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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. John 1:1-4

I have always loved these words from the Gospel of John. They speak of mystery and the depth of life. They speak of things we cannot see or fully fathom, yet which are the very foundation of our being. They are our hope and joy. These words call us deeper into life and our Creator. "In the beginning..." Can you imagine such a thing? Can you begin to imagine the beginning? It beckons us to see past ourselves and dive into the riches of eternity, into the hands of our Creator. In doing this, we find that we are diving into life itself, for God *is* life. And when we do this, we find that our perspective is stretched from the immediate to that which catches glimpses of the eternal. It is breath taking. It is life giving. "In the beginning..." Take time to ponder. Dive in; go deeper, there is no greater adventure, no deeper source of life and light.

See you in worship,

Pr. Dave

"We Walk Because They Walk"



For the second year, St. Luke's confirmation youth will be participating in the St. Paul CROP Walk, which will begin on Sunday, October 11, 1 p.m., at Cherokee Park United Church. Funds raised during this walk either go to Church World Services or can be designated to one of several organizations listed on the walkers' sponsor forms. These funds support various hunger programs all over the world and in the U.S.

You will have the opportunity either to sponsor a walker or to sign up to do the walk yourself (all ages can participate ... the walk is either 2.5 or 5 miles in length ... your choice!) during late September. Watch for additional information in the church bulletin or contact Wendy Bjorklund at 651-690-9309. Thanks for supporting our youth in this service project!



Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for
**August: Jeff Kingsley, Julie Ellingson, Nancy Hegdahl, Mark McGough,
 Ken McGrew.**



The September Ladies Night Out will take place on Tuesday, September 15th at Granite City in Eagan at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in carpooling to the restaurant, please meet at church promptly at 5:00 p.m. Please let Joyce Bluel (690-4614) know by Sunday, September 6th, if you are planning on going so we have a correct head count and reservations can be made.

Many thanks to the following for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of July: Al Baird, Ann Verschoyle, Eva Mac Niven, Audrey Rongstad, Ralph and Ruth Wassmann, David Elliott and Jane McGrew.



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for August: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Carl Goers, Gwen and Steve Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, and Tom Gaarder. Our ushers for September will be: Eva Mac Niven, Max Elliott, Carl Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vignal, Dwight Paulson, and Katy Eggert.

Come! Join us for...
●fellowship ●refreshments
●live music ●board games
at

**St. Luke
Coffee House**

Open to all!
Fourth Friday of every month
7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

All ages welcome...children's area provided
Just drop in!

We'll see YOU Friday, September 25!



Onomia Senior Week [with our own Pastor Jack!]

Camp Onomia invites you to join them September 20-24 for Senior Week at Camp Onomia. This week long camp will be filled with fun, relaxation and fellowship. Bible Study for the week will be lead by Pastor Jack Drier. Pastor Jack is a retired pastor and long-time friend of Camp Onomia. He will be leading sessions on the Gospel of Mark. The week will also include housing, meals, outings to Kathio State Park, relaxation, and renewal. Don't miss out on this great camp. If you are interested or have questions, please contact John Pedersen at johnpedersen@camponomia.org or 320-532-3767. Poster and registration form are posted on the kiosk.





Notes from Conie:

We are grateful for the many talents shared at St. Luke. In August Abby Winecke, Jo Klein, and Luke Bonde offered their musical talents to St. Luke's worship services. Thank you!

Join a singing or bell choir this year to answer the call to "Make a joyful noise!" Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings starting September 16, 6:45 and 8 p.m. respectively. You can come straight from school or work for food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. -- it's potluck before the first rehearsal and a simple soup supper every Wednesday following.

Call for Soup Chefs! No need to be a sous chef to feed the hungry, the only requirement is a helpful heart to make a few loaves and fish into a community meal for those that gather on Wednesday evening classes and rehearsal. Sign up on the kiosk. Thanks!

Make attention. My recent trip to Italy went above and beyond the usual expectations of wonderful food, wine, scenery, music and beautiful cathedrals. It was transcendent thanks to our cultural coordinator, Daniela. She was tour guide, historian, local arrangements coordinator, translator, and spiritual guide. She encouraged us to "make attention" to the ruins around us, to see beyond how structures are currently used to how were used once upon a time. I hope to engage my senses of smell, taste, hear, see and feel and bring this attention to more of my daily routine. It is my wish that you may find a sacredness when listening to sounds of the night, smelling and tasting delicious morsels, and touching a child or lover's check. Make attention.

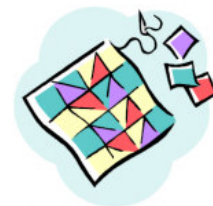


September Birthdays

- 4 - KELLY JOHNSON
- 6 - AUDREY RONGSTAD, DELTAH NIEMI
- 9 - KEN MCGREW
- 10 - MICHAELA MCGOUGH, LUE ROTH
- 11 - JANE MCGREW, GENE SPRAY
- 12 - MIKE WALTER, MELESE ABEGA
- 17 - CONNOR BURCHILL-RILEY,
CORINN BURCHILL-RILEY
- 19 - HAYAT NESSIB
- 22 - JACK NODLER, CAROL VIGDAL
- 23 - KIDIST DIMORE
- 25 - NAHOKO PERSON, KALKIDAN FUGE
- 26 - SAMANTHA BRUMMUND
- 27 - GWEN BRUMMUND
- 29 - JORDAN BRANDT, ERIC ELLINGSON
- 30 - TAREKEGN LEGAMO

Camp Onomia 60th Anniversary Quilt Auction – Saturday, September 19 at 12:30 p.m.

Camp Onomia is holding its 60th Anniversary quilt auction on Saturday, September 19th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 16515 Luther Way, Eden Prairie. Many beautiful quilts donated by our supporting quilters will be professionally auctioned off. A lunch will be available at 11:00 a.m. until auction time. There will also be a Silent Auction and Bake Sale. Quilt preview begins at 9:00 a.m. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is providing financial support. Check Onomia's website to view a samplings: www.camponomia.org
Questions? Call camp phone: 320-532-3767



Fall Bazaar Crafts

>>Every Monday night at 6:00 p.m. through the end of September will be Craft Night at church.

>>Join us to help craft items to sell at our Fall Bazaar (October 10th) which is only 6 weeks away.



>>We welcome all ideas and no experience is needed.

>>This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. So even if you are working on your own special craft project for the Bazaar, bring it along and join in the fun!

Micro-lending Meeting Change

The Micro-lending meeting originally scheduled for Monday, September 28 has been moved to Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. Come for a good meal followed by a time of making loans that change lives around the world!

Check out the kiosk for the sign-up sheet. Even if you have never come, come see what it is all about.



September Readers:

6 – Douglas Lund
13 – Mike Hegdahl
20 – Wendy Bjorklund
27 – Julie Ellingson



Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 6 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 10th.

Bring all of those gently used or unneeded items you cleaned out this summer to the White Elephant Sale. You may bring them to church, starting on September 6th and place in the corner of the Social Hall labeled "White Elephant" on the North West side of church.

Anyone willing to bake pies or other baked goods for the Bazaar, please contact Audrey McNamara at 698-4993. It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar!

Do you sew, knit, crochet or like to make handmade gifts? We have quite a large quantity of craft supplies on hand from previous years. Before purchasing supplies for your projects, check with either Margaret or Joyce to see if we have what you need. If you are planning on making crafts for the Bazaar, we would like to know in advance, please contact Margaret Vigdal at 683-0917 or Joyce Bluel at 690-4614.

The raffle tickets will be ready for distribution soon. The Raffle Committee could use help with mailings, phone calls, and collecting donations. If you can help in any way, please contact either Julie Gaarder at 690-0117 or Nancy Hegdahl at 699-0499.

The proceeds 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. This is also a way for us to reach out and give our neighbors a chance to get to know us better. There is something for everyone to get involved with, just contact one of the following chairs:

White Elephant Co-chairs: Jo Klein and David Elliott

Bake Sale Chair: Audrey McNamara

Publicity Chair: Carol Vigdal

Kitchen Chair: Sandi Gordon

Kiddie Room Co-chairs: Barb Jensen and Alex Grzywinski

Raffle Co-chairs: Julie Gaarder and Nancy Hegdahl

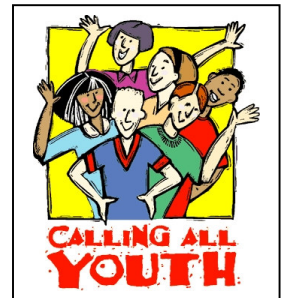
Crafts Co-chairs: Margaret Vigdal and Joyce Bluel

Congratulations and best wishes to Janell and Mike Walter, who are the proud parents of a baby boy, Ian Michael, born July 7, 2009, weighing 8 lbs. 13 oz. at 21 inches long. Congrats also to the beaming grandparents, Mike and Nancy Hegdah!



Youth News

1. St. Luke Youth now has a new Facebook site called “Felix and People.” We will be posting some things on the site so check it out and share any comments, questions or whatever!
2. There will be a lock-in for all youth on Friday, Sept. 18 beginning at 6:30. During the lock-in we will ask what you would like to do this year. So come ready to have fun and share some ideas for future youth activities. Sign up on the kiosk!
3. Workcamp News: Advanced reservations have been made for up to 15 people for the 2010 Group workcamp in Centralia, Illinois. The actual workcamp begins on Sunday, July 25 and runs through Saturday, July 31. The plan is to leave St. Luke on the morning of Saturday, July 24, returning to St. Luke in the evening of Saturday, July 31. If you have any questions, ask Pastor Dave. The sign up is on the kiosk. We will begin talking about fund-raisers in September.
4. Come and help the confirmation students do a highway clean up with St. Mark right after worship on Sunday, Sept. 27. Clean up will be followed by Root Beer Floats for all at church.



President's Blog: Sue McNeill

Where has the summer gone? Once we hit August, I'm thinking state fair and school supplies. I'm also thinking Rally Day on Sept. 13 (church potluck with roasted pig, Sunday School begins, alternative band leads service, fun for all); stewardship drive (the annual reminder to see if our relationship with God and doing his work is supported by our gifts of time, talent, and tithes); Fall Bazaar (crafts, chili, white elephant, kiddie room, raffle; it only happens with the help of everyone and I'm sure we are still in need of people to step up now to help with pre-events; call Joyce Bluel); November semi-annual meeting where new officers and commissioners will be elected.



I must step down after two terms in a row as President. I do so with great memories and such an appreciation and respect for how effective the council can be in keeping track of all that happens on a daily basis in this wonderful church. It is never too soon to begin thinking about your time commitment to the council. You can be elected as an officer if you have been on the council as a commissioner or officer in the past. No experience is necessary to be a commissioner. Officers have one-year terms. Commissioners have two-year terms. The commissioners report on the various commission activities (e.g., picnic, bazaar, Food Fare, coffee hour, teaching, worship, music, youth, etc.). You choose an area that interests you. How much time you devote to working on the commission is up to you. Your time on the council will include monthly meetings (run from 1-2 hrs) and a day or overnight 2-day council retreat, and any commission meetings scheduled. I ask you as the exiting President and congregation family member to seriously consider being on the ballot this November. Ask your council all the questions. We are happy to talk to you about this important opportunity to serve.

Spotlight on...Kidist Dimore



My name is Kidist Bekele Dimore. I was born and raised in Hossanna, Ethiopia. I lived most of my life there. I came to America when I was fourteen years old. I have been here for four years now. I thought America was so much different than Ethiopia: the food, the culture, etc. But after a while I started adapting to my new home in America.

School has been the most important thing for me. Before I came to America I was in 7th grade. However, when I came here I was put in 9th grade. I graduated from high school in 2008, and now I go to the University of Minnesota. Thanks to God I finished my first year successfully. I really like being in college. My first year has been one of the best experiences in my life. My major is pre-med: nutrition science. I want to go to medical school and become a medical doctor. But I do not just want to be a doctor; I want to help people in many different ways.

Other than school I like spending time with my family and my friends. I enjoy having fun and making people happy. Most of all, God is very important to me in my life. I would say that I am here only because of God's will. In this life, I had my ups and downs; through those times God has been helpful, lovable, merciful and patient with me. I am really happy that I had this opportunity to talk about what God has been to me.



Sunday School Families: The Sunday School Staff warmly welcomes you to Rally Day, Sept. 13! We have lots of fun things planned for the day, which is scheduled as follows:

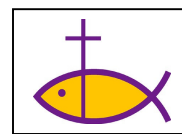
9:00 to 10:00:	Alternative Worship
10:00 to 10:15:	Student photos
10:15 to 10:30:	Music in the sanctuary
10:30 to 10:45:	Classroom time
10:45 to 11:00:	Counting "Jar" Offering
11:00 to 11:30:	Fun and games
11:30 on	Potluck Church picnic

We are looking forward to another enriching and enjoyable Sunday School year! If you have any questions or concerns regarding Sunday School, feel free to contact anyone on the Sunday School Committee:

Wendy Bjorklund: 651-690-9309
Alex Grzywinski: 651-269-0036
Susan Lorenz: 651-699-2397
Nancy McGough: 651-645-7061

September Confirmation News

Confirmation begins with orientation on Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30. This is for both students and parents. The schedule for the rest of September will be: Wednesday, September 16: class, 6:15-7:30; Wednesday September 23: **no** class because we will be doing a service project after worship on Sunday; September 27. On Sunday, September 27 we will leave church at 10:45 to join the youth of St. Mark in picking up trash along the highway, taking care of God's beautiful creation.



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