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# St. Luke Lutheran Church

## Parish Times May 2010

*Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well...*  
 Colossians 4:2-3a

Prayer has been central to the Christian faith from the very beginning, just as it is central today. Every week I pray for seven families/members of St. Luke and have invited each of you to join me. I have been encouraged to learn that some of you take those names listed in the bulletin home with you and pray for them throughout the week. This is beautiful because there is something about prayer that connects us heart to heart with God as well as with one another. In prayer we open ourselves to God and to one another, taking on one another's burdens and joys, so that they also become our burdens and joys. I know that when people tell me that they have been praying for me, I feel strengthened, supported, and loved. Let us each continue to devote ourselves to prayer, praying for one another, the ministries of St. Luke and the many needs in our world. Then, let us meet together in worship to join our prayers as one as we give praise to our loving God. See you on Sunday at worship.



Pr. Dave



Many thanks to our Meals on Wheels volunteers for March: Al Baird, Ann Verschoyle, Bruce Magnuson, Audrey Rongstad, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Doug Lund, Eva Mac Niven, Julia Gaarder, Roger Diestler, Ralph and Ruth Wassman.

**Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for April: Ken McGrew, Jeff Kingsley, Julie Ellingson, Nancy Hegdhal.**



Be sure to attend our congregational meeting on Sunday, May 2 at 10:15 a.m. We greatly value your participation and input. Let your voices be heard!



**Volunteers Needed:** Due to recent resignations, the Altar Guild is currently in need of volunteers to help with communion set up and/or clean up. For further information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Eva Mac Niven at (651) 698-2902 or Jeff Kingsley at (651) 690-8963.

The 1st quarterly giving statements for 2010 is available for pickup in the social hall. Please pick up your statement asap to defray postage expense. Thank you.





## Confirmation Sunday

On May 23, Pentecost Sunday, five confirmation students will be confirmed during the worship service. They are Jacob Arndt, Connor Burchill-Riley, Corinn Burchill-Riley, Olivia Peterson and Abby Winecke. Come to support and encourage these young people as they confirm their faith and enter into our church fellowship as young adults. Celebrate with them the rite of Affirmation of Baptism, and keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this day.



## Highland Fest 2010

St Luke is participating in Highland Fest this year in an effort to get the word out about our congregation in the neighborhood. This is an excellent venue for us to meet and greet people and let them know how welcoming we are here at St. Luke. The event attracts approximately 60,000 visitors over the three-day festival.

We need volunteers to staff our booth at the fest this year. Volunteers can sign up for an hour, two hours or three hour intervals. You can buddy up with someone or sign up alone. We will be handing out our brochure, as well as promotional items with our logo and church information.

The dates for this year's Highland Fest are Friday, July 16th through Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. **A sign up sheet will be posted on the kiosk.** Consider being an ambassador for St. Luke. No experience necessary, all ages are welcome!



## Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for April: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Audrey McNamara, Bruce Magnuson and Al Baird. Our ushers for May will be: Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder.



## May Birthdays

- 3 - DOROTHEA MIELKE
- 4 - MICHAEL AMUNDSON
- 5 - AYELE HATTA
- 6 - PAULA SILTBERG
- 9 - KENT PETERSON, SARA FABIE
- 11 - IAN HOLMLY
- 12 - CONIE BORCHARDT, JULIE ELLINGSON
- 17 - HELEN KLEIN
- 18 - KATY EGGERT, LARRY LITZKOW
- 19 - JEAN KLOTZ, STEVE BRUMMUND
- 21 - DAN VIGDAL, MARYJO BRANDT
- 22 - MEGAN JEFFERSON
- 23 - STELLA DREHMEL
- 25 - DOROTHY ZITTEROW
- 26 - KAYLA STADEM
- 28 - PATRICIA STADEM, SUE PALM
- 29 - CRAIG DREHMEL

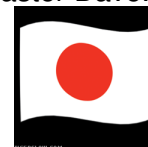


## May Anniversaries

- 11 - ROBERT AND LOIS PORTER: 1968
- 22 - DAN AND DEBORAH VIGDAL: 1971
- 30 - TOM AND JULIE GAARDER: 1992

## Workcamp Visitors from Japan

This summer twelve Japanese (three adults and nine youth) will be visiting us here at St. Luke. They will arrive on Thursday, July 22 and return to Japan two weeks later on Thursday, August 5. They will travel with our youth to workcamp, leaving here on Friday, July 23 and returning to St. Paul on Saturday, July 31. They will worship with us on Sunday, August 1, as well as take part in other activities (to be planned). We will need people who are willing to provide a bed or two for them while they are here (they usually stay in pairs). If you are interested in hosting two Japanese youth during their time in St. Paul, or would like more information about this, please talk with Pastor Dave.



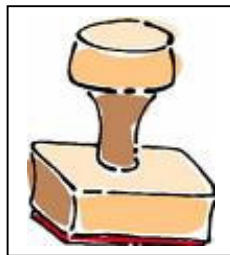
## News From Council President Nancy Hegdahl



Here we are, already in our fifth month of the year; it is hard to believe how fast the months have gone by. I have to admit May is probably one of my favorite months; the flowers are blooming, the sun is shining, the trees are getting their leaves back, and the birds just seem to be singing a chirpy song. With all that also come a lot of other special events, like confirmation, Norwegian Independence Day, St. Luke's semi-annual meeting, Memorial Day, college graduation, even some high school graduations, and Mother's Day.

It's that special time of year where we honor our Mothers: the person that was influential in bringing all of us into this world. From the time I was seven years old until I graduated from high school I used to stand in front of the congregation of my home church and sing this solo.... "M is for the million things she gave me, O means only that she's growing old, T is for the tears she shed to save me, H is for her heart of purest gold, E is for her eyes of love light shining, R means right from right she'll always be, put them all together they spell "**MOTHER**" a word that means the world to me." When I sang this song, so many years ago, I was probably more concerned about getting the words right, not thinking much about the meaning, but now that I have become a mother myself I have a better understanding of the words. And I am very fortunate to still have my 93 year old mother as part of my life; she means the world to me. So I want to wish all the mothers a very Happy Mother's Day and to everyone else, a happy May!

**Stamping With Sue:** Sue McNeill will be teaching a stamping technique class on Saturday May 22 from 9-11a.m. in the church library. For \$5.00, you will make 3 cards and receive a technique collection card for each technique used. If you would like to attend the class, please contact Sue at 651-688-8176 the Wednesday before the class so enough kits can be made. No experience is necessary. All equipment is furnished.



## Worship Time Survey

The results are in and thank you all for taking the time to fill out the worship time survey and to offer your comments. Below are the results of the survey:

9:00 a.m.	-	23 votes
9:30 a.m.	-	18 votes
10:00 a.m.	-	10 votes
Makes no difference	-	12 votes

At the Semi-Annual meeting on May 2, the council will be bringing this to you for a ballot vote. The vote will be either to leave the time of our service at 9:00 am or to change it to 9:30 am, since those were the two highest vote getters. Along with that, the council members are working on compiling costs associated with changing our service time. Also, Sunday school will be held after the service so if we change our service time to 9:30 that would mean that Sunday School will start at 10:45 and be over at 11:45. Please plan on attending this very important meeting.

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.



## A LITTLE HISTORY OF "THE BUN RUN"



In about 1995, Arlene Drier, wife of Jack Drier, former St. Luke Pastor, (now retired), began helping a family friend from another church who would, once a month, pick up left-over or overstocked baked goods made available by Byerlys to deliver to Francis Basket Food Shelf in our neighborhood. The program was designated for non-profit organizations.

Sometime later, the other church group discontinued their involvement in this venture. At that time Pastor Jack joined with Arlene and they, as representatives from St. Luke, continued the delivery of bakery goods once a month for a number of years.

Often there were more items than Francis Basket could use or items they did not need. These left-over items were then taken to Rockwood High-rise, whose tenants took what they could use. Then the remainder came to our church for anyone in need within the congregation and/or those who came to St. Luke once a month to participate in the Fare-For-All program.

At the time Pastor Jack retired, several members of the congregation had agreed to take over and share the duties of picking up the bakery items and delivering them in order to continue the program. Also, at about that same time the availability of the items was changed from monthly to weekly. Fortunately our volunteers are stellar in their commitment and continue serving the community well!

The part to remember is that those who provide the items given away, and those who pick up and deliver, do so to help those who are in need. The rest of us should applaud and honor that.



135 Hungry people were served supper at St. Matthew's Church on the West Side for the Loaves and Fishes program on Monday, March 22. Many thanks to our workers: Pastor Dave, Jean Gilland, Joyce Bluel, Ann Verschoyle, Dorothy Zitterow and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Donna Paulson and Audrey Rongstad for baking cookies.



### Highlights of the April 12, 2010 Council Meeting:

- Since St. Luke is now a member of the Highland Park Business Association, we will be hosting a booth at Highland Fest. Anyone interested in helping staff the booth can see the announcement in this newsletter for additional information.
- The council agreed to accept a proposal to redesign our website. These changes will be an improvement in many ways and maintaining the website will be much easier.
- The carpet will be cleaned on April 29<sup>th</sup>!
- Habitat for Humanity has contacted Pastor Dave as they are in need of work crews. The dates that they specified in April and May are mostly during the work week. Anyone interested may contact Pastor Dave; he is also going to see if they have any weekends that they may need people.

The council meets the 2nd Monday of every month. All are welcome!



**Ladies Night Out** – Ladies Night Out in May will take place on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at David Fong's Restaurant - 9329 Lyndale Ave S., Bloomington, MN 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, May 9<sup>th</sup> so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

## Spotlight on...Jill

I was born in Tyler, Minnesota; a small town in southwest Minnesota with a mostly Danish community. I will leave the “when” to your imagination. My mom was alone, as my dad was on a drilling platform in the ocean. I went to elementary school in Wadena, Minnesota, and junior and senior high school in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

I am a second-generation only child (on my mom’s side). My dad had four siblings. Both parents grew up on farms: Dad in New London, Minnesota and mom in Tracy, Minnesota.

My father worked for Bendix Corporation for Project Mercury, and F.A.A. My mother was a registered nurse who eventually became a head nursing supervisor at the Northern Center for the Developmentally Disabled. My dad died at the age of 58 of a heart attack; my mom at 47 of lung cancer. Because of my dad’s job, we had the opportunity to move and travel a lot. At age one, we moved to Zanzibar, East Africa. We left during the revolution two years later. In Minnesota I have lived in Tyler, Tracy, Worthington, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Wadena. In Wisconsin, I lived in Eau Claire. We also lived in Baltimore, Maryland.

As a youth I attended all Lutheran churches, but we moved around a lot. My last church was Hope Lutheran in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

I have two sets of twins: Connor and Corinn, age 14, and Teagan and Thor, age 11. Our pets are Baker: black lab, two birds: Triskit and Paulie, two mice: Stella and Petunia, and several cats. We have a full house!

We have been trying to buy our contract-for-deed house for several years, but so far it has not worked out. I love living on the West Side of St. Paul. Lots of community there!

My current/recent occupations have included artist, life guard/swimming instructor, art and photography instructor for St. Paul Community Education, and horse handler. In the past I have worked as a commercial photo studio manager, gallery owner and camp counselor. I have helped develop a non-profit organization for neighborhood children to attend free summer day camp for nine weeks, which I still do every summer.

After a long break away from my art to tend to my children during their preschool years, I recently returned to working on my art nearly every day. I hope to continue on to graduate school and get a teaching position at a college or university. I recently returned to college at the University of Minnesota in the honors program to finish up a B.F.A. in Studio Art and a B.A. in Art History. I will be graduating in 2011.

I love outdoor recreation such as canoeing, camping, horseback riding, swimming and wilderness outings. I really enjoy history books and true stories of adventure, such as sailing around the world solo, or walking across Africa.

My introduction to St. Luke church was through Christine Olson; she invited me to attend the Healing Prayer group in 1999. I met Christine through Early Childhood Family Education. I never stopped coming, and became a member years later. I stayed at St. Luke for the warm, small community, and the pastor. Like Pastor Dave, Pastor Jack was an approachable person, just like everyone else—not someone above the congregation. In the future, I hope that St. Luke continues to grow and flourish as a strong church with many young families.



### May Readers:

2 – David Elliott

9 – Gwen Brummund

16 – Joyce Bluel

23 – Megan Jefferson

30 – Christine Olson

**A very BIG thank you** to the Easter Breakfast work crew; they served a very hungry congregation! A special thank you for Junella and Larry Litzkow for providing the fruit. The money raised will go towards expenses and registration for the teens and chaperones attending the Group Work Camp this summer. Our heartfelt gratitude to Julie Gaarder for coordinating the event. Thanks again a breakfast well served!





## Notes from Conie:

>>We are grateful for the special music that was abundant at our two Easter services. Please express your gratitude to Peter Klein and Connell Cough for opening the 9:30 service with a trumpet fanfare; and handball choir ringers, Carol Vidal, Mike Hegdahl, Wendy Bjorklund, Jo Klein and Abby Winecke, who lead joyful processions on Palm Sunday and Easter's Sunrise service. Kudos also to the choir who did a fabulous array of repertoire during Lent, Holy Week and Easter morning and continue to provide aural beauty to our weekly services: Jeff Kingsly, Ken McGrew, Sue McNeill, Barb Jensen, Jo Klein, Wendy Bjorklund, Susan Lorenz, Christine Olson, Sandi Gordon, Megan Jefferson, Shantel Zvejnieks, Dorothy Zitterow, Nancy Hegdahl, Kim Loewen, and Deb Vigdal. A special thank you we also extend to Yuriko Demura for sharing the beauty of her harp and voice during our services in April.

>>Souper thanks to our April Wednesday night cooks: Dorothy Z. Conie B. and Megan J. They decided the menu and pulled together all the ingredients to create a simple and yummy mid-week meal for choir members and confirmands.

>>We lift our voices to sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving due to the groundwork volunteers did to select hymns for our worship together: We are grateful to all who helped select hymn semifinalists for the summer season after Pentecost. Thank you! The next batch of hymns to be selected is for our Autumn season up to Advent and includes all the Sundays of Reformation, All Saints Day and Christ the King Sunday. This meeting is tentatively set for Sunday, August 8 – watch for preparation materials to be available in June!

>>Minestrone Minstrels, our music and meal visitation group, is meeting regularly to plan visits with our friends who are not able to be with us in person. If you would like to join the visitation group, or if you would like to be visited by the Minstrels, please let Pastor Dave or Conie know.

>>Yea, it's spring! A time to prepare the earth for gardens by nurturing the grounds with compost so seeds can be sown. At this time of the year, I love to sing the hymn "Lord, let My Heart be Good Soil" by Handt Hanson, the Worship Arts Director at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Burnsville. It reminds us that preparing of our hearts for worship is just as important as the preparation of the earth for planting. The hymn text invites the Holy Spirit to help us be "open to the seeds of your word" so "love can grow and peace is understood." That's a good reminder, right? How do you prepare yourself for worship? What do you hear when you sit down in your pew – is it the pounding of your heart as it starts to slow down from the speed walk from the car or is it the subtle motion of the heart relaxing in a place of safety and joy? Do you take time to sit and take in the beauty of our sanctuary where the colors of flowers, light, and fabric surround us? May the fruits of your worship experience be enriched with the preparation of our hearts to be "good soil."

**Come! Join us for...**

**●fellowship ●refreshments  
●live music ●board games**

**at St. Luke Coffee House  
Open to all – just drop in!**

**7:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

**All ages welcome...**

**We'll see YOU May 21!**



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