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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20



This Bible passage is often used when we send missionaries to other nations of the world. This month, part of the world will come to St. Luke, in the form of Japanese youth accompanying our young people to workcamp. We celebrate this while sending our young people to workcamp as missionaries, people carrying the good news of the gospel through word and action. Our youth will embody the good news of Jesus Christ as they both perform needed repairs on homes as well as befriend the owners of those homes.

I would like each of you to join us for a very special worship on Sunday, July 31 when we welcome our young missionaries back from workcamp, as well as welcome the youth from Japan. Pastor Akiko Nishikawa of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church will lead parts of the liturgy, bringing the Word of God to us in Japanese. She will be a missionary to us. Come, celebrate our missionary youth. Come celebrate the world-wide church. Come celebrate our God who reaches out to ALL people in love.

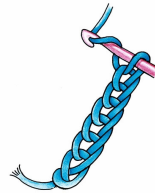
Pr. Dave Person



Stamping With Sue – **July 30**

Sue McNeill announces her monthly Stampin' Up! technique classes on the last Saturday of the month (except for holidays) in the church library from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For \$5, you will make 3 cards using different techniques and receive a collectible technique card. RSVP by 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday before class so a kit can be prepared for you. Email: ssmcneill@hotmail.com; work 612-596-4011; home 651-688-8176. No experience necessary. All are welcome!

The bazaar craft committee is in need of kitchen terry cloth towels to crochet for craft sale. Please drop off contributions in the labeled box provided in the church kitchen. Thank you.



120 Hungry people were served supper at St. Matthews Catholic Church on the West Side on May 23rd in the Loaves and Fishes Program. St. Luke workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Jean Gilland, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Robyn and Audrey Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.

Spotlight on...Tracy



I was born in Saint Paul and was baptized and confirmed at St. Luke. I lived in Arizona for 8 years or so, after graduating from high school, working and attending Arizona State University. I moved back in October of 1989 with my friend Sheila from Arizona, which was not the best time to reacclimate to the Minnesota winters. Luckily electricity was included in the rent price because we kept the temperature at about 80 degrees all winter long.

I got married in November 1991 to Kevin and moved into an old fixer-upper near Grand Avenue. 20 years later, we are still working on it. We have two sons: Michael 18, off to college at Augsburg this fall, and Jacob 15, will be a sophomore at Central.

I work full time at Macalester College and go to school at night at Metropolitan State University, I am working on my BS in Accounting. Hopefully I will achieve that before I retire. If I have any free time I like to read, or watch old movies.

Neighbors Together Thank You

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Neighbors Together project. Thanks to you all it was a wonderful success. We were able to brighten the lives of some people while working on their homes/ property, so sharing with them love and care. At one of the sites where we were working, a neighbor asked us what the name of our church is and where it is located. He was very impressed with what was happening and I am sure he will share with some friends what he saw going on at his neighbor's house that day. This is a wonderful way of sharing the loving gospel of Jesus Christ! Thank you all. We will do it again next year.

--Pr. Dave



St. Luke Lawn Service! This summer we will have three outdoor worship services on our church lawn, on the following Sundays: June 26, July 17 and August 28. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, or use a chair provided by church. After the outdoor service we will have a kickball game for the kids, as well as treats, so come one, come all!



News From Council President Joyce Bluel



Well, summer is here and it's a time for family vacations and fun in the sun! With our long winters and short summers we need to take advantage of the outdoors when we can. At St. Luke we have some opportunities to do just that in the coming months. Our outdoor services have resumed and we can only pray that we have better weather than we did last year; softball games start again on Sunday, July 10th; and Highland Fest is July 15-17th. Consider including these events in your busy schedules.

Our Neighbors Together project was a huge success, thanks to all who participated. We were able to stain a deck, repair some cellar doors and do some landscaping at three different sites. Thanks to all who provided lunch for the workers, it was delicious. I found it to be a very uplifting experience and would like St. Luke to consider doing this again in the future.

Enjoy the warm weather and be safe!

July Birthdays



7 - IAN WALTER
8 - JOYCE BLUEL
9 - NANCY MCGOUGH, BERNICE WENDT
10 - CYNDY STADEM
13 - JASON GROM
14 - AL BAIRD
15 - DOUG WASKO
16 - WENDY BJORKLUND
17 - BOB AND PAM BALLIS
18 - DICK HOLTZ
20 - PETER KLEIN, DALLAS ERICKSON
23 - JO KLEIN
26 - JILL BURCHILL
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



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for June: Eva Mac Niven, Max Elliott, Sam Elliott, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson and Katy Eggert. Our ushers for July will be: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Al Baird.

Our youth canoe trip will take place August 19-22 (possibly leaving the evening of Aug. 18). 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).



July Readers:

3 - Sue McNeill
10 - Kyle Zvejnieks
17 - Wendy Bjorklund
24 - Katy Eggert
31 - Michael Arndt

**Our heartfelt appreciation
to our Bun Run Volunteers
for June: Jeff Kingsley,
Julie Ellingson, Joan
Wilson, and Ken McGrew.**



July Acolytes:
3 - Karl Gaarder
17 - Sam Lipscomb



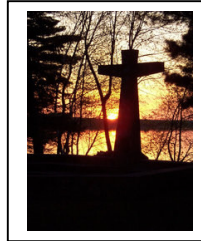
Mary Dybvig and Ralph Skoe are going on a mission trip to Latvia this summer and ask for your support. Please pray for them, their co-teachers, and the students. Please help Ralph and Mary purchase 60 New Testament Bibles for the students. Donations may be sent to St. Luke (memo: Latvia). Thank you.



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in July will take place on Tuesday, July 19th at Cherokee Tavern, 886 S. Smith Ave., West 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, July 10th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

Ladies: Are You Ready for the 3 ‘R’s - RETREAT, RELAX AND READING?

Join us for relaxing, shopping, games, crafts, Bible studies, puzzles, laughter, seeing old friends, make new ones and lots more. Friday, September 16th through Sunday, September 18th at beautiful Camp Onomia. The cost is \$75.00 per person for the weekend, which includes Friday snack, 3 meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast. Linens are an additional \$6.00, or you may bring your own. Scholarships are available to those who need it. To register, 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.



Highland Fest 2011

St Luke is participating in Highland Fest again 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.



A coordinator is needed to help make sure that the volunteers know their shift start/end times, make sure that the tent is up each morning, and collapsed each night, and that we have enough flyers, pencils, etc. on hand for each shift.

Also, we need volunteers to staff our booth at the fest. 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 July 15-17. **A sign up sheet is posted on the kiosk.** Consider being an ambassador for St. Luke. No experience necessary, all ages are welcome!



PLAY BALL! It’s time to think about St. Luke softball this summer. We play every Sunday night, July 10 through August 21. Games start at 5:30 and we will be playing against Pilgrim, St. Peder’s, Plymouth, St. Mark’s, and hopefully Immanuel will be joining us again this year.

The softball games are informal with an emphasis on fun and fellowship. We hope you can join us...the more the merrier! If you are interested in coaching the team this year please let me know. Questions contact Mike Hegdahl at [651-699-0499](tel:651-699-0499) or email at nkh116@aol.com

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