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Thoughts From Pastor Juli....

As I write this, it's the middle of May, and we're in the midst of a whole series of events surrounding our young people. We had the end of the year Sunday School party, celebrating the first steps in learning about Jesus. We gave out Bibles to 4th, 5th and 6th graders, marking their first steps in the faith as individuals. And we have been walking through the confirmation experience as these young people take their place as adults in the faith. Listening to their statements, watching as their parents and families coach them along, hearing the love as they speak to and about their teachers has underlined the message that none of us grows in faith alone, but as part of a community.

That leads me to think about the adults in our congregation. What is the state of your spiritual life? Summer tends to be a little more relaxed in most congregations. People come and go, as they leave on vacation and return. Those of us no longer in Sunday School and confirmed longer ago than we care to mention in casual conversation may find it easy to let our growth in spiritual maturity lapse. But we are responsible not only to grow for our own benefit, but for that of the children in our congregation, and those who look to us for an example of what it means to be a mature Christian.

We are in the season of Pentecost, the long summer of the church year, when all the paraments and church decorations are green. We can use that to remind us of the importance of keeping our own faith practices fresh and green. Do you need to re-vamp your spiritual life? If you have internet access, a web search on "Daily Bible Study" will give lots of possibilities. (The ELCA has one that is delivered to your inbox at <http://www.elca.org/ScriptLib/CO/bible/tbrBibleView.asp>) If you prefer a printed book, a stop at Barnes and Noble or Northwestern Bookstore will give you lots to choose from. Ask me if you want a more specific recommendation, as well.

May all of us have a blessed summer season!



June Readers:

- 3 – Jill Burchill
- 10 – Alex Grzywinski
- 17 – Wendy Bjorklund
- 24 – Al Baird



A big thank you to our Meals on Wheels volunteers for April 27, 2007: Al Baird, Ann Verschoyle, Louis Billmeyer, Eva Mac Niven, Bruce Magnuson, Jane McGrew, Betty Nelson, Audrey Rongstad and Ralph Wassmann.



Hey, Youth! Join us on Sunday, June 10 for a fun event: we will have a potluck picnic after worship, then go to a **Twins Game at 1:00!** Sign up on the kiosk today!



June Birthdays:



- 3 - ARLENE DRIER
- 4 - CANDICE JOHNSON
- 5 - BETTY NELSON
- 6 - LUKE STADEM, MIKE WOBIQ
- 10 - ANDREW STADEM, FLORENCE NOHA
- 14 - CHICK LUTY
- 16 - BRIAN SPRAY, EVAN NELSON
- 18 - ALEX GRZYWINSKI
- 22 - GEORGE HERIOT, JEANETTE JOHNSON, DIANE NELSON
- 24 - CHRISTINE OLSON, ALLAN AMLEE
- 25 - JENIFER DRIER
- 27 - SANDI GORDON, GERTRUDE RONGSTAD
- 30 - KARL AND CHARLES GAARDER

June Anniversaries:



- 1 - NICK AND SHANNON JOHNSON: 2001
- 4 - LARRY AND CAROL VIGDAL: 1961
- 7 - LEE AND SHIRLEY JOHNSON: 1952
- 8 - ROGER AND DIANNE DIESTLER: 1963
- 9 - BECKY AND STEVE MONGIN: 1984
- 10 - JACK AND ARLENE DRIER: 1961,
JOE AND CHICK LUTY: 1950
- 15 - WENDY AND PETER BJORKLUND: 1991
JANE AND KEN MCGREW: 1991
- 18 - ALLAN AND PHILLIS AMLEE: 1955
- 19 - STEVE AND GWEN BRUMMUND: 1999,
DONALD AND ANN ANNALA: 1948
- 23 - PATRICIA AND MARK STADEM: 1990

Many, many thanks to
Julie Gaarder, Joyce Bluel and Doug Wasko
for helping with the exterior painting
while the weather cooperated.
It is now completed!



Usher Notes...

Many thanks to our ushers for May: Lee Johnson, Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser and Tom Gaarder.
Our ushers for June will be: Eva Mac Niven, Grant Mongin, Carl Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson and Katy Eggert.



86 Hungry people were served on Monday, April 23rd for the Loaves and Fishes program. Many thanks to our workers: Larry Litzkow, Helen Bye, Helen Klein and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad for baking cookies.



**Please note: our church web site now has a new domain name...
you will no longer find it at stluke-church.com. It is now:**

www.saintlukechurch.us





*What do Shrek, Elvis , Marlon Brando, Ariel the Mermaid,
Lee Marvin and Marilyn Monroe have in common? Just ask Bruce!*



Spotlight on...Bruce Magnuson

I was born at Midway Hospital on November 18th, 1943. I had a little different upbringing; I was adopted. My birth mother's mother died when she was born, so her sister raised her. When I was born, I was also adopted by my mother's sister (my aunt). So for 30 years I had 2 mothers. I have lived in the same house for 63 years. I went to Galtier Grade School and Wilson High School. I used to go to Knox Presbyterian Church. I rebuilt clutches at Catco for 23 years. I met Duane Haatvedt (former St. Luke member) about 25 years ago. He lived with me for 2 years, then I threw him out. He was living in his van for a while, now he is a millionaire! We used to drink together; now he is my A.A. sponsor. I quit drinking 14 years ago and Duane started me going to St. Luke. My hobbies are old cars and A.A.. My favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace". The best thing about St. Luke is all the nice people. I don't think it needs any improvement, and I hope it stays that way for many, many years to come.



Mission Profile Committee Update

The Mission Profile Committee (MPC) has begun actively working on St. Luke's Mission Profile. This statement will help define what we are looking for in future leadership by looking at what our mission is as a congregation. We first started by looking inward at who we as a congregation believe we are. Our next step is to look at the community surrounding us. Members of the MPC are starting to set up meetings with leaders of organizations in our neighborhood to ask questions such as "How do you server our community" and "What needs do you see in our community". Our goal is to better define our mission and see where we can fit in our community with that mission. Some of the organizations we plan to speak to include Saint Francis Basket, the Jewish Community Center, West 7th Community Center and Sibley Manor. The MPC is made up of volunteers and we welcome any other volunteers who would like to participate in these conversations. If you are interested, please contact myself at 612-616-6820 or sandi.gordon@gmail.com.

Sandi Gordon
Congregational President



Vacation Bible School is right around the corner (July 23-27) ...time to start making plans, and YOU are invited to help!

There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 at the home of Jo Klein. Whether you are a seasoned VBS volunteer, or you are a newcomer, we are thrilled to have you on board! We will be discussing class rosters, crafts, music, snacks, games, etc. It takes a lot of people to get this program off the ground each year...please prayerfully consider your part! Interested, but not ready to commit? Then by all means, sit in on the meeting, with no obligations, no pressure!

VBS at St. Luke Church is traditionally one of the most enriching, vibrant, joyful and memorable events of our entire church year. Think of it: 60 to 80 kids happily buzzing around the church for a full week...never a dull moment, to be sure! Yes, it's a lot of work, but all who volunteer find such delight in working and playing with all the wonderful, energetic children. Truly, we derive just as much from teaching as the children do from learning...and you will, too!

Do join us!



Notes From Conie...

-- No Wednesday evening summer worship this year.

--We are always in need of special music to enhance our Sunday summer worship.

Whether you are a singer or an instrumentalist, we invite you to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! If interested, or simply wish to discuss ideas or options, please contact Conie Borchardt asap...thanks!

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years."

—Mark Twain

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Let's Play Ball! All are invited to play in some friendly Sunday afternoon softball scrimmages with Immanuel, St. Mark and Pilgrim churches...we will be starting up Sunday, June 3 at 5:30 at Groveland field (St. Clair and Prior) and continue for 8 weeks. (Excluding 4th of July). All are welcome! If interested, please contact Mike Hegdahl asap...thanks! (Home 651-699-0499. Cell 612-226-3547.)