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“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the world.” Acts 1:8b

These are the words of Jesus to his disciples just before Jesus ascended into heaven. They are also Jesus’ words to you and me, his present day disciples. A friend of mine said she first heard these words when she was a small girl. At the time, she thought that in order to follow Jesus’ command she needed to literally go to Jerusalem to begin her ministry. But as she grew older, she realized that her “Jerusalem” was right where she lived. One’s hometown is where ministry begins.

Highland and the Metro area is our “Jerusalem.” Jesus calls on you and me to be his witnesses right here, in the surrounding area and to the ends of the world. But I would like us to concentrate on the Highland area this month and next. St. Luke will have a booth at the Highland Fest this July 16, 17, 18 (Friday-Sunday). I would like everyone, young and old, to sign up for a time to “man” the booth. This is a prime opportunity to reach out to the community. It is not difficult work. Chairs will be provided; there will be plenty of good food around, as well as many smiling faces. I would like YOU to be one of the smiling faces representing St. Luke and our Lord. The sign up sheet is on the kiosk. Sign up in pairs or triplets, whatever. Just sign up and be a witness for your Lord and our church.

I love seeing you in worship.

Pr. Dave



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

Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for May: Mark McGough, Joan Wilson, Ken McGrew, Jeff Kingsley, Julie Ellingson.



June Readers:
 6 – Wendy Bjorklund
 13 – Julie Ellingson
 20 – Olivia Peterson
 27 – Michael Arndt



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.



St. Luke Lawn Service

On Sunday, June 13 we will once again have worship outside on the east lawn of the church. Summer is here! Yippee! 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.



Looking for Volunteers for Highland Fest 2010

St. Luke will be participating in this year's Highland Fest, to be held July 16-18th. We need volunteers to man our table for these three days. A sign up sheet is available on the Kiosk. Each volunteer is asked to sign up for at least a one hour shift, if you are able to do more, that would be wonderful. We will be handing out information on our church, as well as promotional items, such as magnets or pens. This is a great way to get the word out in our community about St. Luke and possibly attract new members. Please consider being an ambassador for St. Luke at the Highland Fest this year.



June Birthdays

- 3 - ARLENE DRIER
- 5 - BETTY NELSON
- 6 - LUKE STADEM, MIKE WOBIG
- 8 - NAZY DIMORE, ABEBE EMANO
- 10 - ANDREW STADEM, FLORENCE NOHA
- 16 - BRIAN SPRAY, EVAN NELSON
- 18 - ALEX GRZYWINSKI
- 21 - PASTOR DAVE
- 22 - GEORGE HERIOT, DIANE NELSON
- 24 - CHRISTINE OLSON, ALLAN AMLEE
- 25 - JENIFER DRIER
- 27 - SANDI GORDON, NANCY HABERKORN
- 30 - KARL AND CHARLES GAARDER



June Anniversaries

- 4 - LARRY AND CAROL VIGDAL: 1961
- 8 - ROGER AND DIANNE DIESTLER: 1963
- 10 - JACK AND ARLENE DRIER: 1961,
- 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

Revelation Bible Study

This June Kyle and Pr. Dave will lead a four-part study on the Book of Revelation. This will take place on the four consecutive Wednesday evenings of June 9, 16, 23, 30 from 7 to 8 p.m. There are a lot of misunderstandings about the Book of Revelation so come with your questions as we dive into God's Word.



News From Council President Nancy Hegdahl



THANK YOU, St. Luke congregation members, for all who attended the May semi-annual meeting and for your participation in the worship time survey. In a 33 to 18 vote it was decided that there would not be a change in the service time and it will remain at 9:00 am. In June, we will again begin holding a monthly summer worship service outside on the lawn. Watch the newsletter for those dates. In honor of Father's Day I wanted to end with the following poem. Happy Father's Day all you dads!

Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people, too little understood,
And we do not sing their praises as often as we should,

For Father struggles daily to live up to his image
As protector and provider and hero of the scrimmage,

And perhaps that is the reason we sometimes get the notion
That fathers are not subject to the thing we call emotion.

But if you look inside Dad's heart, where no one else can see,
You'll find he's sentimental and soft as he can be.

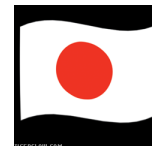
Fathers are just wonderful in a million different ways,
And they merit loving compliments and accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires to fortune and success
Is to make the family proud of him and bring them happiness,

And like our heavenly Father, he's a guardian and a guide,
Someone we can count on to be always on our side.

Japanese Home Stay Needs

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, we will have youth from Japan visiting St. Luke and participating in the Group Workcamp with our youth. They will arrive in St. Paul on Thursday, July 22 and return to Japan on Thursday, August 5. During that time they will accompany our youth to workcamp, leaving St. Paul on July 23 and returning July 31. So we need places for the Japanese youth to stay on the nights of July 22, 31, August 1-4. It is best if they can stay in pairs (or threes). There are eight youth coming, 7 girls and 1 boy. The girls (ages) are, Mayuko Harita (14) of Osaka, Momoko Kitagawa (15) of Osaka, Riko Kondo (17) of Sapporo, Aki Nishikawa (18) of the Nagoya area, Naomi Nishizaki (14) of Kumamoto –Nahoko's hometown, Anna Tomii (17) of Tokyo, and Rizuki Yokoi (14) of Matsubase (a small town in southern Japan). The lone boy is Zenichiro Matsuoka (16) of Tokyo. Adult chaperones are Mr. Paul Hoshizaki (works at our Lutheran foundation), Mr. Masato Shimokawa (a college student) and Rev. Yuki Goto (a woman). Paul and Masato are fluent in both Japanese and English. Pastor Goto has some English ability and is a fantastic pastor. Paul and Pr. Goto will stay in a hotel (separate rooms). Masato Shimokawa will stay with Zenichiro in a home. Talk with Pr. Dave if you can help with a home. P.S. we hope to set up a video conference with this Japanese group on Friday, June 11 at about 10 pm here at church. They will be gathering for an orientation program in Tokyo and will hook up with us over the internet.



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.



Please Help! Vacation Bible

School is right around the corner (July 12-16). It is time to start making plans, and YOU are invited to help! There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Wendy Bjorklund. (1690 Wellesley Ave. St. Paul.) 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! **Do join us!**



135 Hungry people were served supper—they even ate the heels of the bread—at St. Matthew’s Catholic church on the West Side on April 26 for the Loaves and Fishes program. Many thanks to our devoted workers: Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Joyce Bluel, Jean Gilland, Ann Verschoyle, Dorothy Zitterow, and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson for baking cookies.



Usher Notes

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

Softball season is here...time for some fun and fellowship! If you are interested in playing softball this summer (July 11 – August 15) against some local churches, please see Mike Hegdahl or call him at 651-699-0499. Watch bulletins for specifics.



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in June will take place on Tuesday, June 15th at Glockenspiel, 605 W 7th St, St. Paul 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.

Spotlight on...Heather

I was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1974.

My mom is a certified nurse midwife and my dad made baby food at Gerber's for 30 plus years before he retired. I do not have siblings. My parents are very supportive of my curiosity (which is probably why I became a scientist) and encouraged me to explore through schoolwork, dancing, Girl Scouts, softball and weekly trips to the library. At a young age I was encouraged to volunteer in the community. My parents remain very active in their community and have always been role models for me.

In 2004 I moved to Northfield, Minnesota. I moved to St. Paul in 2008.

I am a College Professor/Scientist. I currently teach chemistry at Minneapolis Community and Technical College.

My favorite ways to relax are reading, crocheting and scrapbooking. I enjoy reading, especially anything by Margaret Atwood or Kurt Vonnegut.

I joined St. Luke in 2010. I came to St. Luke in 2009 to support my partner, Doug Lund, in his spiritual journey. I was so touched by the joy I experienced every Sunday and I especially love singing and worshiping collaboratively. Even after a long week when I feel utterly exhausted, I look forward to church on Sunday because Pastor Dave's sermons and conversations with members (and visitors) of the church always leave me feeling invigorated and inspired.

My favorite hymns are Oh Happy Day; it fills me with joy, and Be Not Afraid, because it makes me feel tremendously safe and comforted.

I will be working on the raffle for the Fall Bazaar with my partner, Doug. We are very excited to be involved in the church and to give back, because we gain so much from St. Luke.

I appreciate the variety of activities at St. Luke that allow members to spend time getting to know each other and building a community. I love Game Days and the monthly Coffee House. I appreciate the dedication and warmth of St. Luke members. Every gathering I have been to reminds me that we all have a common love for one another and God.

I would like to see St. Luke be a resource for transplants to the community. I am not from Minnesota and it is important to find a church that is welcoming, especially if you are new to the area and are lacking family ties to the community.

In the future, I wish for St. Luke to continue being active in the community and to participate as a steward for all of God's creations.



Notes from Conie:

- Thanks for all the super soup served over the last year! We raise our spoons in gratitude to Pastor Dave and Nahoko Person, Megan Jefferson, Dorothy Zitterow, Jo Klein, Conie Borchardt, Christine Olson, Alex and Sue Grzywinski, Shantel and Kyle Zvejnieks, Sandi Gordon, and Nancy McGough for providing nourishing vittles, and especially to Mr. Al Baird for his dedicated care to setting our table each week. Al is one Souper Server!
- In the merry month of May we were privileged to be lead in our song by Abby Winecke and the Worship Band, including Jo Klein, Mike Wobig, Peter Klein, Conie Borchardt, Kim Miller, Patty Stadem, and Barb Jensen, on different occasions. Thank you for offering your talents in leading our worship to make a joyful noise unto our Creator. We also thank the following folks who make up the choir and provide special music on a regular basis: Jeff Kingsley, Ken McGrew, Sue McNeil, Barbara Jensen, Jo Klein, Wendy Bjorklund, Susan Lorenz, Christine Olson, Sandi Gordon, Deb Vigdal, Nancy Hegdahl, Kimberly Loewen, Dorothy Zitterow, Megan Jefferson, and Shantel Zvejnieks. Thank you for bringing beauty to our worship!
- Will you volunteer to select 6-7 hymns for a Fall Sunday? Conie will be signing folks up in early June to select hymns for 10 Sundays between mid-September and mid-November. By signing up, your responsibility is to read the scripture readings for a particular Sunday, review possible hymns and select 6 to 7 hymns that fit seasonally or thematically for the Sunday. You then give those selections to a committee who will meet in early August to select finalists. Please contact her if you are interested or talk to her during the fellowship hour!
- Minestrone Minstrels, our music and meal visitation group, is meeting once a month to rehearse and plan visits with our friends who are homebound. Please see Conie for the details of the meeting schedule. If you or someone you know would like to be visited by the Minstrels, please let Pastor Dave or Conie know.
- Ecclesiastes 3 says "To everything there is a season." A time to reflect ... and a time to build up or be active. Is it possible to do these seemingly contrary actions at the same time? Over this summer we will start singing simple songs together to foster a sense of active reflection during our pre-service time. Singing short familiar refrains like "Jesus, Remember Me" (ELW 616) and "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (ELW 751) invites us to deeper personal reflection at the beginning of the worship. Please join your voice to the communities' and make this prelude an active preparation for worship.

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 June 25!



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