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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord’s favor has come.” Luke 4:18-19

This is the theme Bible verse for the workcamp our youth will be participating in, in Ashland, Montana this July. The youth will join about 450 other young people from across the United States to fix up about 60 homes in the Ashland area. As the youth repair homes, they will also take part in devotions and nightly programs that link faith to the work they are doing. They will also learn from the people they help and if past experience is an indication, they will find that they have been blessed and have received much more than they have given. All of you here at St. Luke have been extremely generous in supporting this trip through your giving. Thank you so much. On Sunday, June 14 during the worship service here at St. Luke we will have a simple commissioning service for the participants of the workcamp. I would like to send them off as St. Luke’s “missionaries.” Please join us for this worship to support these young people not only with your finances, but also with your prayers!

It is good to be in ministry with you. See you in worship!

Pr. Dave Person



St. Luke Lawn Church Service!

This summer we will have three outdoor worships on our church lawn on the following Sundays: June 28, July 26 and August 16. Bring lawn chairs or blankets or use a chair provided by church. After the outdoor worship we will have games for the kids as well as treats, so come one, come all!



Announcing an Usher Training/Refresher Session on Sunday, June 7th at 10:15 a.m. This will last no more than 1/2 hour. We would appreciate having as many ushers attend as possible. This is an update for all of us on the procedures, and duties of being an usher.

--Dwight Paulson



Please Help! Vacation Bible School is right around the corner (July 27—31). It is time to start making plans, and YOU are invited to help! There will be a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Jo Klein. 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!**



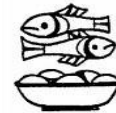
The following people are being thanked for delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of April:
 Al Baird and Ann Verschoyle
 Eva Mac Niven
 Bruce Magnuson
 Audrey Rongstad
 Larry and Carol Vigdal
 Ralph and Ruth Wassman
 David Elliott
 Jane McGrew

Youth Canoe Trip!

A canoe trip for youth in the BWCA is set for August 20-24. We will enter the BWCA at the Sawbill entry point on Thursday, August 20, canoeing, camping, swimming, fishing for four days. If you would like to go, sign up on the kiosk today! The cost will be approximately \$70.00 per person. If you have any questions, ask Pr. Dave.



Ladies Night Out for June will be at Muffaletta's on Como Avenue in St. Paul. The date will be Tuesday, June 23rd at 5:30 p.m. Those who wish to carpool are to meet at church at 5:00 p.m. RSVP to Joyce Bluel at (651)690-4614 by Sunday, June 17th so reservations can be made.



121 Hungry people were served supper on April 27th at St. Matthew's Church on the West Side at the Loaves and Fishes program. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Dwight Paulson, Jean Gilland, Helen Bye, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Donna Paulson and Audrey Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.

Micro-lending Meeting - Tuesday, June 9

The micro-lending group meeting is set for Tuesday, June 9 at 6:30. We will have a dinner, great fellowship and then make some loans to people somewhere around the world. Even if you have not attended before, come and check it out. You will not only have an enjoyable evening, but you may well make a difference in someone's life. Please sign up at the kiosk so we know how many to expect for dinner, which will cost somewhere around \$5.00 - \$10.00 a piece.



Spotlight on...

Deborah Vigdal



Prior to my marriage, I lived most of my life in Armstrong, IA, a small town just over the Minnesota border, with my parents and two sisters. I was baptized in the Methodist faith and confirmed at the Nazareth Lutheran Church in Armstrong, Iowa, where I sang in the choir from cherub choir to adult choir. It was an exciting day when I was confirmed and able to join my father in the adult choir and I have many fond memories of singing with my father in the choir. I also finagled the choir reminder list so that I could call Dan Vigdal once a week to “remind” him to come to choir. In 1970, I married my high school sweetheart, Dan, at Nazareth Lutheran and we moved to our first home in Grand Forks, North Dakota. After Dan completed his Air Force commitment, we moved to the Twin Cities.

I began work at Dorsey & Whitney the month that we moved to the Twin Cities and here I am 31 years later still at the firm. I began as a legal secretary and 26 years ago became a paralegal. Today I am a Senior Corporate/Securities Paralegal and supervise the Minneapolis corporate paralegals and act as sort of a liaison for the corporate paralegals in the firm’s 14 offices worldwide.

We joined St. Luke because Dan’s family, Larry and Carol Vigdal, were members of the church when we moved to the Cities. Dan and I have two wonderful sons, Ben and Joshua, who were confirmed at St. Luke and are currently members. Dan and Larry’s mother, Margaret Vigdal, also joined St. Luke after moving to Minnesota.

It was only a few years ago that I realized how much I missed singing in the choir. So, I joined the choir at St. Luke and have enjoyed participating in the choir and church band, with our son, Joshua, ever since. Joshua and I also played with the bell choir, which I directed for one year. I am happy to continue my family tradition of singing in the choir with a parent or child and encourage anyone who loves to sing to bring their parent or child and join the choir.

One of my favorite hymns is "I Love to Tell the Story" and I love to tell it by participating in the music at St. Luke.

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

Usher Notes...

Many thanks to our

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





Play Ball! Welcome back for another summer of fun and fellowship! Below is the schedule for the 2009 softball season.

I am looking forward to starting a new season in July. Please contact me if you have any questions. My home number is 651-699-0499 or you can email Nancy at nhegdahl@tchdc.org.
–Mike Hegdahl

July 12

Field 1 – 5:30 – St. Luke vs. St. Peder’s
Field 2 – 5:30 – Pilgrim vs. Immanuel
Field 1 – 6:30 – St. Mark vs. Plymouth

July 19

Field 1 – 5:30 – St. Peder’s vs. Immanuel
Field 2 – 5:30 – Plymouth vs. Pilgrim
Field 1 – 6:30 – St. Mark vs. St. Luke

July 26

Field 1 – 5:30 – Pilgrim vs. St. Mark
Field 2 – 5:30 – Plymouth vs. St. Peder’s
Field 1 – 6:30 – St. Luke vs. Immanuel

August 2

Field 1 – 5:30 – St. Peder’s vs. St. Mark
Field 2 – 5:30 – St. Luke vs. Pilgrim
Field 1 – 6:30 – Immanuel vs. Plymouth

August 9

Field 1 – 5:30 – Plymouth vs. St. Luke
Field 2 – 5:30 – Immanuel vs. St. Mark
Field 1 – 6:30 – St. Peder’s vs. Pilgrim

August 16

Field 1 – 5:30 – St. Peder’s vs. Plymouth
Field 2 – 5:30 – Pilgrim vs. Immanuel
Field 1 – 6:30 – St. Luke vs. St. Mark



Notes from Conie:

- **Grace-filled rounds.** I'm writing this as the Worship Band is preparing to lead worship for the last day of Sunday School and chuckling to myself. If you attended that day and are reading this, you'll know we sang not one, not two, but three rounds that day. It amused me how much GRACE is built into the structure of rounds. You can sing one part until you get it, relying on your neighbors for help with the words, melody and rhythm. The melodious layers of love establish a harmonic "lasagna" foundation where we can improvise and experiment freely with new expressions of the heart. Each layered part contributes to a new melody of the whole that emerges on when all of the parts are in sync. Grace-filled rounds: musical examples of community acceptance, forgiveness and the power of our love working together.
- **Let us see what love can do.** With hearts full of compassion and songs to share joys and sorrows we can minister to each other, especially those that have difficulty in getting around. Prayerfully consider this work and contact Conie to learn more.
- **May musical blessings.** Our gratitude goes to the volunteers who attend weekly rehearsals and arrive early on Sunday mornings to practice with the choir, the bell ensemble and the Worship Band. Thank you for giving us opportunities to reflect on the wonder and love of God.
- **Special Summer Songs.** Small groups fill in when the choirs are in hibernation. Consider offering a musical token of praise and thanksgiving this summer.
- **There's a Balm in Gilead.** Choir members new and old are invited to sing this anthem on Sunday, June 28. Meet to rehearse at 8:05 a.m. that morning.



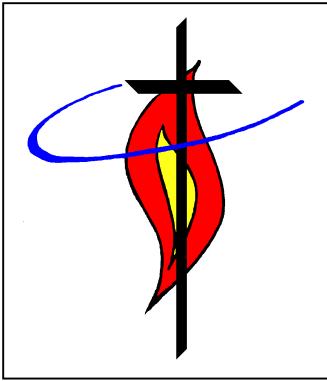
Our heartfelt appreciation to our Bun Run Volunteers for May:
Joan Wilson, Jeff Kingsley, Julie Ellingson, Nancy Hegdahl and Mark McGough.



June Readers:

7 – Mike Hegdahl
14 – Wendy Bjorklund
21 – Jill Burchill
28 – Christine Olson

Sacred Life Evening Worship



Beginning June 16, every Tuesday evening we will hold a worship service at 6:30 p.m. It will be very informal, using the same basic message as the preceding Sunday of that week. We are calling it "Sacred Life." The main purpose is twofold. First, it will provide outreach to those people who do not find traditional worship meaningful or inviting. Secondly, it will provide an additional service for St. Luke members who, for whatever reason, could not attend Sunday's worship. We are now in the planning stages, so stay tuned for more information!

--Pr. Dave

Our church council retreat on Saturday, May 16, resulted in many new ideas to share with the congregation. We discussed what we do well and what we need to do better. And "we" means all of us, not just the council. But the council came up with some ideas for more fellowship within our congregation and with our neighborhood and farther out. Details will certainly follow in the bulletins and future newsletters, but a hint of what we are planning might encourage you to choose an event you'd like to help with. We will be planning some "Lawn Services", where we bring lawn chairs, blankets, a beverage, and we discuss our gospel for that week and have a more casual meeting than on Sundays. Anyone who sees us on the lawn is welcome to join us. Perhaps our neighbors will find that inviting...especially when we sing a favorite hymn. This might be in conjunction with the additional weekly meeting Pastor would like to begin. Other ideas are a National Night Out Barbeque/Ice Cream Social with our neighbors...regular book club meetings...a Coffee House Night...a picnic with all the softball church teams at Hidden Falls...visits, phone calls and/or cards to our members not able to attend...car pooling to services...web site improvements to benefit visitors and our members...the list goes on. One very important piece to our program puzzle is getting the "I Can Do" book up-to-date and functioning. In an effort to complete that, the council has volunteered to do Sunday morning conversations during social hour. We'll have the forms and we'll help people fill them out. That way, we can actually call to ask you to help with something you already enjoy doing. We have fun plans for this year and all we need is your participation. Again, this council is THE BEST and I'm very fortunate to be a part of it. St. Luke Lutheran has so much to offer and sometimes we hide it. And we have proven time and time again that a personal invitation is always the best way to make a new friend and to keep friends. I hope you will find an event to help plan and for sure attend! Watch for more event news! --Sue McNeill



**President's Blog
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"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee." -Numbers 6:24