

Youth & Confirmation



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Go to www.stlukes-elca.org for full descriptions and to register for each event. Contact Adam Erickson with any questions at aerickson@stlukes-elca.org; or 831-6084 extension 18.

CONFIRMATION. Contact Adam Erickson to register your incoming 6th-9th grader for the 2011-2012 confirmation program. Information booklets are available at the Information Center or online at www.stlukes-elca.org.

CONFIRMATION J-TERM CLASSES. J-Term classes for students and parents will take place from 6:30-7:30pm on **Wednesdays, January 4 and 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.

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

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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP. 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!

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY. Middle school students are invited to a Christmas Party on **Wednesday, December 21,** from **6:30-8pm.** A lasagna dinner will be provided. Please bring a \$5-\$10 white elephant gift (ask Adam if you have any questions).

MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCTIC BLAST - FEBRUARY 3-5, 2012. Prepare for an awesome weekend of fun! Hit the slopes, join a team for the broomball tournament, compete in snow football, or do some ice skating on the pond. The cost is \$130, which includes 2 nights, 4 meals and transportation. Register by **Sunday, January 8.** There is room for 13.

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.** We'll start with pizza, snacks and hang-out time from **6:30-7pm,** share in a brief time of worship at 7:00 led by the high school praise band, and then do things like play games, discuss the theme from worship or do service work. *All are welcome!*

HIGH SCHOOL SKI/SNOWBOARD AT CASCADE - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22. On the first day of winter break we're planning to meet at the church at **8am** and go to Cascade Mountain (returning at **10pm**). Cost of \$40 is for lift ticket and transportation. If you need it, equipment rental is \$24 extra. Register by **Wednesday, December 7.** Only room for 14, so sign up now!

HIGH SCHOOL URBAN IMMERSION SERVICE RETREAT & MOA - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22. On this retreat we'll go to Minneapolis and try to discover what factors contribute to poverty and then spend time doing service work as well. Part of Monday we'll go to the Mall of America before returning. Cost is \$150, which includes 3 nights, 5 meals and transportation. Register by **Sunday, December 18.** There is room for 14, so sign up now!

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2012 PLEDGE CARD REMINDER...

We are in the final stages of preparing our 2012 budget and we need your pledge to assist in presenting a balanced budget. Your stewardship participation is vital to the ongoing ministry programs that are offered at St. Luke's. Please let the church office know if you need another 2012 pledge card. Thank you for your help in our stewardship efforts and call Randy Riemer, St. Luke's Business Manager, if you have any additional questions at 831-6084.

DECEMBER 16-31, 2011

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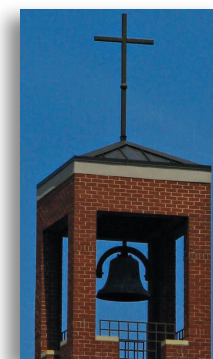
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Sunday Worship Celebrations:

- 8:00am
- 9:00am
- 10:00am
- 11:00am

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Saint Luke's TOWER

DECEMBER 16-31, 2011

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Pastors Roger Eigenfeld and Heather Lampert



Sunday School Christmas Program

Saturday, December 17 • 4:30pm • Rehearsal at 10am

On Saturday, December 17 at 4:30pm our children will present the story of Christ's birth for one and all! There will be a rehearsal that morning at 10am for all children. Also, plan to stay for a time of fellowship afterwards - with treats for everyone. If you are able to help on that day, please contact Pastor Heather for more information. Please note that there will be *no Sunday School classes* on December 18, 25, or January 1.

Christmas at St. Luke's Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship



2:30pm • 4:00pm • 5:30pm
7:00pm • 9:00pm • 11:00pm



Brass Quintet at 4:00pm and 5:30pm
Camerata String Quartet at 7:00pm and 9:00pm
Holy Communion at 2:30pm and 11:00pm

Christmas Day Worship

11:00am

Holy Communion

Bus Us Seniors Schedule for Christmas

On Christmas Eve the bus will run for the 2:30p.m. service as follows:

1:40pm - pick-up at *Rosewood*

1:50pm - pick-up at *Middleton Glen*

2:00pm - pick-up at *Voss Haus*

Christmas Day - NO BUS WILL RUN



Mark Brampton Smith Organ Recital & Carol Sing

Wednesday, December 21 • 7:00pm • All are Invited!

Come and celebrate the season by joining our organist in an evening of holiday favorites and exciting Christmas carol singing. This event will be the last in our series of Wednesday night Advent activities and will take place at 7pm on **Wednesday, December 21** in the Sanctuary. All are invited to this free concert and there will be food and fellowship following.



From Your Senior Pastor



PASTOR ROGER EIGENFELD

Let there be light!

If you've had the fortune to venture into Friendship Hall in the past few weeks you were probably surprised to see how much better the lighting is in that room. For years we have been plagued by out of date light fixtures that gave off very little light, and, if you happened to turn off the wrong switch and wanted to turn the light back on again, you were confronted with a five to ten minute wait until the lamp started up again.

But all of that is behind us thanks to the generosity of the Ollie Groth Memorial Fund, the Senior Adult Ministry Committee, and undesignated memorials. It was a project that needed to be undertaken and one that will set the tone for a more positive experience for dinners, youth events, senior adult ministry programs and coffee hour between services.

Projects like upgrading the lighting in Friendship Hall are possible because of the generosity of members and friends who remember St. Luke's in their wills and trusts. Another example of how including St. Luke's as a beneficiary in your estate is the 15 passenger van that is the result of a generous gift from the St. Luke's Foundation. More than 6,000 miles have been logged on the van since we acquired it back in March of this year. It has become a vital part of the ministry program of St. Luke's and allows us to offer programs for youth and adults at a much lower cost than if we were to rent a vehicle every time we needed transportation for smaller groups.

St. Luke's is a very generous congregation. And, thanks to folks like you we're moving forward in providing programs for children, youth and adults. Keep up the good work, St. Luke's! We're making a difference in the lives of those who call this place their spiritual home.

See you in church!

Roger C. Eigenfeld, Pastor



Music Ministries

ALEX GILLESPIE

JIM HENDRICKS IN CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18



The St. Luke's Ministry of Music is pleased to welcome world-renowned Christian pianist, Professor Jim Hendricks in concert at St. Luke's on **Sunday, December 18.**

Jim has performed with such legends as Della Reese, the Glenn Miller Orchestra and Rita Moreno. In addition he has performed over 1,000 Christian concerts, made 11 piano recordings and appeared on ABC, CBS, TBN and PAX television. As well as a concert artist, he is on the piano faculty at the Chicago State University.

Jim will be providing us with special music at all four Sunday morning worship services as well as performing a full concert of Christmas and holiday music at **3pm** in our sanctuary. *All are invited to this free concert.* An offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

Sunday School/Children/Family Ministries



PASTOR HEATHER LAMPERT

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Our January Family Event will be on **Saturday, January 21** from **3-6pm**. It's game night with pizza dinner included (no cost to you). Last year we had a ball getting rid of some cabin fever blues and having a lot of fun together! Sign up available soon.

HOLDEN VILLAGE TRIP NEXT SUMMER

Pastor Heather is planning a trip to Holden Village, a unique Lutheran family camp in the Cascade Mountains of Washington state, for **next August**. The cost of the trip will be about \$700 per person (includes coach fare on train, other transportation necessary, five days/four nights lodging, and meals at Holden). Please talk to Pastor Heather for more details. *Deposit of \$100 per person due by January 1, 2012.*



Adult Education



"Alive In Christ"

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY: ROMANS

Sundays • Beginning January 8 (13 sessions) • 9am
In the Conference Room (next to the Church Office)

If you've ever struggled to express what it means to follow Christ, Romans can give you the right words to say. It offers one of the clearest expressions of Christian belief, covering major issues - faith and works, law and grace - in lively, practical terms. If you desire spiritual renewal, the book of Romans is a good starting point. Books are available in the Church Office for \$9.00. *Please join us!*



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, Kim Smythe and those who have served in the past.



St. Luke's Prayer Group meets every **Monday morning at 8:30am** in the church sanctuary. Everyone is welcome. A chair has been reserved for you.



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

Senior Ministries



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 11:00am.** 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 offer 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.**

DROP-IN YOGA CLASSES

► *Before the holidays:* **Monday, December 19, 5:30-6:30pm**

NEW YOGA CLASS SCHEDULE

► **Mondays at 5:30pm. January 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13.**
► **Tuesdays at 5:45pm. January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14.**

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

You can sign up for classes in the Church Office, or at the session itself.

NEW ZUMBA CLASS SESSION 1

► **Thursday at 5:30-6:30pm. January 5, 12, 19, 26.** Classes are in Friendship Hall.

Cost is \$35 for all four classes, or \$12 for any single class.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY AT ST. LUKE'S

If the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District is closed, or has early release due to inclement weather, all daytime activities (other than worship) are cancelled. Call the Church Office, or check the website (www.stlukes-elca.org) for the status of activities scheduled **after 5pm.**



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. LUKE'S

St. Luke's and the American Red Cross are hosting a blood drive on **Friday, December 30, from 1 - 6:00pm.** Join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today! Sign up at the Information Center. For more information visit www.redcrossblood.org. St. Luke's One-A-Week Club number is #149. If you have questions, contact Julie Houg at 445-6596.

Women's Ministry



Upcoming Winter Retreat

Another winter retreat is being planned for the weekend of **February 10-11, 2012.** We will be at the lovely Prairie Center at Bethel Horizons and our theme will be "Transitions." Make plans to join Pastor Heather for this time of renewal and growth.

COAT DRIVE FOR M.O.M. THROUGH MARCH 2012

Middleton Outreach Ministry needs assistance in keeping families warm this winter. You can donate slightly used or new winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves/mittens. at M.O.M.s Distribution Center, or at St. Luke's now through March. Help make a difference in peoples lives! If you have questions contact Michael Harty at 608-219-0593.

