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Open doors, open hearts, open minds.

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“See, I am making all things new.” Revelation 21:5

It is hard to visualize something which is 100 years old being made new. But through Christ, that is exactly what is happening at St. Luke. This year we celebrate our centennial! As we celebrate we give thanks to Christ our Lord who continues to create and renew St. Luke. We give thanks to God for those faithful people who had the vision to begin the ministry of St. Luke one hundred years ago. We give thanks for all who worked faithfully for the Lord through these one hundred years. And we give thanks to the Lord who continues to lead us, strengthen us and renew us as we witness to the Lord here as well as throughout the world.



As part of our centennial celebrations, be sure to sign up and have your pictures taken for the new pictorial directory, January 17, 18, and 19. Be sure to also make plans to celebrate with everyone at our centennial dinner on Saturday, April 13, as well as at the centennial worship on Sunday, April 14, with Bishop Rogness preaching.

Finally, as part of our celebration and thanksgiving, let us lift up our prayers to the Lord this year, asking for continued guidance and strengthening of St. Luke. We pray that the Lord be our vision. We pray for the strengthening of St. Luke through new members. We pray that we may reach out with the good news of the Lord, who so loved this world that he sent his only Son as a gift. What a beautiful, life-giving gift! Through Jesus we are made anew and filled with hope. We pray that all may know this joy.

Pr. David Person



Stamping With Sue

Sue McNeill announces a Stampin' Up! technique class on Sat. Jan. 26 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!

Souper Bowl Sunday!

No, that is not a typo. Sunday, February 3 is SOUPER Bowl Sunday. That Sunday the confirmation students will be selling delicious homemade SOUP as a fundraiser for needy children. All the money raised will be donated to a charity. So come to church on February 3 ready for some soup, or bring it home for a ready-made meal. It will help make it a super day for both you and some beautiful children.



Thank you to our Bun Run volunteers for December: Joan Wilson, Mike Hegdahl, Julie Ellingson, Bill Laramy, Doug Klein.

January Readers:



6 – Wendy Bjorklund
 13 – Julie Ellingson
 20 – Sue McNeill
 27 – Barb Jensen



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in February will actually be a **night in** at church, on Tuesday, February 19th at 5:30 p.m. We will start off with a delicious supper followed by a showing of a movie. All women are welcome! Please let Joyce Bluel (651-690-4614) know if you are planning on attending by Sunday, February 10th, so that we know how much food to prepare. Cost of supper will be determined and split among the participants the night of the event.

January Birthdays



- 1 - DUSTY JENSEN, LINDA FUNKHOUSER
- 9 – LAURIE HERRMANN
- 10 - NOAH FABIE
- 12 - HAMLIN JOHNSON, SUE NODLER
- 13 – KIMBERLY LOEWEN,
MATTHEW BRUMMUND, JUDY JOHNSON
- 16 - NANCY HEGDAHL
- 17 – KATHY SPRAY, RUTH LINDGREN,
RICHARD SILTBERG
- 21 - LOUIS BILLMEYER
- 27 - KEVIN ARNDT
- 29 - NORMA ALEXANDER
- 30 –SUE MCNEILL

PHOTO DIRECTORY APPOINTMENTS 2013:

Lifetouch (they purchased Olan Mills) will be taking our member photographs on Jan. 17, 18, or 19. We expect a 100% participation for this 100th anniversary directory! Every Sunday, before or after service, someone will be available to schedule your photo sitting. If you'd like to reserve a sitting online, simply go to our website, www.saintlukechurch.org. Click on the "Lifetouch" name and you'll go to their scheduling page. Choose how many will be in your photo (the dog counts as 1, seriously) and Jan. 17, 18, and 19 will be open. Choose the time and complete the form. Finalize your session. The website will be disabled on Sunday mornings so we don't duplicate appointments with reservations taken at church. If you need to make a change, please contact Sue McNeill ssmceill@hotmail.com.



The 2013 offering envelopes are now available in the Social Hall. Please pick up your box as soon as possible to defray postage expenses. Thank you.

January Acolytes:



- 6 – Michaela McGough
- 20 – Maggie Erickson



Usher Notes

Many thanks to our ushers for December: Eva Mac Niven, Connel McGough, Sam Elliott, Wanda Mathison, Larry and Carol Vidgal, Pam Ballis and Katy Eggert. Our ushers for January will be: Roger Dieslter, Doug, Abby and Peter Klein, Joan Wilson, George Heriot and Jean Gilland.

Spotlight on...

Jennifer



I grew up in McMurray, Pennsylvania (about an hour south of Pittsburgh). You can actually get a glimpse of my high school and quite possibly the house I grew up in across the street if you see the new "Perks of Being A Wallflower" movie, which was filmed there in summer 2011. My parents, retired school teachers, still live in that area. I have one sister, a nurse, who lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

I came to Minnesota to attend St. Olaf College, where I met my husband, Jim. We were married in 2003, adopted our "first born" (a seven-pound shih-tzu/poodle boy named Barkley) in 2006, and just welcomed our son, Collin, on Easter Sunday 2012.

My favorite thing to do is travel. As a kid, my parents took us on a lot of extended summer road/camping trips. In college, I studied abroad in Florence, Italy and London, England and completed my student teaching at the Woodstock International School in Mussoorie, India. I've been to 41 states and 17 countries so far and am looking forward to having the opportunity to see more. I'd love to become a professional travel advisor in some capacity someday, so if you ever need help planning a trip or some advice on how to pack lighter, I'm your gal!

We live only about a block away from St. Luke, and visited occasionally over the last several years. Prior to joining St. Luke, we most frequently attended St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi (the church Jim grew up in) but when we found out we were expecting Collin, we wanted to find a new church home that would be as convenient as possible with a baby in tow. We really liked being able to walk to church and seeing so many of our neighbors at the service. Everyone has been so genuinely warm and kind to us, so we knew this was a good place to be.



Musings from the Music Director

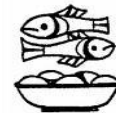
SINGERS AND RINGERS

WANTED! Come join us for Chancel Choir and Bell Choir rehearsals every **Wednesday evening**. Chancel Choir will rehearse from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and Bell Choir will rehearse from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. All are welcome whether you can read music or not! *"Let everything [everyone] who has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD."* Psalm 150:6

There **WILL NOT** be Chancel Choir or Bell Choir Rehearsals on Wednesday, December 26th or January 2nd. Regular Chancel Choir and Bell Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 9th, 2013!

"Joy to the World!"

--Cammy Horne



130 Hungry people were served supper at St. Matthews Catholic Church on November 26th in the Loaves and Fishes program. Workers were Pastor Dave, Larry Litzkow, Joyce Bluel, Ann Verschoyle and Eva Mac Niven. Robyn Rongstad helped by baking cookies. For December, our monthly scheduled day to serve for fell on Christmas; there was no Loaves and Fishes in December.



ALL MEMBER WINTER RETREAT!

► Our ever-popular Family Retreat is scheduled for February 8-10. Families should receive a mailing outlining the specifics shortly. Please sign up on the kiosk as soon as possible!

► An organizational meeting to plan the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be Sunday, January 6 at 11:15. The breakfast is January 13. Families, remember, this is a fundraiser for our Camp Onomia retreat...we really need your support to make this happen! Specifics regarding matching funds from Thrivent to follow.

► Set-up for the Sunday School Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, January 12 at 1:00. Please plan on participating!

► We will be having a brief organizational meeting on Sunday, January 27 at 11:15 to make plans for the upcoming retreat. What traditions do we want to keep? What new traditions do we want to develop? We want to hear from YOU!

Confirmation Class



January 2 we will not have class. We will have class on January 9 and 16. I will be away on vacation on January 23, so we will not have class that day. On Monday, January 28 we will volunteer at Loaves and Fishes to help feed the hungry from 3:30-6:30. Because we volunteer at Loaves and Fishes on the 28th, we will not have class on January 30.

2013 100th Anniversary

Booklet: We are collecting a paragraph from any St. Luke member, current or former, to put in a commemorative booklet for our 100th anniversary of St. Luke Lutheran next April.



Try to pinpoint a special event, a memorable moment, a “first” experience, a favorite celebration, whatever means the most to you about being a member of this church family. We are trying to keep it to one paragraph per person, but those who have been here 50+ yrs might have a couple paragraphs of memories. If we start now, we will have time to collect, edit and print the booklet for our April 2013 celebrations. Please submit your paragraphs to Sue McNeill (ssmcneill@hotmail.com), Joyce Bluel (jbluel@comcast.net), Pastor Dave (person_tokyo@yahoo.com), or Jo Klein (jojoklein@gmail.com) in writing or by email. Sue McNeill will actually be typing the materials. If you need to make changes later, that’s fine. Let’s just try to start composing that paragraph to share and then get it to someone in the list above.

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to celebrate a special event or to honor a loved one, and to beautify our church home. All are welcome to donate an arrangement. You may use any florist of your choice, or make your own arrangement. Simply let us know of your donation by leaving a message with the church office at 651-698-9443 one week prior. Thank you!

