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Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37

What kind of reward do you receive for welcoming a little child? Will you reap huge profits, the chance for a promotion, new influence in the community or greater status? The answer of course is "no," because a child can give none of these things. Yet Jesus calls us to welcome children. Jesus calls us to welcome the stranger. Jesus calls us to welcome the hungry, the naked, the poor and the lonely. We do this not for personal gain, although we do indeed gain something through hospitality. For when we welcome, when we share God's love, that love grows and flowers all around us, as well as in our own heart. St. Luke is called to be a place of hospitality, not for its own gain, but to share and grow the love of God. If you hear a baby cry during worship, get up out of your pew, follow the sound and see if the parents would like a hand. Or if you see a stranger, take time to greet them, invite them to "your" table for some coffee and fellowship. In each case, you might discover a friend, or maybe even come face to face with our Savior in the heart of another.

Pr. Dave



Many thanks to our Meals on Wheels volunteers for May: Al Baird and Ann Verschoyle, Bruce Magnuson, Audrey Rongstad and Eva Mac Niven, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Doug Lund and Heather Rissler, Ralph and Ruth Wassman, David Elliott, Jane McGrew.

Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for June
 Nancy Hegdahl, Mark McGough, Joan Wilson and Ken McGrew.



July Readers:
 4 – Al Baird
 11 – Shantel Zvejnieks
 18 – Doug Lund
 25 – Heather Rissler



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

POT LUCK LUNCH – SUNDAY, AUGUST 1 - MEET OUR WORK CAMP KIDS FROM JAPAN!
 Join us for lunch after worship (10:30) and spend some quality time with our friends from Japan. Bring a dish to share and have a good time. There will be 8 young people and 3 adults. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome them all.



St. Luke Lawn Service

On Sunday, July 11 we will once again have worship outside on the east lawn of the church. Bring along a lawn chair or blanket to set up on the east lawn as we gather outdoors to join our voices of praise with the wind singing through the trees.



Highland Fest

On July 16, 17 and 18 (Friday – Sunday) St. Luke will have a table at the Highland Fest for the purpose of introducing people to our church. We need YOU to volunteer at the table. Do it with a friend. Have fun with it. You can even eat some goodies while at the Fest. Sign up at the kiosk and take time to share with others what St. Luke means to you.

July Birthdays



- 8 - JOYCE BLUEL
- 9 - NANCY MCGOUGH
- 10 - CYNDY STADEM
- 13 - JASON GROM
- 14 - AL BAIRD
- 15 - DOUG WASKO
- 16 - WENDY BJORKLUND
- 18 - DICK HOLTZ
- 20 - PETER KLEIN, DALLAS ERICKSON
- 23 - JO KLEIN
- 26 - JILL BURCHILL
- 27 - ERICK ERICKSON
- 28 - DAN GRZYWINSKI



July Anniversaries

- 6 - KEVIN AND MARYJO BRANDT: 1991
- 7 - JEFF AND MARY FAUST
- 10 - AUDREY AND LEROY RONGSTAD: 1953
- 19 - RICHARD AND PAULA SILTBERG: 1975

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 3

Watch for more details to come on our 2nd Annual National Night Out to be held here at church. It will be a potluck meal in the evening and everyone is welcome to join us.



There will be a Micro-Lending Meeting on Thursday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. here at church. Enjoy a meal together, and then make plans to help others help themselves. This is an open group; join anytime. This program “connects people through lending to alleviate poverty.” Come, be a part of this worthy cause! Sign up on the kiosk ASAP.



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in July will take place on Tuesday, July 20th at Twisted Fork Grille at 1342 Grand Ave. (next to the Green Mill) 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, June 6th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

News From Council President - Nancy Hegdahl



The church council at their meeting in June discussed being a “Welcoming Church.” Welcoming is how we show kindness, acceptance, and hospitality to **everyone** - guests and members alike. People catch glimpses of Christ through their encounters with us. In a nation that's becoming more unchurched all the time, we need to impact lives, helping people who are seeking to know Christ and engage them through Christian discipleship. On July 16, 17, and 18 we will have a presence in the community at the Highland Fest, if you are able to help out please be sure to sign-up at the Kiosk in the social hall.

Happy 4th of July – be safe.

Nancy Hegdahl

Japanese Youth are coming!

The Japanese youth (8 youth and 3 adults) will arrive here on July 22 to join our St. Luke youth in going to workcamp, leaving on July 23. We will all return to St. Paul from workcamp on July 31 and attend worship here at St. Luke on Sunday, August 1. We hope to make that a very special worship followed by a potluck feast as we both welcome the Japanese youth as our guests and celebrate our unity in Christ! Stay tuned for more information and be sure to join in the celebration on Sunday, August 1.



Notes from Conie:

Special thanks to Sheridan Moore and Jo Klein for sharing their guitar stylings at worship in June! Our worship services are wonderful places to share beauty in all its forms at all levels. If you'd like to make a joyful noise, please see Conie.

Thank you to Alan and Phyllis Amlee, Helen Klein, Joan Wilson, Jean Klotz, Eva Mac Niven, Christine Olson, Deb Vigdal, Joyce Bluel, Jean Gilland and Wendy Bjorklund for volunteering to select the first cut of hymns for our September-November worship services. Your prep work helps make our worship time together truly the work of the people! Suggestions are due back to church by August 8, 2010 for the finalist meeting during the fellowship hour. All are welcome to participate in this process. Please look for Jeff Kingsley and Conie at a table in the fellowship hall.

Minestrone Minstrels -- mark Thursday, July 15 and Wednesday, August 4 on your calendar. More details to come.

I'm reading "The World in Six Songs" by Daniel Levitin, a fascinating book that categorizes the world's music into themes of friendship, joy, comfort, knowledge, religion or love. I haven't gotten to the religion chapter, but in the friendship chapter he talks about how singing together is a more effective way of indicating common interest in each other. The alternative for our primitive ancestors was grooming each other, a time consuming task! I'm grateful for the opportunities we have to share our unity in God's love and peace. Thank you for being part of the St. Luke community.



St. Luke Lutheran Church invites your children, preschool through 6th grade, to our

**Vacation Bible School Program:
SonQuest Rain Forest...
follow Jesus on a
life changing adventure!**

July 12 – 16, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Dinner included. To register, call 651-698-9443. A freewill donation of \$10.00 per student is suggested to help defray the expense of food and crafts. Thanks!

Softball season is here...time for some fun and fellowship!

Welcome, everyone, to another Softball Season!

Here is the 2010 schedule. Unfortunately, Immanuel Lutheran will not join us this year. With five teams and six weeks of games every team will have at least one "BYE" this year, unless someone could split their team into two teams or find another team to fill in the bye spot. Until I hear from any of you that you have another team interested, or that you can fill that time slot, I will leave the schedule as it is below. We could possibly combine some teams to make a mixed team to play in that spot. Think about it and let me know if you have any ideas. You may contact me at 651-699-049.

Looking forward to another fun season of softball with all of you!

Mike Hegdahl



2010 Summer Softball Schedule

Played at Groveland Elementary School (Corner of Prior and St. Clair)

	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	
<u>July 11</u>	St. Luke's Plymouth Cong St. Mark's	St. Peder's Pilgrim (Bye week)	Field 1 (5:30 start) Field 2 (5:30 start) Field 1 (6:30 start)
<u>July 18</u>	St. Peder's Pilgrim Plymouth Cong	St. Mark's St. Luke's (Bye week)	Field 1 (5:30 start) Field 2 (5:30 start) Field 1 (6:30 start)
<u>July 25</u>	Pilgrim St. Mark's St. Luke's	St. Peder's Plymouth Cong (Bye week)	Field 1 (5:30 start) Field 2 (5:30 start) Field 1 (6:30 start)
<u>August 1</u>	St. Luke's St. Peder's Pilgrim	St. Mark's Plymouth Cong (Bye week)	Field 1 (5:30 start) Field 2 (5:30 start) Field 1 (6:30 start)
<u>August 8</u>	Plymouth Cong St. Mark's St. Peder's	Pilgrim St. Luke's Bye week)	Field 1 (5:30 start) Field 2 (5:30 start) Field 1 (6:30 start)
<u>August 15</u>	St. Mark's Plymouth Cong St. Luke's	Pilgrim St. Peder's (Bye week)	Field 1 (5:30 start) Field 2 (5:30 start) Field 1 (6:30 start)



Wanted: Wine Corks!
Please save your wine corks. We would like them for a project for the 2010 Bazaar. You can give them to Julie Gaarder at any time. Thank you.

126 Hungry people were served an evening meal on Monday, May 24th at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the West side for the Loaves and Fishes program. Many thanks to our generous workers: Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Pastor Dave, Jean Gilland, Joyce Bluel, Dorothy Zitterow, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson for baking cookies for the meal.



Our youth canoe trip will take place August 20-23 (possibly leaving the evening of Aug. 19). Sign up sheet is on the kiosk at church. Cost is about \$70.00 (we will know final costs when all the expenses are added up and divided by the number of participants).



Usher Notes

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

Our ushers for July will be: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Audrey McNamara, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Al Baird.

2010 Saint Paul Synod Assembly Report

Joyce Bluel



This year was my first time attending the Saint Paul Synod Assembly and I wasn't sure what to expect. I found it was worth taking a day of vacation from work to participate.

I really enjoyed the opening worship service, the liturgy setting and hymn selection complemented the theme of the Assembly. The Prince of Peace sanctuary is more like an auditorium setting, complete with video and sound system. I found myself forgetting that I was in a church; I prefer St Luke's traditional sanctuary.

This year's theme was "You will be my witnesses...." taken from Acts 1:8. In this passage Jesus tells his disciples "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". The keynote speaker, Diana Butler Bass, challenged us to think about and discuss what the ends of the earth in the 21st century are.

In our discussions at church council meetings, there has been a concern regarding the lack of new membership, specifically young families to our congregation. After hearing some of the statistics of what is happening across our country, it is apparent that we are not alone. Part of our discussions at the assembly was how we go about reaching those outside our congregation. We have an excellent opportunity coming up the end of this month to reach out to our neighborhood by participating in Highland Fest.

There was the usual business of the synod that included elections and passage of the 2011 budget. One very important thing I discovered was that it makes a difference where you sit when it comes to being first or last when served lunch and dinner.

St. Luke is allowed three voting members, one clergy and two lay people. I would encourage those who have never attended to consider going next year and to those who have attended in the past to think about participating again.

Highlights of the June 14, 2010 council meeting:



- Supplies have been purchased to prepare and give gift bags to visitors.
- Shantel Zvejnieks is resigning from the Social Action commission due to an internship in another state. Kyle Zvejnieks has graciously agreed to assume her duties.
- Council decided to provide a pizza dinner for the youth group on July 22nd, the day the Japanese youth will be arriving in the United States. There will also be a potluck held on August 1st, the day after the youth return from workcamp. Help will be needed!
- Planning is starting for National Night Out!
- Volunteers are still needed at Highland Fest. Please see the sign up sheet on the kiosk!
- Council selected a template for the new website.
- There will be no council meeting in July!

Ladies Ready for the 3 “R”s?

(RETREAT, RELAX and READING!)

Join us for relaxing, reading, shopping, games, crafts, Bible studies, puzzles, laughter, seeing old friends and lots more.

When: Friday, September 24th through Sunday September 26th.

Where: Camp Onomia

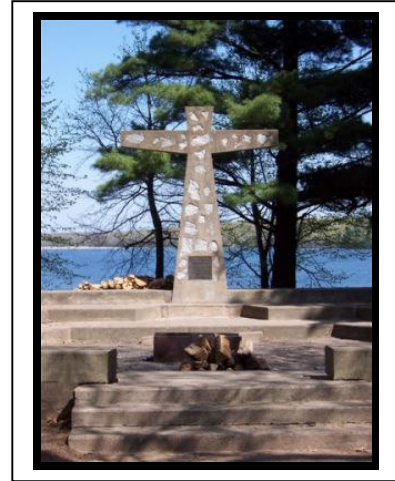
Who: St. Luke Ladies

Cost: \$75.00 per person for the weekend, which includes Friday snack, 3 meals

Saturday and Sunday breakfast. (There is a \$6.00 fee for linens, or you may bring your own.)

How to sign up: Please submit a \$10.00 deposit to Julie Gaarder, and sign up on the Kiosk.

Need a ride: check the appropriate box on the sheet.



Spotlight on...Sheridan

Date and place of birth?

I was born March 26, 1997, at Abbott hospital in Minneapolis.

Where do you go to school?

I am going into 8th grade at Seward Montessori in Minneapolis.

What would you like to do when you grow up?

I would like to be a graphic designer, or something else that involves art.

Hobbies, sports, interests?

I like soccer, most things involving art or crafting, reading, camping, swimming, biking...A LOT of things!

Favorite book?

I really liked the book Before I Fall. I also enjoy reading books by Neil Gaiman.

What St. Luke activities and volunteer opportunities have you previously participated in, or are involved in?

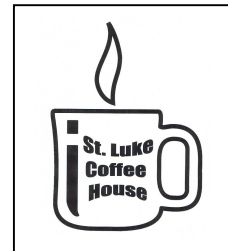
I have participated in Feed My Starving Children a couple of times, made jewelry for the auction/spaghetti dinner, and have worked in the Kiddie Room at the Bazaar. I am also taking Confirmation classes, and will be confirmed in May of next year.

What would you change about St. Luke?

I'm not really sure... less spiders, maybe...!

What is the best thing about St. Luke?

All of the funny people there!



Come! Join us for...

- fellowship
- refreshments
- live music
- board games

at

St. Luke Coffee House

Open to all

just drop in!

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

All ages welcome...

We'll see YOU July 30!