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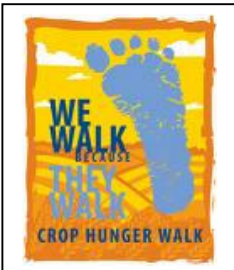
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“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” I Chronicles 29:14

In this passage from 1 Chronicles, King David is blessing the Lord in the presence of the great assembly of the Hebrew people. If you read the whole passage in I Chronicles 29:10-22 you will see that King David praises the Lord who gives us all things, riches and honor, power and might, strength and wisdom. All is God’s and all comes from God. Everything that we are and have is part of the bountiful gifts God showers upon us. Like King David, as God’s people we of St. Luke realize that using our talents and gifts for God’s work is simply giving back to God what God has so graciously first given us. When we give our offerings we realize with gratitude that we give from what we have so generously received from God. With this in mind, we give our offerings to God in gratitude and with the belief that God will continue to provide. In this way, our giving of our time, talent and money is part of our spirituality; it is a key ingredient in our walk of faith. May each of us continue to be deepened in gratitude for the many blessings we daily receive from God, and may we continually give thanks through our prayer, worship, service, and offerings to our Lord. God bless each one of you as you continue to walk in faith and trust in God.

Pr. Dave



We Walk Because They Walk.

This is the motto of the CROP Hunger Walk. Each year, thousands of volunteers participate in over 1600 CROP Hunger Walks, and this year, our confirmands will participate in the one in St. Paul. Proceeds from these hunger walks go to Church World Service, which is an interfaith organization working to eradicate hunger and poverty and to foster peace and justice all over the world. This year, 25% of the proceeds of the St. Paul walk will go to 2nd Food Harvest, the St. Paul Area Council of Churches' Dept. of Indian Work. So, please consider sponsoring our walkers. There will be a sign up table in Fellowship Hall every Sunday through October 12, which is the day of the walk. Thank you!



*President's
Blog*

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*Sue McNeill*

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October, 2008

I'd like to propose a change to our church Constitution/Bylaws. The council currently has 5 members on the Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary) and 12 commissioner positions currently filled by only 8 people. I would like to propose that we change the number of commissioners to serve on the Church Council from 12 to 7, with the 5-member Executive Board. The purpose of the commissioners is to represent the congregation and report on record in the minutes the activities or current and future projects or problems concerning our congregation and church building. The actual commissions (Worship, Parish Life, Evangelism, Social Concerns, Property, Youth/Education, and Stewardship) should be filled with the people of our congregation to share the various projects over the course of a year. The commissioners are to report on those activities (and certainly be as active as they like on the commission). We want to encourage people to become active on the council and they were changed to be only two years, with splitting the "retiring" dates so we always have experienced commissioners with new commissioners. The Executive Board serves one year terms. If we were to reduce the commissioner positions from 12 to 7, we would have a council of 12 members (7 commissioners and 5 Executive Board members). Our required quorum to vote on anything would be 6 attending members. The terms would alternate with 4 new members and 3 old; and then 3 new members with 4 old members the next year.

How to do this: (1) I must publish this request twice at least 30 days before our November 2, 2008 meeting. I must present the Constitution/Bylaws to each of you in paper form prior to the November 2, 2008 meeting. I will present the request at the meeting (written form to each of you by mail or that day) for your consideration. A motion can be made at the November meeting to consider this change and then we vote on the change at the May 2, 2009 semi-annual meeting. We would ratify it at the November 7, 2009 meeting and the ballot that year would reflect our change. All of these steps are clearly set out in our Constitution/Bylaws.

The Council believes this to be a reasonable and good change, but we are always interested in your opinions and any discussions you'd like to have with the Council or me on this matter.

100th Anniversary. St. Luke Lutheran Church will be 100 years old in 2013. Sounds like a party to me! Big events need a lot of planning. So, I'd like to suggest that our souvenir of that event be a booklet telling how each of the current members (and as many past members as possible) came to be a member of St. Luke. I believe our last booklet for the 75th anniversary was about the church and the pastors. I'd like to concentrate on the members for this anniversary. The congregation is the church. It would be my idea to collect a 1-3 sentence paragraph on how you became a member. We might even have a photo of you. We could certainly include past members. I am currently collecting ideas on how to celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2013. If you have an idea you'd like to share, please send it to me at ssmneill@hotmail.com or give it to me at church or mail it to me at 1493 Woodview Ave. E., Eagan, MN 55122. Let me know what you think of the souvenir booklet idea.

Micro-Lending Group

The Micro-Lending Group held their first meeting in September. Look for announcements regarding future meetings, and join us; all are welcome.





Come to another of our fantastically popular Ladies Night Out events on Tuesday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m. at Tavern on Grand. Meet at church at 5:00 if you wish to carpool. If interested, please contact Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) as soon as possible. It should be a great evening, as usual...don't miss it!


We would like to thank the following volunteers for delivering Meals on Wheels in August:


Alan Baird and Ann Verschoyle
David Elliott
Lee and Shirley Johnson
Eva Mac Niven
Bruce Magnuson
Audrey Rongstad
Larry and Carol Vigdal
Lori Nakamura and Sam and Lucy Lipscomb

And we are still waiting for that special someone to be a regular driver! If you are available the 4th Friday of every month between 10:45 a.m. and noon, please contact Jane McGrew at 651-698-4569!



Notes from Conie:

 Ovations of praise and thanksgiving: To the members of the Rally Day Worship Band, Wendy Bjorklund, Conie Borchardt, Dan Grzywinski, Barb Jensen, Jo Klein, Kim Miller, Andrew Stadem, Patty Stadem, and Mike Wobig: Thank you for the rousing worship leadership on Sept 7. You awakened us to share in a mission of welcoming all to a life in Christ!

 I love choirs and softball teams. Why is this, I wondered recently...and I decided that each activity fills the needs of self expression or physical exertion and community. Why do I choose to participate in these activities when I could find others I could do alone at my own time and pace? I'm drawn in by the aspect of working together for a common goal. There's a bond created in shared experience. Our weekly worship together is another example. We gather to pray, sing and learn about God's love for us. In fellowship we share our joys and our woes, supporting each other with similar stories and brainstorming ideas for next steps. What wonderful comfort to be part of this loving community!



Usher Notes...

Many thanks to our ushers for September:

Eva Mac Niven, Carl Elliott, Max Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vigdal, Dwight Paulson, Katy Eggert
Our ushers for October will be: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Abby Klein, Alex Klein, Audrey McNamara, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot and Al Baird

167 Hungry people were served supper on Monday, August 25th for the Loaves and Fishes program.



Many thanks to our workers: Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Sandy Berger, Helen Bye, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Thanks also to Audrey Rongstad and Donna Paulson for baking cookies.



Support our Youth

This year our confirmation students, and youth in general will be taking part in some service projects. In confirmation we will be making a micro-loan to someone in some other country, possibly halfway around the world to assist that person in making a better life for his or herself. On Sunday, October 12 we will take part in the CROP WALK. Many of the proceeds of the CROP WALK help people in our local area. Our youth will be collecting funds for this walk. It would be wonderful if you could help by making a pledge, large or small. In this way you will support the youth, as well as the people who need the assistance of those funds. In November we will be putting together Christmas gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Then in December we will work one evening at the Operation Christmas Child warehouse helping to get the presents ready to be shipped to needy children all over the world.

Your youth are doing some beautiful things. Please help them out in any way you are able. Thank you.

Pr. Dave



October Birthdays:

- 1 - PENNEY KELLY, MENTWAB BELETE, LILY BROVALD
- 2 - WYATT SCHULTZ
- 5 - LAURIE SMITH
- 6 - EVA MAC NIVEN
- 9 - MIKE HEGDAHL
- 11 - AUDREY MCNAMARA
- 12 - AMY DRIER, WARREN SALABA
- 16 - NESSIB SEID
- 17 - WANDA MATHISON
- 18 - KIM MILLER, STACEE SPRAY
- 21 - JACK HOLTZ, SHIRLEY JOHNSON, STEVEN BRUMMUND
- 23 - KYLE ZVEJNIEKS
- 24 - ZACHARY MOORE
- 25 - BEKELE SANKIKO
- 27 - ZACHARY STADEM
- 28 - MARTHA NOVAK
- 31 - MARGARET VIGDAL, ANN ANNALA



October Anniversaries:

- 7 - JENI DRIER AND ERIC NELSON: 2000
KENT AND BETH PETERSON: 1989
- 10 - MIKE AND NANCY HEGDAHL: 1992
- 12 - EARL AND NORMA ALEXANDER: 1946,
WARREN AND JACKIE SALABA: 1996
- 21 - JANELL AND MIKE WALTER: 2006
- 24 - DOUG AND JO KLEIN: 1981

Lord Teach Us to Pray



Interest has been expressed in a class on prayer. There are many ways to pray. In this "class" we will look at some of those ways of praying. Maybe you will discover a new way that is an answer to your prayers! In the end, however, it is not so important HOW you pray, but rather doing it. We are setting aside Tuesdays, October 21 and 28 at 7 p.m. for this. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in fellowship hall. Come one, come all!

Consecration Sunday is Coming

IT'S COMING - OCT. 12

Consecration Sunday is coming on October 12 (the day after the Bazaar).

Consecration Sunday? What's that? It is the celebration day for our stewardship drive this year. We are using a new program to present materials to help you to express your appreciation for all God's gifts to us as a person and as a congregation.

In the coming weeks, there will be letters to the congregation, sermons, guest speakers, and pledge cards to return. But the biggest difference in our annual pledge drive will be the celebration on Consecration Sunday that will include a brunch after the service being served by St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We will be taking reservations for the brunch, with some grace-filled wiggle room for extra people, too. Most importantly, we want everyone there to celebrate together...but all that will be explained as the weeks draw us closer to Oct. 12. Stay tuned for more information.



24th Annual Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

It's almost here! Mark your calendar: the St. Luke Fall Bazaar is Saturday, October 11th. That's only a week away!

White Elephant items are now being collected in the northwest corner of the Social Hall labeled "White Elephant". You may bring them to church until **noon on October 5th**. If you have any questions, please call Jo Klein at 699-2393 or David Elliott at 699-2397.

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! You will need to bring your baked goods to church on **Friday, October 10th between 6:00 and 8:00 pm**.

We will be accepting your handmade craft items for sale at the bazaar starting on **Monday, October 6th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Tuesday, October 7th from 6:30 to 8:30; Wednesday, October 8th and Thursday, October 9th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and then Friday, October 10th from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm**. We ask that you bring your craft items ***no later than noon on Friday*** to allow enough time to prepare the displays. If you have any questions, please call Margaret Vigdal at 683-0917 or Joyce Bluel at 690-4614.

The raffle tickets were distributed on Rally Day and will be available for sale the day of the bazaar. A **hand-crafted quilt** will once again be one of the top prizes, along with a digital camera and grocery gift certificate. If you are making an afghan or any prize for the raffle, please notify Julia Gaarder at 690-0117. Also, Julie is asking for volunteers to phone vendors from whom we solicit donations. Please call Julie asap if you can help!

We look forward to another successful Bazaar, filled with fun and fellowship!! Please consider volunteering in one of the following areas and contact the committee chair to sign up:

White Elephant	Co-chairs: Jo Klein & David Elliott
Raffle	Chair: Julia Gaarder
Bake Sale	Chair: Audrey McNamara
Publicity	Chair: Carol Vigdal
Kitchen	Chair: Sandi Gordon
Kiddie Room	Co-chairs: Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski
Crafts	Co-chairs: Margaret Vigdal & Joyce Bluel
Bazaar Chairs	Joyce Bluel & Margaret Vigdal

Spotlight on...Katy Eggert



On a beautiful spring day in 1951, Adeline and Melvin Boicourt were blessed with the birth of their fourth and most perfect daughter, Kathleen Julia. Adeline and Melvin chose to give her the Irish/Celtic name, Kathleen meaning Pure, and Julia (after her Maternal Grandmother) which means youthful. As most of you know, Julia is appropriate because Kathleen has never grown-up. As was family tradition, I was baptized into the congregation of St. Luke Lutheran shortly after birth.

My younger years were spent attending Homecroft Elementary and Highland Park Junior and Senior Highs. After graduating from HPHS in 1969, I ventured to the University of Minnesota with the intention of becoming a high school history teacher. During this time, as I was working at the Red Owl Grocery Store in Highland Village, I met the infamous Bill Eggert. Master Christopher David Eggert, my only child, came into our lives on April 8, 1971.

In 1974, with my marital status changing, I started full-time employment at the First National Bank of St. Paul. On February 21, 1978, I started my long-term employment with State of MN Government Offices, spending the last 20 years at the MN Dept. of Labor & Industry. Retirement is in the near future.

I enjoy travel, chocolate, reading, golf, playing cards, chocolate, picking my nose, making people laugh and visiting Chris and his newly acquired family, Miss Mariah, Aden and Evan, in their home in Florida. Just found out Chris accepted a job in St. Paul so he, his new bride and the munchkins, will be moving to MN. Will have to hone my grand parenting skills.

Currently, I share my Maplewood home of 35 years, with two cats, Little Guysie and Scout. Both were lost souls that chose to adopt me. Also, I am the founder and CEO of the organization "Taking Care of Adeline". It is quite a challenging position due to role reversal. I am teaching Chris all about this type of "organization" for his future CEO position.

I have a 57 year history with St. Luke having been on past councils for many years, primarily acting as Recording Secretary. Also, briefly helped with Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and the Youth Group. Have also played with St. Luke's softball team. Am still active as an usher, reader and communion assistant. Hope to rejoin the choir (if they will have me) after a few years of vacation. Though I live afar, I enjoy sharing Sundays with everyone at St. Luke, seeing my relatives and going out to eat with the Sunday Lunch Bunch.



Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for September: Jeff Kingsley, Ken McGrew, Julie Ellingson, Eric Ellingson, Nancy Hegdahl



October Readers:

5 - Julie Ellingson
12 - Sue McNeill
19 - Katy Eggert
26 - Wendy Bjorklund

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