

# Youth & Confirmation



ADAM ERICKSON

**CONFIRMATION.** Contact Adam Erickson to register your incoming 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grader for the 2011-2012 confirmation program. Information booklets are available at the Information Center or online at [www.stlukes-elca.org](http://www.stlukes-elca.org).

**CONFIRMATION J-TERM CLASSES.** J-Term classes for students and parents will take place from 6:30-7:30pm on **Wednesday, January 18.**

**CONFIRMATION SUMMER EXPERIENCE 2012.** If you are enrolled in confirmation then you are encouraged to participate in your class' summer experience (even if you enrolled in track 2 or 3)! Complete information is available at the St. Luke's website.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Pine Lake Confirmation Camp - **June 17-22, 2012** - \$375

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Pedal and Paddle - **June 24-29, 2012** - \$375

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Roller Coasters & Jesus - **July 30 - August 3, 2012** - \$375

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade:** High School Mission Trip - **July 8-14, 2012** - \$550 *OR* Rocky Mountain Backpacking - **July 20-29, 2012** - \$500.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SNOW TUBING - MONDAY, JANUARY 23.** There's no school, so let's spend the day snow tubing down Cascade Mountain's 800 foot hill! We'll leave St. Luke's at **9am** and return at **5pm**. This is a **FREE** event, but you must sign up by **Sunday, January 15**. The cost of food and drinks are on your own, or pack a lunch to save money!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - WEDNESDAYS FROM 7:30-8:30PM.** Middle school students are invited to youth group. We spend our time running around playing crazy games and having fun. *All are welcome!*

**THE ROCK & WORSHIP ROADSHOW - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4.** Middle school students are invited to spend an evening listening to great music at the *Rock & Worship Roadshow* at the Coliseum. We'll leave St. Luke's at **3:30pm** and return at **10:30pm**. The cost is \$10 (bring extra money for food and drinks). Register by **Wednesday, February 1**. There's room for 14 so sign up now!

**SUPER BOWL TAILGATE - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1-3PM.** High school students are invited to prepare for the Super Bowl by coming to a tailgate, featuring brats, burgers, and hot dogs along with a montage of some of the best commercials from Super Bowls past! There's no cost, but sign up by **Wednesday, February 1**.

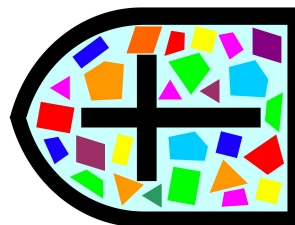
**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - SUNDAYS FROM 6:30-8PM.** All high school students are encouraged to come to high school youth group **Sunday evenings** from **6:30-8pm**. Our schedule includes "Extreme Games" on **January 15**, a night of service on **January 22**, and going bowling on **January 29**. *All are welcome!*

**HIGH SCHOOL ICE SKATING - FRIDAY, JANUARY 20.** Finals are finished so spend the evening ice skating or playing hockey at Vilas Park! We'll meet at the church at **8:50pm** and return by **11:30pm**. This is a **FREE** event (concession items are available for purchase). Sign up by **Sunday, January 15**. *Let's hope for great ice by then!*

**FINALS WEEK STUDY CENTRAL.** Tuesday, January 17-19, **8am - 5pm**, the church building will be open for studying. Rooms in the Education Wing offer Wi-Fi access and a quiet place. If you have a study group, bring them here and claim one of the classrooms. Friendship Hall will be open at various times for basketball/volleyball (a schedule of availability will be posted each day). We'll have food throughout the day - some healthy, some not. Contact Adam with any questions.

**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP PLANNED FOR SUMMER 2012.** St. Luke's is heading back to Kentucky for the high school mission trip **July 8-14, 2012!** All students currently in grades 9-12 are encouraged to participate. Complete information can be found online. A \$200 deposit is required to sign up. Total cost is \$550. The first 22 students to register get to go so register now!

St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
7337 Hubbard Avenue  
Middleton, WI 53562-3115



*Sunday Worship Celebrations:*

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- 9:00am**
- 10:00am**
- 11:00am**

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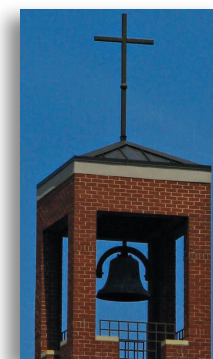


**POLAR BEAR PLUNGE - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.** High school students are invited to be a part of St. Luke's Polar Plunge team! We'll have a blast and help raise funds for Special Olympics! Each plunger needs to raise a minimum of \$75 in order to participate. Sign up online, or at the Information Center and Adam will be in contact with you about how to be a part of this great event.

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# Saint Luke's TOWER

**JANUARY 16-31, 2012**

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Pastors Roger Eigenfeld and Heather Lampert



## Women's Ministry

*Upcoming  
Winter Retreat*

Sign up now for the next women's retreat on the weekend of **February 10-11, 2012** at the lovely Prairie Center at Bethel Horizons in Dodgeville. We will be talking about faithfully going through times of transition, and we've all been there. Relationships, jobs, family situations, life itself -- it all changes! How can God be a vital part of all our transitions? Make plans to join Pastor Heather for this time of renewal and growth. Please contact her for more details.

## St. Luke's Annual Meeting *Monday, February 6, 2012*

Join us on **Monday, February 6** for the St. Luke's Annual Meeting. It begins with dinner (\$5.00 per person) and entertainment at **6:00pm**. The meeting begins at **7:00pm**. Items of business will include reports from the staff, committees and Church Council; election to Church Council, and presentation of the 2012 budget.

In addition, the Church Council is proposing a resolution to make changes to the St. Luke's Constitution. This will be the second required vote on the updated constitution. The Council is also proposing a second resolution which will revise the Personnel Committee to reflect our current employment procedures. Several copies of the Constitution are available for your review at the Information Center. A task force member will be available to discuss these changes during the **9:00am** and **10:00am** services of **January 29**, and **February 5** in Friendship Hall.

## *Come One, Come All to the Winter Carnival!!*

Looking for a way to beat the mid-winter blues? Come celebrate the ministries of St. Luke's on **Sunday, January 29, all morning** in Friendship Hall. There will be games, prizes, and surprises for all ages. Food and beverages will be provided as well as the opportunity to discover ways to share your faith, time, and talents. *Watch the weekly Announcements for more exciting details.*



# From Your Senior Pastor



PASTOR ROGER EIGENFELD

## Welcome Julie Cruz

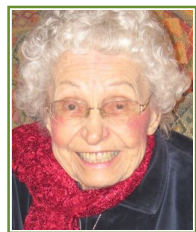
In the middle of December a new face became a part of the St. Luke's staff. Her name is Julie Cruz – our new Volunteer and Senior Adult Ministry Coordinator. When Gene Gray decided to leave his role of leading the Senior Adult Ministry program of St. Luke's back in September, we began to think about how we could best configure this position to not only build upon the excellent program Gene has put in place for senior adults, but to expand the duties of this position to include the recruiting and coordination of volunteers. Julie Cruz has become that person.



Julie Cruz

One of the pluses Julie brings to this new role is the fact that she has been a member of St. Luke's for over ten years. Her face is known to many as well as her knowledge of the membership of our congregation. It means Julie can hit the ground running as she builds upon the strong program for senior adults that is already in place as well as taking on the task of inviting more and more of our members to take advantage of opportunities to volunteer. And, as many have already discovered, it's by becoming involved in teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, serving as an usher, or helping in the office that a sense of connecting with the ministry of St. Luke's can be found. In fact, it's in volunteering that most people discover new friendships and develop a bond with other members that will last for decades.

So, when you get a phone call or letter from Julie inviting you to participate in the life of St. Luke's our hope is that you'll say "Yes!" and become one of a growing number who are helping our congregation to become more effective as we spread the good news of Jesus Christ to young and old alike.



Isabel Lienau

## Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Isabel Lienau!



Isabel Lienau, who regularly attends the 9am service, will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on **Sunday, January 22**. We will be recognizing this milestone birthday with cake after the 9am service on **January 22**. Plan on stopping by to wish Isabel "Happy 100<sup>th</sup>!" and to enjoy some cake. If you would like, bring a birthday card to help express your wishes to Isabel!

## Upcoming Membership Information Night

Tuesday, February 21 • 7:00 - 9:00pm • All are Welcome!

If you are without a church home we invite you to become a part of our growing family here at St. Luke's. Our next *Membership Information Night* will be **Tuesday, February 21**, from 7-9pm. New members would then be formally received **Sunday, March 4**, at any of our four morning worship services. Child care will be provided for those with that need. Contact Julie Murray at 831-6084, or [jmurray@stlukes-elca.org](mailto:jmurray@stlukes-elca.org) to sign up.

# Sunday School/Children/Family Ministries



PASTOR HEATHER LAMPERT

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Luke's offers Sunday school classes for children are 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade during our 9am or 10am worship services. Registration can be turned in any time and the form can be found online or at our Information Center. Pastor Heather is still in need of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers at 9am for this semester. Please contact her for more information.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY - JANUARY FAMILY EVENT

Our January Family Event is a game night including pizza on **Saturday, January 21**, from 3-6pm. There's no cost for this event - just bring a game, a snack and your friends! Last year we had so much fun shedding some cabin fever and having fun! Sign up today.

## New Class Taught by Pastor Heather

"Getting a Grip: Finding Balance in Your Daily Life" is the focus of a six-week bible study led by Pastor Heather. This class meets on **Monday evenings** from 6-7:30pm and began on **January 9**, but anyone interested is still welcome! Childcare is available. The cost is \$8 for the book. *Please join us* - contact Pastor Heather today!

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Adam is looking for middle and high school students, as well as several adult mentors who are interested in helping shape the middle and high school ministries here at St. Luke's. We meet each month from 6:30 - 8pm. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 7**. Pizza will be served. For more information, please contact Adam at 831-6084 ext. 18, or [aerickson@stlukes-elca.org](mailto:aerickson@stlukes-elca.org).



## Small Group Ministry

### Connections ST. LUKE'S SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Would you like to see your spiritual life grow in ways you can't at this moment imagine? That is what's possible through the power of small groups. The challenge is this: *spend one hour a week growing your spiritual life in a small group during Lent*. Watch for more details and begin praying about your involvement in this challenge!



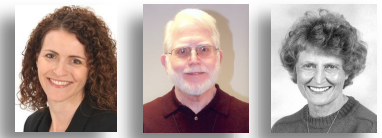
### Please pray for those serving our country in the Military, Peace Corps, AmeriCorps:

Jess Denton, Dan Jackson, Nicholas Keller, Troy Kleinheinz, Patrick McKenna, Andrew Olson, Thomas Schadeberg and those who have served in the past.



To start the prayer chain call Ruth Brooks at 849-9024.

# Senior Ministries



JULIE CRUZ ROB GIBSON ALICE OHLROGGE

## SENIOR MINISTRY BULLETIN BOARD

For news about events and Senior Ministry programs, be sure to check the bulletin board near the entrance to Friendship Hall and the electronic message board.

## NEXT GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

► **Thursday, January 19, beginning at 11am.** The program will begin with a presentation by Winston Persaud entitled "Life in Christ in the Maturing Years." This presentation will be followed by a free will offering lunch. After lunch, Judy Miyagawa of the Arthritis Foundation will give a presentation entitled "Getting a Little Movement in Your Day." *Call the Church Office ahead of time to reserve your lunch.* Sign up deadline is **Sunday, January 15**.

## JOIN THE GRUMPY OLD MEN GROUP

► **Tuesdays, beginning February 14 at 1:30pm.** This is a "fellow"-ship, spiritual gathering for men 65+ in an informal setting. There is NO homework! The group will meet for 10 weekly sessions in room 207. *Please join us!*

## NEW YOGA CLASS SCHEDULE

► **Mondays at 5:30pm. January 9, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20.**  
 ► **Tuesdays at 5:45pm. January 10, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21.** *Note - There will be no classes on January 16 & 17.*

Cost is \$45 for all six classes, \$25 for any three or \$10 each individual session.

## NEW ZUMBA CLASS SESSION 1

► **Thursday at 5:30-6:30pm. January 5, 12, 19, 26.** *\*Special New Year Offer!*

\*Cost is *reduced* to \$25 for all four classes, or \$10 for each individual class. *Plus*, for the entire month bring a friend for only \$5 (one \$5 drop in per new student).

*These classes are in Friendship Hall and are open to to all St. Luke's members as well as non-members. You can sign up for classes in the Church Office, or at the session itself.*

## PLEASE EMAIL US YOUR EMAILS!

To more effectively and efficiently communicate with the members of St. Luke's, we would like to have you email us your emails. We can include this contact information in our membership database, and this can be used to communicate. Emails would save postage and paper. This email list would be used only to communicate with our members and this would not be sold.



If you are interested, please send your email address to: [stlukes@chorus.net](mailto:stlukes@chorus.net). *Thank you to those members who have already provided us this information.*

## Caring Ministries



IHN - THE ROAD HOME

## THE ROAD HOME NEEDS YOUR HELP!

St. Luke's is part of the Road Home program, an organization that provides shelter, food, and support for homeless families. In order to continue this worthwhile ministry, St. Luke's is in need of more volunteers! We are in need of more overnight hosts; if you can sleep, you can help! We also need a new moving helper, who would drive a U-Haul truck to the next host church.

In addition to volunteers, we are in need of gently used toys for the children to play with while they are at our church. If you can help, please contact either Rhonda Stauske at 836-9812 [rstauske@merr.com](mailto:rstauske@merr.com), or Robin Zimmerman at 279-9881 [robin.zimmerman@promega.com](mailto:robin.zimmerman@promega.com).