



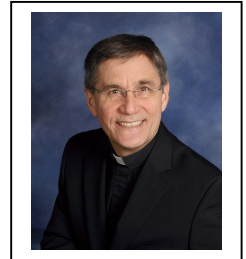
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# St. Luke Lutheran Church

*Open doors, open hearts, open minds.*

## Parish Times November 2014

*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3*



Do you ever offer prayers of thanks to God? What are you thankful for in your life? Paul was in prison in Rome when he wrote this letter to the Philippians. He was hopeful that some day he would see them, but he really didn't know if he would ever taste freedom again. In fact, he did not, because he was executed. Yet, even in prison Paul was thankful. His thanks were based on the love of Christ and the support of his fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Nothing could take that thankfulness away. Nothing. It is as deep as our Lord. What are you thankful for in your life? What is that thankfulness based upon? Take time this month to give thanks to God for all of your blessings. Those thanks could be for something as simple as taking a breath, seeing a new day, a warm cup of something on a cold morning, or having friends and family. Let your thanks grow and then come to our Thanksgiving Eve worship on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. to join your voice with others in singing thanks and praise to our Lord!



150 hungry people satisfied their hunger at the Loaves and Fishes Program at St Matthew's Catholic Church on September 24th. St Luke workers were Pastor Dave Person, Eva Mac Niven, Joyce Bluel, Ann Verschoyle, Larry Litzkow, and Roger and Dianne Diestler.



**Ladies Night Out** – Ladies Night Out will go on hiatus for November and December. We will resume Ladies Night Out again in January. Watch the December newsletter for details of where we will be dining in January. If you have suggestions of restaurants please feel free to contact Joyce Bluel.



Adult Forum will meet on November 16 and 23 in the library as we continue our study of the Lord's Prayer. Bring in some goodies with a cup of coffee and let's dive into our studies!

**A classic recipe for your Thanksgiving table!**



**Mom Brandt's Scalloped Corn**

- 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 can cream style corn
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick melted butter
- 1 t. onion flakes or your own discretion
- 1 carton (8 oz.) sour cream
- 1 small pkg. Jiffy Corn Meal mix
- 1 c. shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Spray 9x13 pan. Combine all ingredients except cheddar cheese; spread in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Spread shredded cheddar cheese on top and bake 10 more minutes. Lightly cover with foil after putting cheese on top. Serves 10.

--MaryJo Brandt

*[Reprinted from the 2005 St. Luke cookbook.]*

**FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

	September	Year to Date
General Fund Receipts	\$10,427.00	\$103,482.75
General Fund Expenses	\$14,239.95	\$109,088.44

Year to Date Projected Expenses: \$113,557

Please see me with any questions or concerns.  
--Ruth Carlson, Treasurer



**Church Council Elections:** The first Sunday in November, we vote for new council members at the semi-annual congregational meeting. The Executive Committee has 5 members: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. Each is a one-year term. Only our Treasurer, Ruth Carlson, will be on the ballot again this year. The other officer positions are open to new candidates. We will also be looking for 4 candidates to serve as commissioner for a 2 yr. term. Three commissioners will still be on council through 2015. Meetings are once a month. Pastor Dave attends the meetings. The council welcomes new faces and new points of view. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Wendy Bjorklund at 651-357-5742 or Doug Nelson at 651-206-1166. If you have questions, any council member would be happy to answer you. Please consider donating your time to the council.

**Thanksgiving Baskets**

As is the St. Luke tradition, we will be collecting donations for Thanksgiving Baskets, which will be distributed to members of our community. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, November 16. If you would like to make a monetary contribution to filling these baskets, please indicate "Thanksgiving Basket" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!



Sue McNeill has graciously volunteered to coordinate a Used Book and Bake Sale to be held Sunday, May 17, 2015 following worship. Please start gathering your books NOW. Since we are only selling books and baked goods, we really hope to have a large volume of both. If you are interested in helping with this fundraiser, and/or would like to share your suggestions, please feel free to contact Sue.



### **November Birthdays**

- 1 - Kou Vang
- 2 - Jeff Faust
- 8 - Thelma Krosky
- 13 - Colleen McGough
- 14 - Joshua Vigdal
- 16 - Brenda Drehmel
- 17 - Dwight Paulson, Joan Wilson
- 18 - Bruce Magnuson
- 23 - Christine Salaba
- 24 - Kira Faust
- 25 - Ben Vigdal
- 26 - Janell Walter
- 30 - Adam Czech, Robert Herrmann



### **November Anniversaries**

- 9 - Tracy And Kevin Arndt: 1991
- 12 - Larry And Junella Litzkow: 1960
- 13 - Chuck And Michelle Klein: 1976
- 24 - Jean And Bill Klotz: 1945
- 26 - Jack And Joan Holtz: 1960



### **Usher Notes**

Many thanks to our ushers for October: Roger Diestler, Doug Klein, Pete Klein, Joan Wilson, Bruce Magnuson, George Heriot, Rob Herrmann.

Our ushers for November will be: Gwen, Steve and Matthew Brummund, Lisa Vandrovec, Mike and Nancy Hegdahl, Linda Funkhouser, Tom Gaarder.

### **November Readers:**



- 2 - Jeff Kingsley
- 9 - Joyce Bluel
- 16 - Wendy Bjorklund
- 23 - Barb Jensen
- 30 - Beth Peterson



### **November Acolytes:**

- 2 - Maggie Erickson
- 16 - Alek Landenberger

**Scholarships** are available to any St. Luke member attending a Lutheran College. Deadline for the Spring semester 2015 is due to the church council no later than **November 1, 2014**. Please contact Ruth Carlson to get instructions and an application for qualification.



Need to pick up a special gift for a teacher, co-worker or favorite aunt? You will find just the right things among the wide variety of one-of-a-kind, handcrafted treasures at the north end of the Social Hall....check it out soon!



Be sure to attend our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 2 after the service. Please plan to take part in this important meeting on the current and long-term goals of our church family.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

November 16-23 we will be collecting shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. To participate, get a shoebox and fill it up with toys for a boy or a girl. You will find pamphlets on the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall with all the details you need to know. Once full of goodies, bring your shoebox to church between Nov. 16-23. Your shoebox will then be sent somewhere around the world to a young child who otherwise would receive nothing for Christmas. There is so much BAD news around the world. Here is a simple way to help bring some GOOD news, some real joy to a child. For more information, check out the Welcome Table or ask Pr. Dave.





## 2014 Fall Bazaar

A bright sunny fall day greeted us as we hosted our 30th Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We drew a steady crowd throughout the day. There are many who attend each and every year and it was nice to welcome those who attended for the first time this year.

The money raised from the Bazaar is used to carry out the ministries of St. Luke as well as providing a great fellowship opportunity for our church and community. This event could not be held without the dedication and hard work of **all** of our members.

The day started off with delicious rolls and hot coffee and moved into lunch with scrumptious chili and chilidogs and hot, fresh popcorn was available to munch on throughout the day.

The ever-popular Rummage Sale Room was a hive of activity again this year. The children found a variety of activities in the Kiddie Room to keep them busy. The game of Bingo and the General Store were nice additions to the day.

The raffle offered the chance to win some very nice prizes this year thanks to the generosity of many Twin City businesses as well as members of our congregation. In addition to these donations, we raffled off a Kindle Fire tablet along with two \$100 gift certificates.

Thanks to the talented bakers and crafters, we had a nice quantity of items to offer the shoppers.

Special thanks to our committee chairs: Rummage Sale Room – Jo Klein & David Elliott, Bake Sale – Joan Wilson & Deb Vigdal, Raffle – Julie Gaarder & Katy Eggert, Kitchen – Beth Peterson, Kiddie Room – Barb Jensen, Publicity – Pam Ballis, Treasurer – Eva Mac Niven and our Greeter and Emcee – Sue McNeill.

Thanks again for your support!!

2014 Fall Bazaar Chairs  
Joyce Bluel and Judy Salaba



Our heartfelt thanks to our Bun Run volunteers for October:  
**Ken McGrew, Doug and Jo Klein, Julie Ellingson.**

### **Dec The Halls!**

All are invited on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 11:00 a.m. to decorate our church home for the Advent and Christmas seasons. We'll begin with a potluck lunch, and then roll up our sleeves and dec the halls! Donations of Poinsettias to adorn our altar are greatly appreciated. Join us for this cherished, time-honored St. Luke tradition...it is sure to put you in a festive mood!



### **Now Thank We All Our God!**

Join us for  
Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship,  
Wednesday, Nov. 26th  
7:00 p.m.





## Musings from the Music Director

I've always loved this time of year, more so since moving back to the upper Midwest. You may (or may not know) that in August I moved from Pasadena, California, here—to St. Paul.

Fall is much different here, as you can imagine. In the warmer climates it gets cooler, just as it does here. But, there's nothing that compares with the changing colors, as we move from late summer into fall. You can visibly see the seasonal changes in nature and witness preparations for winter. Outside my apartment on the campus of Luther Seminary, the squirrels have been busy packing away nuts for the coming cold season.

We, too, are in the midst of the changing seasons. School is well under way. Choir rehearsals have begun, too, and soon we'll be preparing music for Advent and Christmas. But, first, we need to go through the church calendar we normally call the end of the church year.

This beginning of the end usually starts with Reformation Sunday (Oct. 26th), moves to All Saints Sunday (Nov. 2nd) and ends with Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>), which is the last Sunday before Advent and the formal end of the church year. Our readings for these Sundays are also about endings—last things that include the last judgment and the end of the world. We also remember those who have ended their baptismal journey and now rest in God. We celebrate our connection to them and to each other with the full knowledge that, one day, we will all be reunited in Christ.

Perhaps it is this that I cherish most about this time of year in the church—that, unlike much of the world—we do not shy away from mortality and endings, but look upon them simply as steps to that final gathering in Christ. Together, with all of the saints and angels and all creatures, we will sing the song of Revelation 5:

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!”

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I wanted to express my thanks to all of you for welcoming me so warmly to St. Luke's. Certainly, God's hand was at work in providing me a place to serve for a year and filling your need at St. Luke's. I'd also offer a special thanks to the members of the adult vocal and handbells choirs, who have been working hard. Soon, I'm hopeful we can add the praise and worship band into that mix.

If you like to sing or play music or even if you're simply interested, I'd invite you to consider joining in fellowship on Wednesday evenings to rehearse in preparation for adding beauty to our Sunday morning worship. All are welcome regardless of experience!

--Karleen Jung

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