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This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11, The Message Bible



The Lord is generous with us indeed. We receive life, loved ones, this beautiful earth, good food and drink and innumerable other blessings from our loving Creator. The Lord calls on us to receive these blessings and give them away so that more and more people may know the love of God. Do you have any idea of how many people are touched and blessed through the various ministries and activities at St. Luke? Kyle and I are making a video about that very thing which we will show on Stewardship Sunday, October 30. On that Sunday we will celebrate the many ways God has blessed us, as well as the many ways St. Luke is a blessing to people near and far. We will also make our pledges that day, affirming our intention to both thank God through our giving and continue to be part of God's blessings for all people. Come, celebrate, rejoice, receive and pass on God's many blessings with thanks.

--Pr. Dave

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.



160 Hungry people were served an evening meal at St. Matthew's Catholic Church on the West Side on August 22. Workers were Larry Litzkow, Jean Gilland, Joyce Bluel and Eva Mac Niven. Audrey and Robyn Rongstad also helped by baking cookies.

Adult Forum

...begins again on Sunday, October 16 after worship. Grab some treats and coffee, head into the library and let's take a closer look at our faith on the 16th and 23rd of October (October 30 will be our Stewardship celebration).



Be sure to attend our semi-annual congregational meeting on Sunday, Nov. 6 after the service. Please plan to take part in this important meeting on the current and long-term goals of our church family.

Our heartfelt appreciation to our
Bun Run Volunteers for
September: Julie Ellingson,
Joan Wilson, Ken McGrew and
Nancy Hegdahl.



October Readers:

2 – Al Baird
9 – Barb Jensen
16 – Wendy Bjorklund
23 – Jill Burchill
30 – Katy Eggert

Gwen Brummund is in need of wide-rim jars (e.g. mayonnaise, peanut butter, etc.) for a bazaar project. Please place your jars in the church kitchen ASAP. Thank you!



October Acolytes:

2 – Abby Winecke
9 – Thor Burchill Riley
16 – Maggie Erickson
23 – Karl Gaarder
30 – Charlie Gaarder



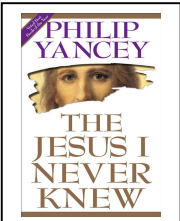
News from Council President - Joyce Blue

It's October and there is a chill in the air and the smell of wood burning in backyard fire pits. I love this time of year, the beauty of the fall colors and the change from the hot and sticky air of the summer. It is one of God's many gifts to us.

Speaking of gifts, fall is also the time of year to think about our stewardship and what that means to us and our congregation. I found this statement about stewardship in an article that I came across and thought it was quite appropriate for the point I wanted to make; *"To be a steward is to be a good manager of our lives and our possessions and the world around us. Unfortunately, most people when they hear that word immediately think of money. And of course, that's an important part of it but there are many other responsibilities we as Christians have in our congregation besides putting an envelope in the offering plate."*

At our November Semi-Annual Congregational meeting we will be once again electing commissioners and officers for our church council. I have now served on this Council for the last seven consecutive years. I have found it to be a wonderful experience and a way to use the gifts I possess to serve our congregation. I am asking each of you, whether you have served in the past or are new to our congregation to consider running in this election. Our congregation needs fresh ideas and enthusiasm to continue growing into the next generation. We are all pressed for time these days, but it is the one thing that costs so little (meetings are held once a month) and will reap great rewards. Please feel free to talk to our current Council members about their service and to let them know you are interested in serving.

October also means the annual Fall Bazaar. Don't forget to mark the date on your calendar, Saturday, October 15th. I look forward to seeing all of you there; let's make this one the best yet!



Evening Book Study – "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancey

On the evenings of Thursday, November 10 and 17, I am planning a book study of Philip Yancey's book, "The Jesus I Never Knew." Yancey takes a deeper look into Jesus, what we believe about him and why. It is a beautifully written book, easily accessible and powerful. We will meet these two evenings from 7-8 pm to share insights and thoughts about "The Jesus I Never Knew." Please sign up on the kiosk. I will note the price of the book there (the best place to buy it is at the Luther Seminary Bookstore) and put a copy on the welcome table for you to page through. –Pr. Dave



SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2011/2012

Sept. 11: Rally Day –Staff Installation
Oct. 23: MEA Weekend
Nov. 6: Congregational Meeting: NO classes
Nov. 27: NO classes: Thanksgiving break
Dec. 4: Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10:15 to 12:00
Dec. 11: Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10:15 to 12:00
Dec. 17: (tentative) Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10:15 to 12:00
Dec. 18: Christmas Program, 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 25: NO classes; Christmas Break
Jan. 1: NO classes; New Year's Break
Jan. 15: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Feb. 10-12: Sunday School Retreat
April 8: Easter - Egg hunt...NO classes
May 6: Congregational Meeting: NO classes
May 13: End of Year party – Presentation of Bibles
May 20: Confirmation Sunday

On All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 6, we will be remembering loved ones who have passed away this year. Please let secretary Jo Klein know, in written form or by email, (jojoklein@gmail.com) if you would like to remember a loved one during the All Saints service. We will ask families to bring a photo of their loved one that day, and to light a candle for them during the worship service. Let us remember with thanks those who have gone before us and rest in God's eternal love and salvation.



Usher Notes

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



October Birthdays

1 – PENNEY KELLY, LILY BROVALD
3 – ANNE FABIE
5 - LAURIE SMITH
6 - EVA MAC NIVEN
9 - MIKE HEGDAHL
11 - AUDREY MCNAMARA,
JULIANNA CZECH
12 - AMY DRIER, WARREN SALABA
17 – WANDA MATHISON
18 – KIM MILLER, STACEE SPRAY
21 - JACK HOLTZ, SHIRLEY JOHNSON,
STEVEN BRUMMUND
23 – KYLE ZVEJNIEKS
24 - ZACHARY MOORE
27 - ZACHARY STADEM
28 - MARTHA NOVAK
31 - MARGARET VIGDAL, ANN ANNALA



October Anniversaries:

3 – ADAM AND JULIANNA CZECH: 2009
MIKE AND DEB WOBIG: 2009
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



Ladies Night Out – Ladies Night Out in October will take place on Tuesday, October 18th at La Casita Mexican Restaurant – 1925 Perimeter Rd in Roseville 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, October 9th so we have an idea of how many for the reservation.

CROP Walk

Join the confirmation students on October 9 for the CROP Walk sponsored by Church World Services. We will walk for a couple of hours that day, beginning at 1 p.m. We walk to raise money and awareness for people who are suffering and dying due to a lack of access to food and potable water. We walk so that people may simply live. Did you know that hunger kills more people annually than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined? Join us, either by walking or by making a contribution. You will probably save someone's life. Confirmation students will be collecting contributions on Sunday, September 25 and October 2 in the Social Hall after services.



Fall Bazaar Update – Joyce Bluel, Committee Chair

Just a reminder, the Fall Bazaar is just 2 weeks away; mark your calendars for Saturday, October 15th.

Bring all of those gently used or unneeded items you cleaned out this summer to the White Elephant Sale. This year we will also be accepting gently used and clean clothing for our rummage sale portion of the White Elephant Room. Also, we will NOT be accepting furniture, exercise equipment, appliances or electronics. You may bring them to church until noon on October 9th. 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 Dorothy Zitterow (698-9219) or Joan Wilson (253-6111). It's a *delicious* way to support our bazaar! You will need to bring your baked goods to church on **Friday, October 14th between 6:00 and 8:00 pm.**

We will be accepting your handmade craft items for sale at the bazaar starting on **Monday, October 10th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm; Tuesday, October 11th from 6:30 to 8:30; Wednesday, October 12th and Thursday, October 13th from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm and then Friday, October 14th 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 have been distributed and will be available for sale the day of the bazaar. Top prizes include a flat screen TV, a Kindle, a Cub Foods gift certificate, and much, much more! We will also accept any new prize donations from our members, and we will be collecting additional prizes from the businesses we have solicited. The drawing will be held at 2:30 PM. If you are interested in helping with the raffle please contact Nancy Hegdahl (699-0499).

The proceeds from this event have been used to make some substantial changes both to our church building and to people's lives through donations to charities. This is also a way for us to reach out and give our neighbors a chance to get to know us better. There is something for everyone to get involved with, just contact one of the following chairs:

White Elephant Co-chairs:

Bake Sale Co-chairs:

Kitchen Chair:

Kiddie Room Co-chairs:

Raffle Chair:

Crafts Co-chairs:

Jo Klein & David Elliott

Dorothy Zitterow & Joan Wilson

Sandi Gordon

Barb Jensen & Alex Grzywinski

Nancy Hegdahl

Margaret Vigdal & Joyce Bluel

Spotlight on...Susan



Nineteen years ago, I was shopping for a church. I looked high and low to find a church that felt just right. Thankfully, Jo Klein's path met mine, and she shared the location of a hidden gem, a beautiful church by the railroad tracks. Unlike the other churches I had visited, it was neither too big nor too small. The pastor and the church family were warm and embracing from the moment I stepped through its doors. I have made St. Luke my church home ever since.

I was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. My college years took me to Fremont, Nebraska, where I attended Midland Lutheran College. After graduating, I taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grades for four years and then decided to go to graduate school to study counseling. My husband, David, and I met at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln while we attended classes together. We married in 1990 and were blessed with three sons, Carl (20), Max (19), and Sam (16). Many of you remember that we sat in the very last pew for many years with our energetic little boys. God bless Chick Luty for slipping me little bags of suckers for the boys, to keep them occupied during church.

Thank you to all of the families that have shared their children with me in Sunday School for the past 15 years. Your sons and daughters are amazing and I will always have a very special place in my heart for each and every one of them. St. Luke has given me such warm memories of the festive Sunday School Christmas programs, the winter retreats at Camp Onomia, the Boundary Waters canoe trips, the Annual Bazaar, and the sweet sounds of the choir. St. Luke has strengthened our family and provided great substance to nourish our spirits.

Thank you St. Luke. I am forever grateful. God bless you and keep you.

**You are invited to view the latest
works of art
of CHRISTINE OLSON
as a part of the ST. PAUL ART
CRAWL!**

October 7, 8 and 9

Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Come and visit her studio at the ACVR Warehouse, 106 W. Water Street, 5th floor. There are many studios to visit in the building; a six story, brown brick building. Turn right at the south end of the Wabasha Bridge onto Water Street. Go one block west and turn left into the ACVR Warehouse Building parking lot.



Stewardship Celebration

On Sunday, October 30 we will celebrate all that we do as a family of God here at St. Luke. Kyle and I are working on a video, which we hope to complete and share at that time. What is it all about? Come, see, celebrate! As part of that celebration we will have an ice cream social, full of goodies, for our fellowship time. Come, support our ministries and celebrate all that we do.

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