

the Invitation

AUGUST, 2010

Worship Celebrations:

Sundays at 8am, 9am, 10am & 11am

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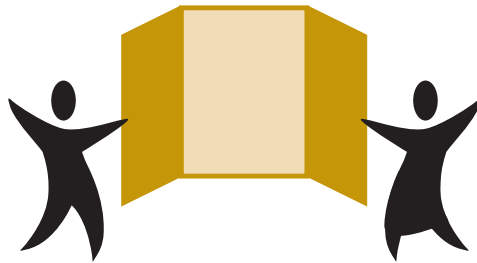
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Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, ELCA



Join us...



ST. LUKE'S SENIOR MINISTRY

Opening New Doors

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- Golden Opportunities
Starts September 16
 - Fun Trips
 - Communion Reunion
December 16
 - Zumba Gold
 - Grumpy Old Men
Begins September 14
 - Yoga
 - Vesper Services
 - Bus Us Seniors
to Worship
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Coming Soon
Rally Sunday, September 12



Worship plus 2

When Jesus brought the Christian church into being on Pentecost, he created nothing less than a living, breathing organism that was and is intended to provide an atmosphere of living, learning, caring, praying and worship.

If you remember, it became the practice of the early Christians to gather in homes for singing, praying and learning in order that they could be equipped to go out into the world and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

At St. Luke's we're committed to creating a congregation that will allow each and every believer to become a better follower of Jesus Christ. So this fall we're going to be encouraging you to do three things – worship, study, serve!

Worship

If there's any basic element in the Christian faith, it's the act of worship of Jesus Christ. We're not just followers of Jesus, we're his disciples. A disciple is a person who seeks to become more and more like his or her Lord and Master, and that's really the outcome we're looking for in each of our lives.

What that means is that choices have to be made in our lives. We have to begin making a conscious decision that (1) God comes first, (2) family second and (3) work and everything else comes third.

Now, obviously, that's not the way the world looks at a person's priorities - but, we're not called to be like the world. We're called to transform the world for Jesus Christ.

Study

But if we're going to transform the world we need to know what we're talking about. What does it mean to be a Christian? What makes the Christian lifestyle different from what the world espouses?

At St. Luke's we're ramping up our study options in order to provide you, the members and friends of this

congregation, with the tools you're going to need to understand what it means to be a Christian in the 21st century.

- Our Confirmation program is designed to inform and transform our 6th through 9th grade students with weekly classes, expectations for attendance at worship, and retreats and summer experiences to create a greater sense of Christian community.
- We're launching intentional Small Groups for high school youth and adults.
- In addition to a host of Adult Education programs, we're offering the Bethel Bible Series – a two year course in the Old and New Testament taught by Phyllis Anderson, a member of Bethel Lutheran Church and one who has taught this series for decades.

Service

One of the opportunities a large congregation offers is that of becoming involved in a variety of ministries. In a place like St. Luke's we need people to be in the choir, become Sunday School teachers, help with Confirmation, serve in significant ways such as becoming involved in Caring Ministry, The Road Home, MOM. Not only are these avenues of service, but they're also ways in which you can become better connected with St. Luke's and gain significant and lasting friendships.

Worship plus 2

Think about it! Consider your priorities! Recognize the importance of Jesus Christ in your life! Your faith can grow at St. Luke's and we're here to help make it happen.

Roger C. Eigenfeld, Pastor

Small Group Ministry

We all need to feel like we belong, and in a larger church such as St. Luke's, small groups are a place to form community and feel connected to others – they become your place to feel that sense of belonging. There are many groups that already exist at St. Luke's, but this fall we will be starting several new groups with the intent of studying Scripture and deepening our relationships with each other and God. These groups will be a six week commitment beginning in October and going through mid-November. Each group will be led by a different staff person and

offered at different times during the week. Look for more information to come – and on Rally Day, just come to Friendship Hall to sign up to be a part of one of these new groups. The hope and plan is to have additional groups start in January for another six weeks, as well as more groups during Lent.

- Please see Young Adult & Youth sections for information regarding these specific groups.

Music

Summer Choir

If you were not available to take part in the St. Luke's Summer Choir last month, you have one more opportunity to join in on the fun. On Sunday, **August 15th**, we will meet in the music room at **7:30am** for a quick rehearsal and then sing the anthem at the 8:00 and 9:00 worship services. All are welcome to take part. The music will be both fun and accessible for all ability levels so don't hesitate to give it a try.

St. Luke's Chorale Fall Season Begins Soon!

The 2010-11 season of the St. Luke's Chorale will begin rehearsals on our new night and time; **Wednesday, September 1 from 6:45 - 8:15 pm**. Highlights for this fall include joining forces with the Mad City Brass Quintet, The Camerata String Quartet, a number of university and professional instrumentalists and the highlight of the fall, the reprise of our Cantata from 2008, "The Winter Rose" with a 28 piece University Orchestra. If you have any thoughts about being a part of the St. Luke's Chorale, this is the year to take the plunge! Here are the requirements:

- Be enthusiastic about praising God through music.
- Be able to sing in tune. No music reading ability is necessary.
- Commit to an average of 3 Rehearsals and 2 Sundays per month. (The larger the choir, the more flexible we can be with time commitments.)
- Be ready to have a LOT of fun!

*High voices (Soprano and Tenor) are especially needed this year, but most of all, we need voices of all kinds to take part.

*Parents with young families are also encouraged. This year, rehearsal will be in conjunction with Wednesday Night Church Night. We will have classes and activities for middle school aged youth as well as child care for younger children. In addition, we will be having a family dinner on most nights.

Any questions, including questions about attendance flexibility, contact Alex Gillespie, director of music at: 831-6084 or agillespie@stlukes-elca.org

Inviting All 4-year old Through 8th Grade Singers!

The Cherub Choir is for 4-year olds through 2nd grade. Rehearsals start **September 1 from 5:00 - 5:30 pm** and sing for the first time on **September 12**.

The St. Luke's Choristers includes all singers from 3rd grade through 8th grade! Rehearsals will start **September 1 at 5:45 - 6:30 pm** and will sing September 12th for the first time. Also new this year is a retreat for Choristers on **September 18**. More details to come on this fun event.

I look forward to seeing old and new faces! Rehearsals will take place in the choir room. Any questions contact Shannon Johnson at Johnsonshan@gmail.com or the church office at 831-6084.

Volunteers needed for a new "Special Events Committee"

This fall, we will be forming a new committee to help with the planning and presenting of special arts and musical events that will be held at St. Luke's. The members of the committee, moderated by the Director of Music, will use their God given gifts of hospitality and meal/reception planning, advertising, hosting and other areas depending on needs, interest and ability at concerts and events such as the Christmas cantata, Rally Day, college touring ensembles, hymn sings and other arts outreach events. Watch your newsletter and look for more information and an interest sign up at the Rally Sunday Ministry Fair on **Sunday, September 12**.



**New Member Class
September 21, 7pm**

Sunday School/Children/Family Ministries



Pastor Heather Lampert

Sunday School

Registrations

Thank you so much to all families who have already registered for next year! Pastor Heather has a good number, but there's still time for you to register. There are green forms at the Information Center, in the church office, and you can download from the website. We will again offer both times – 9:00 and 10:00am – and ask that you register for one particular time for your children. We understand that occasionally there may be a need to go to the other time, but register for the time you will most often be attending.

Volunteers

We always need more hands to help with Sunday School! If you have been looking for a place to get involved – whether you have kids in Sunday school or not! – this is the place. We have coordinators, teachers, helpers, art helpers, music helpers, and organizational help needs. With over 200 kids in two separate Sunday Schools, you can imagine that we need your help! Thanks to all who have faithfully helped in this past year!

Children and Family Ministry

Pastor Heather is planning monthly Family events beginning in September. They will always be on the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month. Put these events on your calendar now!

- September 18** Apples and Pumpkins at Neal and Connie Bickler's Farm
- October 16** Hayride and S'mores at Elver Park
- November 20** Thanksgiving event at church
- December 18** Children's Christmas Program and reception

Celebrating time together as families is an important part of our faithful lives. Please come to be a part of these times together as families and invite other families to come as well. For more information or to be more involved, please contact Pastor Heather. Hope you can join us!

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Don't forget: Rally Day September 12
 Sunday School begins September 19

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Women's Ministry

There already exist many ways for the women of this congregation to be a part of ministry, but Pastor Heather is putting together some very intentional groups and events just for you! On Rally Sunday, **September 12**, there will be a table for Women's Ministry activities and groups in order for you to find out more and figure out where you'd like to be involved.

Here are some of the events we have planned so far:

October 1 - 3, 2010 Women's Retreat – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Focus on the joyfulness in your life for a couple of days!! Sign ups will begin soon so watch for more information.

November 29 Advent by Candlelight

Join us again this year for our second annual preparation for Christ's Birth!

February 2011 Women's Retreat to prepare for Lent (specific date TBD)

May 2011 Mother/Child Tea (specific date TBD)

Pastor Heather is also planning many and various groups beginning in the fall that will be specifically for women to join together in discussion, prayer, and support of each other. If you have questions or would like to be involved, please contact her (hlampert@stlukes-elca.org or 831-6084 ext. 15).

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry Kick-Off

Are you a young adult looking for a way to connect with your peers at St. Luke's? If so, YOU are invited to help create the new Young Adult Ministry at St. Luke's by attending a kick-off planning session on **Thursday, August 12, at 6:30pm**. We'll meet at the church and if the weather is nice we'll walk down to Capital Brewery to discuss options. Please RSVP by **August 11**.

Contact Adam Erickson with questions at 831-6084, ext. 18 or aerickson@stlukes-elca.org.

Young Adult Small Groups Forming Soon

Beginning **August 15**, young adults will have the opportunity to become part of a small group (8-12 people) that will meet weekly for six weeks, classes will begin in October.

Youth and Confirmation



Adam Erickson

Go to www.stlukes-elca.org for full descriptions and permission forms for each event. Contact Adam Erickson with any questions: aerickson@stlukes-elca.org; 831-6084, ext. 18

Watch Youth Ministry Videos Online!

Check out the video from the High School mission trip at www.stlukes-elca.org in the Youth & Family section.

Make Your Mark on Youth Ministry by Volunteering

Volunteers of all ages (young adults, parents, singles, couples, grandparents) are needed. Some of the volunteers needed for the 2010-2011 program year are: small group leaders and hosts, day trip chaperones, weekend retreat chaperones, summer experience chaperones, youth group facilitators, fundraising coordinators, confirmation administrative help, and set-up and tear down volunteers. Contact Adam to find out where you will make your mark this year!

Middle & High School Service Opportunity

August 21, 12 – 2pm: Food Pantry Service

Help stock the shelves at MOM's Food Pantry! Serve Jesus and make a difference. We will meet at the food pantry at 2pm. There's room for 8 people, so sign up NOW!

Middle School Ministry

Fall 2010 Middle School Events

Mark your calendars now, plan to attend, and invite your friends for these fun-filled activities during the fall semester!

September 10, 8pm – **September 11**, 7am – Kick-Off Lock In

October 8, 7-10:30pm – Haunted Forest and Bonfire

November 12, 8:45am - 3pm – Rock Climbing and Rappelling

December 22, 3-9pm – Snow Tubing

Receive Text Message Alerts! To receive FREE text messages about St. Luke's middle or high school ministry, including early-bird prices, registration deadlines and news and updates, go to <http://www.broadtexter.com/stlukes-middleschool> or <http://www.broadtexter.com/stlukeshighschool>. Standard text messaging rates apply.

Dick Bennett to Speak at St. Luke's

Former UW Men's basketball coach, Dick Bennett, will speak at a dinner for grandparents/parents and their children on **Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00pm** in Friendship Hall. Coach Bennett will share some of his success with athletics as well as his faith. This is a "don't want to miss" event. For more information, please contact Randy Riemer, Business Manager (rriemer@stlukes-elca.org).

Classes Begin September 8

If your 6th - 9th grade student is registered for "Mini Course #1," note that classes begin on **Wednesday, September 8**. Contact Adam with any questions.

Youth Group -Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm begins September 8th

Come to youth group and bring a friend for these fun games!

Sept. 8	Sept. 15	Sept. 22	Sept. 29
The Big Squeeze	Balance the Bucket	YOU be the Band!	The Goldfish
Blind Dodge Ball	Blowdart Basketball		Gauntlet
Balloon Squash	Count It Out		Can-Can
Fly Swatter Hockey			Chariot Race

High School Small Groups Forming Soon

Beginning **August 12**, students in grades 10-12 will have the opportunity to become part of a small group (8-12 people) that will meet weekly for six weeks, classes will begin in October.

Fall 2010 High School Events

Mark your calendars now, plan to attend and invite your friends for these fun activities during the fall semester!

September 11, 3 - 7pm – Paintball

October 9, 8am - 8pm – Fright Fest at Six Flags

October 28 - 30 – Lutheran College Tour

November 13, 8pm - **November 14**, 7am – Homeless Night Out

December 3 - 5 – LYO High School Youth Gathering

December 23, 8am - 8pm – Feed My Starving Children & Shopping in Chicago

Confirmation Registration for 2010-2011

If you are intending to enter your incoming 6th - 9th grade student in confirmation, contact Adam Erickson as soon as possible to set up a registration appointment.

Pastoral Acts (7/1 - 7/31)

Funerals: Lillian Lenore Giesler, July 13, 2010

George David Solner, July 13, 2010

Roger Lee Schumann, July 15, 2010



Senior Ministries



ST. LUKE'S SENIOR MINISTRY
Opening New Doors

Gene Gray Rob Gibson Alice Ohlrogge

New Books For Library

In honor of Barbara Quirk who spoke at Golden Opportunities in April, we have purchased two books for the library. They are:

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible - An excellent interpretation of the components of the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Milwaukee Public Museum.

The 12 Rules of Grandparenting - A very fine book for grandparents or grandparents to be. Many useful tips for grandparenting are included.

Fall Color Trip October 11

Our fall color trip this year will take us north exploring back roads and seeing new sights. The trip will be by comfortable motor coach and feature a variety of experiences.

The complete itinerary:

- Leave St. Luke's by motor coach at 8:30am
- 10:15 a hay ride and guided tour of Bison Ridge Ranch in Montello
- 11:45 stop at Maggie Mae's Restaurant for lunch (you can order from menu)
- 1:00 return trip to Middleton via surprise route

Cost is \$25 for transportation and tour with registration beginning **August 15**. Space is limited 30 people.

Zumba Gold and Yoga Offered This Fall

We will be offering these classes again this fall. The cost will be \$45 for an entire six week session or \$25 for any three weeks of class. Zumba Gold will be offered on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm and Saturdays from 8:30-9:30am. Yoga will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. All classes are taught by a person fully trained and licensed in that particular area and all classes will be held here at St. Luke's in Friendship Hall. Sign up begins **August 8** at the Information Center.

Church Basement Ladies - A Second Helping and Les Miserables at Madison Overture

We are purchasing a number of discounted tickets for these shows. Soon tickets will be available for the **January 15, 1:00pm** performance of Church Basement Ladies and the **May 14, 2:00pm** performance of Les Miserables. Cost for Church Basement Ladies is \$38 and Les Miserables is \$50. Watch for further details as they become available. Sign up begins **August 8** on a first come first serve basis.

All of these events are open to members and non-members.

2010-2011 Golden Opportunities

A great program year of Golden Opportunities begins in September. We encourage members and non-members to join us for Golden Opportunities at 11:00am on the 3rd Thursday of the month, September through May. Golden Opportunities dates for 2010-2011 are: **September 16, October 21, November 18, December 9, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 14 and May 19.**

Upper Dells Boat Trip

What: A two hour boat trip on the Upper Dells

When: Monday, August 23 leaving St. Luke's at **8:30am**

Who: Anyone wishing to attend—space is limited

Cost: \$25 for boat trip and transportation. Lunch is not included and we will be stopping for lunch on our return.

Sign Up: At the Information Center on Sunday or Church Office during the week. Deadline is **August 15**.



Upper Dells boat tour on the Wisconsin River.



Caring Ministries



BECOME INVOLVED!

The Road Home relies on volunteers like you! Our congregation is scheduled to serve homeless families **August 15 - August 22**.

Please prepare your hearts and minds and hands to serve these very grateful families. *You can...*

- Volunteer your time and talents
- Prepare or serve a meal
- Involve your family or community group
- Provide financial support

Most Road Home families have young children in their care. The month of August presents a special "Wish List" request for diapers, sizes NB - 6. Please consider adding this item to your family shopping list. These donations can be dropped off at the St. Luke's church office. All donations are valuable to those in need and are appreciated. Every family should have a home. *Contact Gretchen Aiyenero today at: 608-827-6791 or The Road Home at: 608-294-7998 to become involved!*

Back to School Backpacks

September 1 is the start of another school year for many children in the Middleton and Madison school districts. St. Luke's has played an integral role in Middleton Outreach Ministry's program in providing backpacks and school supplies to children who are less fortunate. Last year, MOM and the other churches provided school supplies including backpacks to over 600 children. How can you help? Please review the "back-to-school" list included in the Invitation and drop school supplies off at MOM or St. Luke's. After the supplies are gathered they will be assembled at St. Luke's. Encourage your children to join you in assisting with the "packing" process. This is a great opportunity for your child to see you as an example of giving back to the community and making a difference. *Contact Michael Harty at 608-219-0593 with questions.*

Please pray for those in our congregation:

August 1, 2010

Joyce Schumann

Shirley Schunk

Kim Schutt-Chardon, Tomas, Gabriela

Kevin & Sue Schutz

John & Casey Schweitzer, Carter, Garrett

Obie & Ivy Schwenn

Jerry & Mary Schwoch

August 8, 2010

Kevin & Ruth Ann Scott, Andrew

Tom & Suzanne Scott, Danielle

Jim & Leslie Selkirk, Alyssa, Alexander

Pat Senter

John Shaub

Nancy & Jim Sheridan

Dennis & Debbie Sherraden, Collin, Brian, Aaron

August 15, 2010

Mark & Rachel Shikoski, Renee

Helen Shold

Anita Shumate, Aja

David & Susie Sieg

Bill & Betty Sime

Brian Sime

Kyle & Kristin Simon, Emersyn

August 22, 2010

David & Kathy Singstock

Charlie & Debi Sitkiewitz, Sarah, Shannon

Terry & Dorene Sivesind, Emily, Kane

Susan Skinner, Jarell, Selwyn, Joaquim, Shannon

Susan Small

Bryan & Ann Smith, Sarah, Eric

Jay & Susan Smith, Connor, Nolan

August 29, 2010

Larry & Norma Smith, Alec

Mike & Julie Smith, Shelby, Andrea, Kelsey

Steve & Amanda Smith

Todd Smith & Jill Bradshaw, Samuel, Sydney,

Allison, Avery

Lorayne Smythe

Gregory & Sandra Sobczak, Gabriel, Peter

Mike & Aimee Solheim, Jonah, Molly, Lilly, Lucy

Please pray for those serving our country in the Military, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps:

Chad Baures, Jess Denton, Matt Hammacher, Dan

Jackson, Nicholas Keller, Troy Kleinheinz, Kyle Malin,

Patrick McKenna, Andrew Olson, Kevin Olson, Michael

Parks, Will Sandberg, Shannon Skinner, and those who

have served in the past.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call 849-9024

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Bethel Series at St. Luke's

The Bethel Series is returning to St. Luke's. Considered by many to be one of the most comprehensive Bible studies, this 2 year course will be taught by longtime Bethel Bible Series teacher, Phyllis Anderson. Phyllis is a member of Bethel Lutheran Church in Madison and has not only taught the course for many years, but has personally visited the Holy Land, mastered the Greek language and even teaches Norwegian on the side.

The course will be taught at the student level and will run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings beginning in September. If you want your faith to grow, if you want to increase your biblical knowledge, if you want the Bible to make sense, then the Bethel Series is for you. You can sign up for this course by calling the Church Office or visiting the Information Center on Sunday mornings.

