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WEEKS OF AUGUST 16 AND AUGUST 23, 2015

Sunday, August 16
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion — 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



Sunday, August 23
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion — 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

SAINT LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Aug 16 — Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

John 6:51-58

Aug 23 — Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The "hard saying" that offends Jesus' disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: "To whom shall we go?"

John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 16, 2015 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
3:00 PM	Girl Scout Leader Training	Great Hall
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Monday, August 17, 2015

1:30 PM	Staff Meeting	Fireside Room
6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Bieber Hall

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

7:00 PM	OA	Library
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Wednesday, August 19, 2015

12:30 PM	OA	Seminar Room
7:00 PM	NAMI Young Adult Support Group	Great Hall

Thursday, August 20, 2015

6:30 PM	Halloween Board	Fireside Room
8:30 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Friday, August 21, 2015

7:00 PM	Eagle Scout Board of Review	Great Hall
7:00 PM	Ethiopian Fellowship	Chapel

Saturday, August 22, 2015

9:15 AM	Alanon	Luther Room
9:30 AM	AA	Bieber Hall

Sunday, August 23, 2015 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
10:30 AM	Holy Communion	Nave
11:30 AM	Caring Ministries House Preparation	Great Hall
5:00 PM	AA	Bieber Hall

Monday, August 24, 2015

6:00 PM	Yoga	101-102
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Bieber Hall

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

7:00 PM	OA	Library
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Wednesday, August 26, 2015

12:30 PM OA Seminar Room

Thursday, August 27, 2015

8:00 AM CDS Teacher planning/prep day CDS Classrooms

8:30 PM AA Bieber Hall

Friday, August 28, 20215

8:00 AM CDS teacher prep/planning Day CDS Classrooms

4:00 PM Augsburg Bell Choir Retreat Hallowood

7:00 PM Ethiopian Fellowship Chapel

Saturday, August 29, 2015

Augsburg Bell Choir Retreat Hallowood

9:15 AM Alanon Luther Room

9:30 AM AA Bieber Hall

REPORT OF THE YOUTH GATHERING in Detroit will be given on **Sunday, August 29** during and between services. Come and hear of their travels, work, inspiring speakers and more. Thanks to all of your support, it was truly a faith filled week.

“PRAYER VENTURES” IS A PUBLICATION of the ELCA. It has been e-mailed to all Prayer Partners that have email addresses. Hard copies (tan paper) can be found on the credenza. Prayer Ventures are daily suggestions for prayer that can be used for personal prayer time. It will acquaint you with many ministries and people in the ELCA and the wider church. You can also go to the ELCA web site at www.elca.org/en/resources/prayer-ventures. If you would like to be on the e-mail list, please contact Ruth Manchester, coordinator of Prayer Partners at rmanchester@saintluke.us.

REJOICE AND CELEBRATE! We have filled 300+ backpacks this year! Thank you for your generous support of this program of caring for the children of Langley Park. Monday and Tuesday saw more than 20 volunteers each day filling backpacks according to school guidelines. A special thank you to Nancy Shaffer who once again organized the project. Two vans left the church filled with a Saint Luke wish for a good school year.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD PANTRY. If you have an abundance of fresh produce from your garden, we will gladly accept them. Also, cereals, canned fruits, veggies, pasta sauce, pasta and rice are also needed. Cash donations are accepted. Gift cards are given out for our clients to purchase milk, eggs, and other perishables.

THE PIPE ORGAN IS BACK! After nearly three months, all 2000+ pipes on our pipe organ have been taken to the Holtkamp Organ Company in Cleveland, cleaned, re-voiced, and regulated. Over the past three weeks, the technicians have been tuning and voicing to be sure each individual pipe speaks correctly. We are grateful to all who have contributed to this project thus far.

CAN YOU HELP on **Sunday, August 23** after the 10:30 a.m. service, to do light cleaning, arrange furniture, dishes and other household items at 1006 Dale Drive? This would also be a great Service Learning Hours project for our youth. Please call or email Ruth Manchester at 301-588-4363

or rmanchester@saintluke.us for more information. The group will meet in the Great Hall for a pizza lunch.

START READING NOW. The Book and Video group will meet at **7:00 p.m. Friday, September 25** to discuss Daniel Brown's book *The Boys in the Boat*. It is the story of how nine working class boys from the American west form a crew team and beat all odds to row for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

SAVE THE DATE for Wednesday, October 14, when Caring Ministries has their semi annual Special Communion Service and luncheon for those who may have mobility issues. So plan to bring your family member and join us for this special day. However, all are invited to worship and lunch—just notify the office that you would like lunch. The van will travel from The Village at Rockville to Saint Luke. The program begins at 11:45 a.m. with the Christian Day School children singing for us.

ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, all in the congregation are invited to Hallwood for the annual Caring Ministries Retreat. This year, our guest facilitator will be the Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann from Gettysburg Seminary. Dr. Zimmann was called to the Seminary as Advancement and Communications Executive and will also assist in the teaching of preaching to seminarians. Her theme will address "Letting Go." We will explore how we hold on to material things and also feelings that hinder us in our spiritual journey. You won't want to miss Dr. Zimmann's lively presentation.

OUR SAINT LUKE ARCHIVES coordinator, Roney Shawe would like any materials you may have to share for our upcoming 75th Anniversary celebration. You may bring them to the church office.

THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING YOUR offering to the Lord. Even though we may go on vacation, the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ never takes a break.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
"COME AND SEE" SUNDAY September 13

Festival worship at 10:30 (service also at 9:00) **will include** a special Blessing of the Backpacks and Installation of all Christian Educators. Sunday School students (PreK-5th grade) will sit together during the service with their class and teachers in the front rows of the Nave.

Following 10:30 worship, check out the games, the food tent, ministry highlights, participate in the servant project, enjoy the Capital Focus Jazz Band and so much more! See you then!



**SAINT LUKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**GRAND ANNIVERSARY
CELEBATION**

75 YEARS!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

SPECIAL GUEST:

PRESIDING BISHOP MARK HANSON

(Third Presiding Bishop of the ELCA)