Ken McGrew or Wendy Bjorklund if you're willing to help. Thanks!



Notes from Conie:

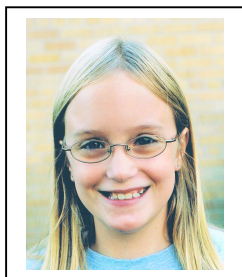
- **Super Soup Supper Wednesdays!** Join us at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings starting January 16 for soup before confirmation class, choir or on your way home from work! Volunteers take turns providing the menu, be it soup or an old family goulash recipe. In December, we thank the McGough family, Conie Borchardt, Christine Olson and Jo Klein for providing food and Al Baird for his attentive service to hungry people. The sign up for the rest of the winter and spring is on the kiosk in the fellowship hall.
- **Lent is coming** in February and Easter Sunday will follow close behind. The Worship and Music Committee will be meeting on Tue, Jan 15., 6:30 p.m. to plan and select hymns for the services of this important part of the church year. Join us!
- **Many thanks** to the many musicians who made our Advent and Christmas season services special: The choir; the bell choir; Peter Klein and Connell McGough, trumpets; Jo Klein, guitar; Sue McNeil and Deb Vigdal, vocal soloist; Abby Winecke, piano; Olivia Peterson, flute; Dan Grzywinski, hand percussion. A special nod to Jack Potthoff, Denise Redman, Rebecca Clark and Emily Ireland who are substituting at the keyboard in Conie's absence.

Spotlight on...Abby Winecke

My name is Abigail Bjorklund Winecke. I was born March 3, 1996 at United Hospital in St. Paul. I have a mom, dad and two brothers. My mom is a teacher at St. Cloud State University and my dad is an associate creative director at Campbell-Mithun Advertising. My brothers are Andrew, who is 21, and Nick, who is 23. Andrew is a senior at St. Mary's University in Winona, which is also where Nick is the assistant baseball coach.

I go to school at EXPO Elementary in St. Paul. I have lots of friends and enjoy gym, math, writing, and reading. I play soccer during the summer and fall and I'm starting skiing lessons in January of 2008. I play two instruments, the piano and flute. I have played piano for five years and flute for 1 1/2. Some things I enjoy doing are reading, biking, being outside, and hanging out with friends.

At St. Luke, I am currently in the bell choir and attend Sunday School. Occasionally, I play piano during church. At St. Luke, I enjoy the fact that I know almost everyone, everyone's friendly, and there's always a lot of music! I am really looking forward to being in the youth group and hope there will be lots of fun activities. In the future, I hope to have a kid's choir. I also hope St. Luke continues to have nice and friendly people as members!



INTRODUCING PASTOR DAVID R. PERSON!



Pastor Dave is originally from St. Peter, MN. He graduated from Gustavus in 1975, Luther Seminary in 1983 and was ordained on June 5, 1983. Pastor Dave has been married to Nahoko for 29 years. They met in Japan when he was a lay missionary for the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) from 1975-1978. Nahoko Person returned to college while they were in Zimmerman, MN. She studied at the College of St. Benedict (St. Cloud, MN) and received her BSN degree in nursing graduating cum laude. She is currently a nurse at North Memorial Hospital working evenings and every other weekend. They have 2 adult sons, John and Andy. John is 28 and in the midst of his doctoral program at the University of Chicago in the Department of Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Andy is 24 and currently works at a Japanese restaurant. He hopes to become a writer. The other member of the family is Shima, their cat (and queen of the household!).

Pastor Dave's most recent work experience was with the JELC as an Overseas Secretary/Pastor/Youth worker. That lasted from 2000 to 2007. He has worked with the JELC previously from 1975 to 1992 (with a break in there for seminary). All this experience with the JELC has given him the ability to translate Japanese, and he can speak Japanese. From 1992 to 2000, Pastor Dave was the Pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Zimmerman, MN.

The Call Committee and the Council support the calling of Pastor Dave Person based on the information presented in his call papers and two interviews with the Call Committee. He is a warm and engaging person. He brings with him the full experience as a pastor by preaching, offering the sacraments, weddings, baptisms, confirmation instruction, funerals, and visiting the sick and home-based to serve communion and offer prayer. His missionary work in Japan involved work camp experiences with adults and youth. An example was being a leader of a group of adults and youth from Japan to India to assemble artificial legs. There are work camp experiences available in the U.S. He is also familiar with camping in the Boundary Waters. He has exciting and new ideas to address our concerns with finding and welcoming new members, our stewardship needs and financial goals, and continuing programs for our youth after confirmation. When the Call Committee requested references, we were pleased and assured that Pastor Dave was the right candidate for us. His references provided us profiles of Pastor Dave that were filled with their admiration and confidence in his skills as a pastor and as a member of their congregations.

The Call Committee and the Church Council highly recommend the congregation to approve our motion to call Pastor David Person as the next pastor to St. Luke Lutheran Church.

CALL COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON PASTOR DAVID PERSON

- I believe that Pastor Dave brings to St. Luke a renewed focus on stewardship with emphasis on our "gifts" as opposed to our "needs." Joyce Bluel
- Pastor Dave will bring a renewed excitement to finding opportunities to involve our youth and adults in interacting and growing in faith together.Sue McNeill
- Pastor Dave will bring to the St. Luke congregation an uplifting spirit both inside and outside of the church.Mike Hegdahl
- I believe that Pastor Dave is a warm, gentle man, who is an exceptional and devoted faith leader and I look forward to his leadership and helping all of us to rediscover the joy of serving our church and our community.Nancy Hegdahl
- Pastor Dave will assist us all as we work together to deepen our faith and broaden our ministry.Wendy Bjorklund
- Pastor Dave will bring stability to our church.Doug Klein
- Pastor Dave Person brings several things to St. Luke, such as intelligence, maturity, lots of energy; experiences in teaching, seeing and living the Lutheran faith in different countries with other cultures; initiating and building programs of growth in Japan and Zimmerman, MN and a strong, deep faith, a great love for God, his calling in life and the people it involves him with.Roger Diestler
- I believe that Pastor Dave will help us all build and strengthen our relationship with God, our fellow members and our community. I believe that he can help us see how far our spiritual gifts and financial giving can help in the growth of our congregation and our church.Julie Gaarder
- I believe Pastor Dave will bring a new era to St. Luke; one of faith, fellowship, understanding and compassion to all. He will keep St. Luke moving forward in our strong faith and love for one another.Margaret Vigdal
- Pastor Dave is a true VIKINGS Fan!!

2008 St. Luke Church Calendar

Jan. 6, Sunday: Remove Christmas Decorations, 10:15 a.m.

Jan. 20, Sunday: Contemporary Worship 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School Pancake Breakfast, 10:00

Feb. 6, Wednesday: Ash Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Feb. 22-24, Friday through Sunday: Sunday School Retreat

Mar. 16, Sunday: Palm Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m.

Mar. 20, Thursday: Maundy Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 21, Friday: Good Friday worship, 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 23, Sunday: Easter Sunday Worship, 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

May 4, Sunday: Congregational Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

May 11, Sunday: Contemporary Worship, 9:00 a.m. and Sunday School end-of-year party, 10:00 a.m.

May 18, Sunday: Confirmation, 9:00 a.m.

June 11, Wednesday: Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

July 28 – August 1, Monday through Friday: Vacation Bible School, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Aug. 1, Sunday: Contemporary Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Aug. 14, Thursday: Sunday School Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sep. 7, Sunday: Contemporary Worship and Installation of Sunday School Teachers, 9:00 a.m.
and Sunday School Rally Day & Church Picnic. 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 12, Saturday: Fall Bazaar, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 2, Sunday: Congregational Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

Nov. 27, Thursday: Thanksgiving Worship, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 29, Saturday: Potluck Supper - Decorate Church, 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 7, Sunday: Candlelight Service (2nd Sun. of Advent), 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 14, Sunday: Sunday School Christmas Program, 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 24, Wednesday: Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 25, Thursday: Christmas Day Service, 9:00 p.m.