

the Invitation

JULY, 2010

Worship Celebrations: Sundays at
8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am and 11:00am

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Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, ELCA
www.stlukes-elca.org

St. Luke's Annual Ice Cream Social

(Sponsored by Martha's Circle)

Thursday, July 15, in Friendship Hall

Serving from 4:00 - 6:30p.m.



- ◆ Enjoy barbeques ◆ vegetarian option ◆ hot dogs ◆ coleslaw ◆ chips
- ◆ Featuring great pies and creamy ice cream!

Bring your family and friends. Enjoy good food, good company and
Meg Ford at the piano.

*All proceeds will support Middleton Outreach Ministry and
St. Luke's Senior Ministry*



A Word From Your Senior Pastor



Pastor
Roger
Eigenfeld

It's summer...but fall is comin'!

Minnesota and Wisconsin share a common theme. Both of them have only two seasons – winter and road construction. In the church we, too, have two seasons. We're either deep into programs, worship and activities or we're preparing and planning for the next round to take place.

At St. Luke's we're getting very excited about our fall programming. Pastors, staff and congregational leaders have all been busy putting together plans for events and programs that are intended to not only make St. Luke's a stronger congregation, but will fulfill the basic task of any congregation – feeding the faith of those who call St. Luke's their church home.

Some of the things on the horizon include...

Wednesday Night is Church Night

One of the exciting things about being a part of a church community is actually connecting with other members. The process of rubbing shoulders with fellow members not only leads to new friendships, but also adds new energy when we gather in worship.

So, this fall Wednesday is the day when our walls will be busting with the sounds of young and old, new member as well as those who have been here a long time.

What's going to be happening?

- Confirmation classes for youth 6th through 9th grade from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Adult and children's choir rehearsals
- Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for the entire congregation
- Youth Fellowship from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for our 6th through 9th graders.
- Adult study groups

The return of the Bethel Series

Thanks to an offer from veteran Bethel Series teacher, Phyllis Anderson (a member of Bethel Lutheran in Madison) a two-year, intensive study of the Bible will be offered on Wednesday evenings. This 2.5 hour course will take you deep into scripture and offer you the chance to know the Bible as you've never known it

before. High commitment, but worth the effort.

Small Groups are coming

Pastor Heather, Adam Erickson and I are working at developing a new small group ministry program for St. Luke's that will give you the chance to share your faith with others in a way that will develop friendships and create new insights on how to live out your faith in the real world.

Women's and Children's Ministry

In the spring we set about restructuring our staff so that we could best meet the needs of every age and gender represented in our membership. Under the leadership of Pastor Heather a whole new dimension will be coming to our ministry with and to women, children and young families. Retreats, special events, monthly gatherings are all in the planning stages right now, but we're confident that when the dust settles you'll find new ministries that will help your faith grow.

Married Couples Events

Whoever heard of a church without a couples club? Well, we're one of them, but not for long. Plans are still in their infancy but before long you'll be able to connect with other married couples in events that will not only strengthen your marriage, but will give you the chance to get to know other couples from St. Luke's.

The bottom line?

We're here to help your faith grow! We're here to make your relationship with Jesus Christ one that is vibrant and exciting. We're here... and we want you to be here too! As the old camp song goes, "the more we get together, the happier we'll be!" So, come, join us, as together we grow in friendship and faith.

Pastor Roger Eigenfeld

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The Pastor's Perspective



Pastor Heather Lampert

“Sparklers”

I wrote about sparklers in last year's Invitation and can't resist thinking about it again. Sparklers are one of the best things about this time of year! Ah, the true sign of summer – the Fourth of July! It's time for all kinds of good things: thinking about our national freedom, family gatherings and cookouts, and being outside in the hot humid air of a Wisconsin summer! But one of the best things about this holiday for me is the fireworks – especially the sparklers. As soon as it's dark enough, we light these sticks of joy and write our name in the air. They hardly make a sound, but they can be so beautiful, and I never seem to tire of their noiseless beauty.

What if we were to symbolically approach life as if we were sparklers? It's not necessary to make a lot of noise (Lutherans are typically good at this anyway)! But we can bring beauty and light into the darkest of places in Jesus' name. Jesus talks about light a lot in the Gospels; here in Matthew 5:

Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (verses 14-16)

The last verse of this may sound familiar as it's traditionally part of the rite of baptism said about the baptismal candle. The parents, sponsors, and (if they're old enough) the baptismal candidate are asked to let their new light in Christ shine for all to see. Not so that they draw attention to themselves, but so that others will be able to glorify God.

As you light your sparklers again this year, please recall this verse and our baptismal call to reflect the light of Christ for all to see and give glory to God!

Pastor Heather

Women's Ministry

Women of St. Luke's!! Starting this fall there will be so many ways for you to be connected to each other as well as to God. On Rally Sunday (September 12), there will be a table for Women's Ministry activities and small groups in order for you to find out more and figure out where you'd like to be involved.

Here are some events to look forward to as well:

October 1-3, 2010 **Women's Retreat** – “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Focus on the joyfulness in your life for a couple of days!!

November 29 **Advent by Candlelight**

Join us again this year for our second annual preparation for Advent

February 2011 **Women's Retreat**
Prepare for Lent (date TBD)

May 2011 **Mother/Child Tea** (date TBD)

In addition to these events, there will be many and various small 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, please contact Pastor Heather (hlampert@stlukes-elca.org or 831-6084 x15).

Middleton Outreach Ministry

MOM Item of the Month

St. Luke's items for the month of July are non-perishable lunch items for kids (snack pack pudding, bag of pretzels, granola bars etc.).

Please place donations in the wooden boxes near the

Friendship Hall entrance. **Thank you!**

Youth and Family

Pastor
Heather
Lampert



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

Summer 2010



Summer Servants - August 9-12

Students in grades 4-6 (completed) are warmly invited to participate in a week of serving others through a camp called "Summer Servants" in partnership with West Middleton Lutheran Church. Each day we'll meet from **9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at St. Luke's and spend time performing community service around town. Please see the Summer Ministry Booklet (available at the Information Center or online) for full details. **REGISTRATION FOR THIS CAMP WILL CLOSE ON JULY 6.**

Middle School Ministry

Receive Text Message Alerts!

To receive text messages about St. Luke's middle school ministry, including special early-bird prices, registration deadlines, and late-breaking news and updates, go to <http://www.broadtexter.com/stlukesmiddleschool>. This is a FREE service, although standard text messaging rates apply.

High School Ministry

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Pink Flamingos...THEY'RE COMING!

Rumor has it that a flock of flamingos will be returning to the yards of members and friends of St. Luke's later this summer. Students participating in some of the summer trips at St. Luke's are determining where these birds will land and won't land by selling "Flock a Friend" order forms and "Flamingo Insurance" – you see, the only thing that will make these unusual flamingos get up and move is money... a \$20 donation to the Youth and Family Ministries of St. Luke's to be exact. The best part about these pink flamingos is that they will let YOU decide where they will end up each day! For an additional \$20 donation you can send these pink creatures to a friend's yard. You can also keep the flock out of your yard by purchasing a \$20 insurance policy.



To purchase insurance or send the flamingos to someone's home, contact Adam Erickson.

All proceeds from the flamingos benefit St. Luke's Youth.

High School Mission Trip

Twelve high school students from St. Luke's will be heading to Hindman, Kentucky for a week of mission work through a program called "Sharing With Appalachian People" (SWAP). They may end up painting homes, putting tin roofs on trailer homes, gutting bathrooms, or any other kind of home repair projects as needed. The students participating are: Allie Nelson, Dana Hungness, Jen Grooms, Carly Kirkpatrick, Josh Larson, Sydnie Lund, Allie Mucks, Jonah Solheim, Amy Wohlleber, Robbie Hyne, Justin Lutz, and Derek Ketelboeter. Please pray for these students and the homeowners they will be working with.

Sunday School and Confirmation

Confirmation 2010-2011

All students currently in grades 5-8 should have received a registration packet and appointment for Confirmation 2010-2011. Individual registration appointments were conducted in May. If you did not receive a registration packet or would like to enroll your student in confirmation, please contact the church office and speak with Adam Erickson.



Caring Ministries

IHN (The Road Home)

Do you know how valuable your kindness is? Take heart in knowing that your contributions to The Road Home help our homeless neighbors achieve fundamental stability. Families' futures are dependent on the compassion and assistance you provide. A big Thank You to everyone who shared God's love and helped out in May!

This is a second request to establish a Moving Coordinator. Again, the task is to arrange a moving truck and move families' belongings to the next local host church. If you feel moved by the spirit to accept this role please contact Gretchen Aiyenero at 608-827-6791.

Discover your caring potential and get to know others; sign-up to participate during our upcoming **August 15 – August 22** host week. There are a variety of ways to help. Volunteers can donate supplies, deliver a hot meal, entertain guests, or even stay overnight at the church. With your help and God's blessing, grand results come from such simple gestures.



As part of the Caring Ministry of St. Luke's, which supports Middleton Outreach Ministry in many different facets, a MOM committee will be formed within St. Luke's to explore measures of how we can grow MOM internally and support this great community organization. If you are interested in creating a MOM foundation for the future of community outreach through St. Lukes, please contact Michael Harty at 219-0593.

Music

Summer Choir Opportunities

Mark your calendars now and plan to come and sing at one of our two summer choir Sundays. All are welcome and the music will be both fun and easy to sing. You do not need to have sung in any St. Luke's choirs in the past to be a part so just show up and praise God through song. The two dates we will sing are: **Sunday, July 18th** and **Sunday August 15th**. We will rehearse promptly at **7:30am** on the Sunday we will be singing. If you have any questions, feel free to call Alex at the church office or between services on Sunday morning.



A Special Message for Summer Travelers

Would you find it helpful to have your offerings debited directly from your bank account as you probably do with other obligations? St. Luke's offers electronic giving for those of you who wish to have contributions transferred electronically to the church's account. If you have plans to travel this summer, electronic giving provides you a convenient way to keep up with your intended offerings. Interested? Please contact Randy Riemer, Business Manager, 608- 831-6084, rriemer@stlukes-elca.org.



Senior Ministries



ST. LUKE'S SENIOR MINISTRY
Opening New Doors

Gene Gray Rob Gibson Alice Ohlrogge

Summer Travel Programs

These continue in July in Friendship Hall. Programs are open to anyone, are approximately 85 minutes in length with lemonade and popcorn served. Future programs scheduled are:

July 14 at 1:00 pm--Rails Across Russia featuring a train trip across the vast Russian nation highlighting the many sights along the way.

July 28 at 1:00 pm--A Visit to Germany featuring a tour of this diverse country featuring it's people, scenery and highlights.

Both of these films are current and have been produced by professional travelers.

Senior Newsletter

The next Senior Newsletter will be the September/October issue which will feature the upcoming fall program and listing of the 2010-2011 Golden Opportunities programs. Be sure to watch the Invitation and the weekly Newsletter for news of Senior Adult Ministry offerings for July and August.

Upper Dells Boat Tour

Enjoy a two hour trip in the beautiful Upper Dells. The narrated tour will take us to Stand Rock, Witches Gulch and to many more scenic places. We will also experience an optional short walk through a sandstone formation. A trip for you to have your camera. After our boat ride we will stopping for a light lunch.



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

Cost: \$25 for boat trip and transportation (lunch not included)

Registration: At the Information Center (We must have a minimum of 20 participants)



Upper Dells boat tour on the Wisconsin River.



Interested in an *E* Invitation?

Did you know that *the Invitation* (St. Luke's newsletter) is mailed out each month? Did you know that you can receive an *E* (electronic) version of the Invitation (over 200 St. Luke's families are receiving this)? This will reduce postage costs, and is more environmentally considerate than receiving the *Invitation* in the mail.

Interested?? Just e-mail us (stlukes@stlukes-elca.org) your email address with your request, and begin receiving an *E* version of *the Invitation*.



St. Luke's Box Scores

Anticipated Offerings to Date: \$452,699
Actual Offerings to Date: \$526,990
Ahead \$74,291 *Primarily from Building a Bridge
Pledges paid in advance

St. Luke's Gardens

Second Saturday

Our St. Luke's facility and grounds need some TLC. Come lend a hand on the "Second Saturday" of **July (10th)** at 8:00 am. Volunteers will split up into teams to help spread mulch, paint, clean, and miscellaneous repairs. Rain or shine, we have much that can be accomplished both in and out of doors. Wear some work clothes, a pair of gloves, and bring a fun attitude. Families are welcome. Typically we work from 8:00am until around noon. Bring garden & hand tools if you have them. Meet in the main parking lot.



Garden Memorials

You may honor God and your loved ones for seasons to come, through the giving of perennials and annual plants that will grace our gardens.

These gifts may be given in any amount... for memorials of a loved one, Father's Day, birthdays and anniversaries or for the Glory of God.

Contributions will be long lasting throughout the year and years to come.



St. Luke's gardens

Please pray for those in our congregation:

July 4, 2010

*Dick & Amy Russell, Brennan, Hadley
Andrea Rutledge, Perry Boyd
Neal Salyapongse & LaRynda Thoen, Aria, Zoe
Louise Santi
Janice Sarbacher
Phil & Becky Sautebin, Alaina, Maya
Rose H. Schaber*

July 11, 2010

*Don & Sherry Ann Schaefer
Ken Schaefer
Kevin & Shannon Schaefer, Karl
Ronald & Monica Schaller
Carol Schara
Arlene Schewe
Marguerite Schewe*

July 18, 2010

*Christine & Cletus Schjonberg, Olivia, Grace
Sarah Schliem
Bonnie Schlimgen
Bill & Nette Schlinsog
Rich & Jennifer Schmidt, Katie, Alex
Sarah Schmidt
Brittany Schmidt-Hess, Masen*

July 25, 2010

*Gary Schmidt-Hess & Sheri Crawford, Ryan
Betty & Larry Schmitz, Erica, Jeff, Aaron
Jim & Felicia Schoenenberger, Carly, McKenna
Mike & Liz Schoonveld, Nolan, Erika
Eric & Jenny Schroeder, Ella, Abby
Eric & Carrie Schuettpelz, David
Johathan Schultz, Courtney*

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.

Pastoral Acts (5/1 - 6/30)

Baptisms: *Adriana Suzanne Davis, May 9, 2010
Drew Thomas Kastman, May 9, 2010
Emma Firehiwot Lampert, May 23, 2010
Stella Jane Tomalin, June 6, 2010
Laura Geneva Engbloom, June 13, 2010
Jacob Samuel McClelland, June 13, 2010*

Funerals: *Martin C. "Pete" Peterson, June 10, 2010*

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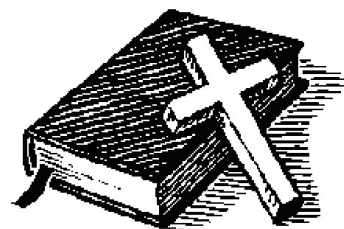
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Something New Coming to St. Luke's...

The Bethel Series is coming back to St. Luke's. This wonderful Internationally known Bible course will be taught at the 2-year intensive Discipleship/Teacher Training level. It requires no special knowledge and gives the student an overview of the whole Bible, relating concepts and events in a way that enriches one's faith and commitment in life changing ways. It does require study, memory work and writing tests but those that complete the course always testify to how happy they are to have taken it. More information will be forthcoming.