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# St. Luke Lutheran Church

*Open doors, open hearts, open minds.*

## Parish Times August 2018



### *The Pastor's Perspective...*

#### Love is Patience

A growing edge for me in my Christian life is patience. I am not a patient person; I don't like to wait for things to happen. When I get stuck in traffic, I feel my heart begin to race and my eyes dart about looking for a faster lane or a new route. Or when I was waiting last fall for a doctor to call me back with the diagnosis of my knee so I could get back to running, I grew anxious and irritable. I, like many of you, like quick results, instant answers, fast response.

Yet, when I slow down and pray, I hear a soft inner voice that calms my heart and reminds me of the promise in scripture, *"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up on wings like eagles. They shall run and not grow weary."* (Isaiah 40:31).

Waiting is not a virtue in our American society. We hate waiting in lines, waiting for an event to start, waiting for a spouse to arrive, waiting for leaders to act. We think waiting is for wimps. After all we want ACTION heroes, not WAITING heroes.

Yet the Bible is filled with stories of waiting. Abraham and Sarah waited decades for the birth of a son. David waited years to become king. Israel waited centuries for a Messiah. When Paul begins his great description of love in I Corinthians 13, the first descriptor is "love is patient" (I Cor. 13:4).

As I listen to that inner, calming voice to wait, I realize that many things are at work. God's Spirit is active, breathing new life into my spirit. I learn to live in the present moment, to be awake and at peace. These moments of awareness are intermittent; I slip back into self-pity or irritability. Still I wait, remembering an Ojibway proverb,

*Sometimes I go about pitying myself, and all the time I am being carried on great winds across the sky.*

St. Luke is in a season of waiting on the Lord, discerning how the Holy Spirit will lead the congregation into the future. And patience is big part of the interim journey. The only way I know how to grow in patience is to practice it one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time. Patience does not magically appear when we need it; it is more like a muscle that we exercise over and over, in our daily life.

God is at work within St. Luke and we all need to patiently trust in the work of God's Spirit. Part of that trust is learning how to wait on the Lord to renew our strength. And when the time comes, the Spirit will give us the signal and strength to run!

Interim Pastor John Keller



### Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for August: David Grzywinski, Judy Salaba, David Tews, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Roger Diestler.



### National Night Out

St. Luke is sponsoring National Night Out for our neighborhood on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. Come, meet neighbors, enjoy some food and good fellowship and live music with our neighbors.

### August WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

#### Readers:

5 Christine Olson  
12 Kay Reich  
19 Wendy Bjorklund  
26 Jen Fredrickson

#### Communion:

5 Jeff Kingsley  
19 Wendy Bjorklund



### St. Luke's Farmers' Market

Our fourth annual farmers market is up and running! We will need help throughout the summer, so please put it on your checklist to help out at least one Saturday this year. Sign-up sheet is on kiosk; we need 2 volunteers every Saturday, **PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.** We run through Saturday, October 6. The times are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please help get out the word and plan on serving at the market. It is a beautiful way to serve our neighborhood and welcome people to our church.

### Our heartfelt thanks to the Farmers' Market volunteers for August:

4 Roger and Dianne Diestler  
11 Raulie and Becca Ruiz  
18 Sue McNeill and Ken McGrew  
25 Julie Ellingson and Tracy Arndt



Heartfelt thanks to our August **Bun Run** volunteers: Mike Hegdahl, Dave and Sandy Grzywinski, Ken McGrew and Doug and Jo Klein.



### August Acolytes

5 Ava Herrmann  
19 Victor Landenberger

We are looking for volunteers to help out at the National Night Out event being hosted by St. Luke on Tuesday, August 7th. The event begins at 6:00 p.m., so we need people to set up tables and chairs between 5:00 and 5:30. We will also need helpers to take down and put away the tables and chairs after the event is over (this would be sometime after 8:30 p.m.)

If your neighborhood does not celebrate National Night Out, why not come to church and help us welcome and get to know our church neighbors? We will be providing water and hot dogs/sloppy joes; all we ask is that each participant bring a dish to share. Live entertainment will once again be provided by a talented group of musicians.

**Come join the fun.** If you are able to help in set up and/or clean up, please let Judy Salaba (651-698-8572) know. Thanks!



**Ladies Night Out** in August will take place on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Degidio's, 425 W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. 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) by Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> if you are planning on attending so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

**CAN YOU HELP?**



## Musings from the Music Director

It's hard to believe that the summer is starting to wrap itself but here it is, August already! As we ramp up to September, I'm looking ahead at our year of music as the choir season begins again! I'm excited to meet up with bell and vocal choirs members from last year and new - perhaps even you! Which is a fun way to transition to the yearly, "Hey, wouldn't you like to sing or play in choir?" Any level, any skill, if you have an interest in participating in our church's music program, please find me at church or email me: [bunkamade@gmail.com](mailto:bunkamade@gmail.com) If timing has been an issue for you, maybe Wednesday evenings aren't the greatest, or you're not sure if you could ring a bell, still contact me. I'm sending out a survey to current and potential (that could mean you!) choir members so that I can create the best season and format for our choirs.

You know what else is really fun? Other people and different instruments playing for our preludes, offertories and postludes. It's a great way to connect with the service and to others, a way to share in your gift of music. Sometimes it's hard to know what to play or when. If that's the case, I would love to help out. Catch me before or after service or email me! If I'm in the middle of practicing, just hover for like 20 seconds, I'll stop eventually. This year I'd like to develop a group way to communicate with the musicians of our church, whether that's a blast email each month or a working spreadsheet throughout the year, or both. If you'd like to be on the list, don't be afraid to let me know. Then you can collect all the feels when people thank you for your music after service. (It's really the best part, isn't it?)

-Becca Ruiz



## August Birthdays

- 2 Emma McGrew, Phillis Amlee
- 3 Kimberly Tyl
- 5 Sandra Berger
- 9 Katie Kohler
- 10 Phyllis Rice
- 14 Thor Burchill-Riley
- 20 Doug Klein, Cathy Erickson
- 21 Kay Reich, Max Elliott
- 22 Dean Stadem
- 24 Sol Holmly
- 27 Becca Ruiz



## August Anniversaries

- 21 Kay Reich & Charles Kernkamp: 1982
- 30 Mary Dybvig & Ralph Skoe: 2009



LOAVES AND FISHES 100 people enjoyed a delicious meal on Monday, June 25th at St. Matthew's Catholic church. Workers from St. Luke were Joyce Bluel, Bev Eckstrom, Larry Litzkow, David Tews, Verdell Humbert, and Roger Diestler.



## School Tools for Kids in Need

School Tools Drive: Sunday, August 5 through Sunday, August 19. School Tools is a school supplies drive for East Metro children from low-income and homeless families. Last year, 27 area faith communities, plus individual donors, collected more than **\$20,000 of school supplies** filling **550 backpacks** for local students in need. The drive is sponsored by Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul (formerly St. Paul Area Council of Churches). Please donate some school supplies and help a child begin the new school year right! Watch for a list of suggested supplies in the July 29, August 5 and August 12 bulletins. If you have any questions, please talk to Wendy Bjorklund.

Ladies, save the date for the 3 "R's": RETREAT, RELAXATION and READING! Join us for relaxing, reading, shopping, games, crafts, Bible studies, puzzles, laughter, seeing old friends and lots more at the Camp Onomia Women's Retreat, Friday, Sept. 14 through Sunday, Sept. 16. Open to all St. Luke women and friends. \$96.00 per person for the weekend, which includes 3 meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast. (\$10.00 extra for linens, or bring your own.) If interested, send a \$10.00 deposit to Julie Gaarder at St. Luke Lutheran, 1807 Field Avenue, St. Paul, 55116 by August 25th to reserve your spot. Please make check payable to Julie Gaarder. We hope to see YOU there!





All children, kindergarten to six grade, are invited to attend Vacation Bible School on Monday and Tuesday, August 20-21. The theme is By The Lake and will focus on two favorite Bible stories: Jonah and the Whale and Jesus Calming the Storm. St. Luke (1807 Field Ave) will host this year's VBS for both St. Mark and St. Luke. Music, Games, Crafts and Creative Storytelling will be part of each evening. Grandparents are encouraged to bring grandkids as well as inviting your neighborhood children to attend. If you would like to volunteer or to seek further information or to enroll, please call St. Luke church office: 651-698-9443 and leave a message.



### **Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel and Judy Salaba, Committee Co-Chairs**

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just about two months away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Bring all of those gently used or unneeded items you cleaned out this summer to the Rummage Sale. We will **NOT** be accepting clothing, furniture, exercise equipment, appliances or electronics. You may bring your items to church; starting on September 1st and place in Sunday school room nearest the offices.

Anyone willing to bake pies or other baked goods for the Bazaar please contact Joan Wilson (651) 253-6111 or Deb Vigdal (651) 681-0865. It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar!

We will once again be renting out tables to local crafters and vendors this year. If you know of a vendor that would be interested in renting out a table for \$35, please contact us for agreement forms. St Luke will also have a table available for those wishing to make and donate crafts. If you are planning on making crafts for the Bazaar, **we would like to know in advance**, please contact Judy Salaba (651) 698-8572 or Joyce Bluel at (651) 690-4614.

The raffle tickets will be ready for distribution soon. We will not be soliciting local business for raffle items, same as last year. We will have the top three prizes, along with items donated by congregational members. If you would like to donate an item to the Raffle, please contact either of the co-chairs. The Raffle Committee could use help with selling raffle tickets and working the raffle table the day of the event. If you can help in any way, please contact Joyce Bluel (651) 690-4614 or Judy Salaba (651) 698-8572.

This is a way for our congregation to reach out and give our neighbors a chance to get to know us better. The proceeds raised from this event have been used to make some substantial changes both to our church building and to people's lives through donations to charities. There is something for everyone to get involved with, just contact one of the following chairs:

Rummage Sale Chair:	Jo Klein
Bake Sale Co-chairs:	Joan Wilson and Deb Vigdal
Kitchen Chair:	Beth Peterson
Publicity Chair:	Pam Ballis
Raffle Chair:	Joyce Bluel and Judy Salaba
Crafts Co-chairs:	Judy Salaba and Joyce Bluel

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