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Thank you, Mrs. Newman!

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you." The Bible verse soared as pews filled with smiling children in the nave, proclaiming the Good News. No hesitation, just pure simple joy, knowing that they were loved by Jesus. The second time, parents and guests joined in. This was our closing program for the school year, but this sort of faith witness happens each day here at Saint Luke in our halls and continues at every turn.



Students "paint" the church with water on the last day of school.

We are proud to have a top-notch Christian Day School where 150 children learn each day, and yes, learn about Jesus and his love. This message is the foundation for long lives ahead. As a matter of fact, seven of our youth who will be attending the National Lutheran Youth Gathering this summer started out as students in our school. What a tribute to this ministry! At our Easter Vigil, several were baptized, including members of a family, including an adult, who came via our Christian Day School. How wonderful! Many of our congregation leaders came through the school, joined and become part of all we do here. Thank you for your support of this wonderful outreach.

Thank you for joining me in saying a very heartfelt thank you to our school director for the past many years, Beth Newman. Under her stellar leadership, the school has moved

forward in new and exciting ways. Mrs. Newman has brought tremendous gifts to our midst, and I count her a treasured colleague. After ten full and busy years, she is stepping down, especially eager to spend more time with family. But she and her family will remain members of our congregation and faith community. We will share more about the new director in the next *Sharing*. For now, we all give thanks to God for our wonderful leader, Mrs. Newman. When you see her in the hallway, kindly give her a word of appreciation. She could not deserve it more!

Yes, as Jesus said and as our children proclaimed, words central to our lives from the Good News: *Love one another, as I have loved you.*



+ Pastor Miller

Tent Troupe alumni reunion is coming to a big top near you!

Tent Troupe marks its 45th Season of Loving, Caring, Sharing, and Giving with an all-day reunion of troupers and staff at the Hallowood Retreat Center on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 2:00–7:00 p.m.

There will be things to see, time to visit, a picnic supper, a family meeting, and the strike of the Big Top.

There are more than 600 staff and troupers who have been a part of this unique ministry since 1970. Come and share memories, visit old friends, and re-live your time on the road under the Big Top.

Registration forms are available on the Tent Troupe web site, www.tenttroupe.org through the Alumni Facebook page from the youth ministry office and the alumni page set up by

Monika Roberts. There is also an information page for you to fill out even if you cannot be at the reunion.

Hurry your registration to us so that we can give a count to Hallowood for supper. Checks can be made out to Saint Luke Lutheran Church — Tent Troupe.

More than 300 troupers and staff attended the 30th reunion in 2000. Let's make this year's even bigger! Don't miss this special time with friends, fellow troupers, and staff through the years.

Contact Roney Shawe rtshawe@saintluke.us or 301-588-4363 or 301-367-2644 for further information.

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Presents

Tent Troupe's 45th Anniversary of
Unique Summer Entertainment

APPEARING AT
Hallowood Retreat Center
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45th TENT TROUPE REUNION!!!!
STARRING FORMER AND CURRENT
TROUPEERS

1:00 Gates Open
2:00 Pre-Show Performance
3:00 Visiting Time, Games
4:00 Assembly for Pictures
5:00 Picnic Dinner
6:00 Family Meeting
7:00 Strike Big Top

\$10 for adults
\$5 for children

Saturday June 27

www.tenttroupe.org for more information & registration form



On Sunday, May 10, Saint Luke honored **high school graduates** at our Baccalaureate service. This year, we had five graduates: Annaleigh Baremore, Lauren Gessner, Luke Giuffreda, Luda Unkenholz, and Darian Woehr. All participated in the service by reading lessons, serving communion, or giving a mediation. The service was followed by a reception in the Fireside Room, hosted by the junior class families. Be sure to wish our graduates well when you see them and keep them in your prayers.

Register now for Choir Camp!

● Saint Luke's popular Choir Camp program will be in session July 27-31, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. This year's theme is *Hymns: The Faith We Sing*, and campers will be learning two musicals—one about St. Francis of Assisi based on the hymn, *All Creatures of Our God and King*, and one entitled *The Singing Bishop*, built around the hymn, *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*. A typical Choir Camp day includes morning worship, snack, and musical activities, followed by afternoon field trips which relate to our theme. Children who have completed grades two through five are eligible; visitors and friends are welcome also! A typical day includes morning worship, snack, and musical activities, followed by afternoon field trips which relate to our theme.

Call Music Ministry (301-588-4363, ext. 245) for a registration form, or pick one up in the Choir room or in the "Happenings" kiosk. Adults, middle school, and high school students are needed to assist with this program. Please speak with Dr. Pannebaker to let him know of your interest!



Summer Choir begins June 14

We are grateful to the members of our many choirs who serve faithfully throughout the year. The summer season provides a unique singing opportunity for those who are unable to participate in choir on a regular basis. The commitment is easy—simply come to the Choir Room fifteen minutes prior to either of our two morning services (9:00 or 10:30 a.m.), and we will take care of the rest!

Summer Choir members fulfill an important role, lending support to the congregation by leading the hymns and liturgy. Summer Choir begins on Sunday, June 14, and continues through Sunday, September 6. It's an easy but important commitment—why not give it a try?

Saint Luke women invited to workshop at Hallowood

A few spots are still available for the June 12-14 weekend workshop, "Our Body: A Gift from God." The event, sponsored by the Saint Luke unit of WELCA (Women of the ELCA) will be held at Hallowood beginning with dinner and Vespers on Friday, June 12 and conclude with worship and lunch on Sunday, June 14.

The weekend will involve Bible study and discussion of ideas for health-related programming at Saint Luke, and opportunities to enjoy the Hallowood grounds. Cost is \$100 and covers two overnight stays and six meals. Registration forms are in the "Happenings" kiosk. For more information, contact Marilyn Braatz at 614-579-5845, or Donna Nelson at 847-224-2819. Please join us!

Synod Assembly

Claimed, Gathered, Sent is the theme of the annual Metro D.C. Synod Assembly on June 19-20. Voting members from all of the Synod congregations will gather at the National Conference Center in Leesburg, VA to hear about the state of the Synod from Bishop Richard Graham, hold elections, discuss resolutions, and listen to two major guest speakers—the Rev. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, Assistant Research Professor at the Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France, and Carlos Peña, Vice President of the ELCA.

Check the Synod's website, www.metroelca.org, for webcasts and news from the gathering. Please hold the Assembly in prayer and those from Saint Luke who will be attending. Lay voting members are: Bill Coulson, Kristen Lehman, Kyle Warfield, Ruth Manchester, Jennifer Farrar, Bob Woodward, and Donna Nelson. Rostered staff attending are Pastor Miller, Pastor Nuss, Pastor Platz, Dr Pannebaker, Linda Pannebaker, and Pastor Hernandez (La Sagrada). Rick Ahlberg will be serving as the Parliamentarian.

Baby Care Kits ready to ship

Members of WELCA (Women of the ELCA) were tickled pink—and blue!—with the many donations made to our 2015 collection of baby care items for mothers around the world.



Thanks to Pastor Bob Abarno for helping us to complete the kits!

Through your generosity, we assembled 40 complete kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Thanks to all at Saint Luke who donated items and/or funds. Special thanks to Robin Walderhaug of WELCA's Sarah/Lydia Circle and Barb Sensenig of Mary/Martha Circle for chairing the project.

Invitations to care for creation

Saint Luke member Pastor Robert Abarno led several Christian Education classes on Creation Care during April and May. He would like to share a few thoughts with those who were not able to attend:

Invitations to care for creation are extended to each of us many times every night and day. Sounds, sights, fragrances, touches, and tastes are all ways that God's creation can and does speak to us. We are being invited to pay attention to these gifts that God has and is giving and entrusting to us every moment. John 3:16 tells us, "For God so loved the world..." Did you know that the Greek word translated as "world" is actually "cosmos?" What a mind and heart and life-expanding declaration of love!

As members of the Body of Christ we are being called to care for what has, is, and will be entrusted to us as stewards of God's creation. In Romans 8:19 we read, "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God."

Listen to what God is saying to you in stillness and in prayer, in scripture, and in your life's invitations. Like Peter we are being invited by Jesus to step out of the boat on to the waves of doubt, fear, and unknowing, keeping our eyes focused on our Lord (Matthew 14:22-33). In our uncertainty, Jesus is reaching his hand out and holding us up. May we follow his Way and reach out to all of God's creation.



YOUTH GATHERING NEWS

Detroit, here we come! We have been assigned rooms at the Marriott Renaissance Center, which puts us close to our two main gathering places, the Cobo Center and Ford Field. We are continuing to fundraise, and although the Yard Sale was smaller than in the past, it was a success. We won't find out what our service project in Detroit will be until we get on the bus to head out to it, and we are looking forward to the surprise. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to prepare for this exciting trip!

**PARISH
NURSING
NOTES**

Did you know? Every second Wednesday of the month (excluding summer), the Caring Ministries Team of Saint Luke visits our residents at the Village of Rockville for Bible study and lunch. For the past ten years, Pastor Connie Miller, Pastor Dean Anderson, Pastor Gary Nuss, and Parish Nurse

Ruth Manchester have taken turns leading the study and visiting Saint Luke members. Jan Jox is the Coordinator of the Care Team Visitation, and phones each resident, reminding them of the upcoming visit. During the visit in May, we celebrated Jan's birthday with cake and song. By traveling to the Village, we are able to keep a connection with members who cannot, due to health or transportation issues, come to Saint Luke. After the 11:00 a.m. Bible study, those that wish gather for lunch and more socializing!

During the months of October and March or April, Saint Luke has a special service of communion and a luncheon, and all residents are invited. The Village



bus is at our service to transport those who have mobility considerations such as large walkers or wheelchairs. Since a nurse has to accompany those individuals, Ruth Manchester drives to the Village and rides down with our parishioners. After the wonderful service and lunch, we reverse the procedure! We

thank the Auxiliary of the Village for the assistance in purchasing this bus and for the Village for making this possible and thanks to our drivers, Robert and Jorge. We also thank Lois Reese for serving as Saint Luke's representative to the Auxiliary.

Saint Luke members in assisted living are Helen Midboe, Lil Rasmussen, Dick Ahlberg, Walt Belter, and Pastor Ivar Holmquist. Barbara Mizell, Lyla Jydstrup, and Roberta Marsh reside in the care facility. Residing in independent living are Marge Bruffy, Bill Morgan, Phyllis Reuschlein, and Emma Preisendorfer. Ruth Moorman is not a resident but lives close by, so she comes to the lunch. All are invited—



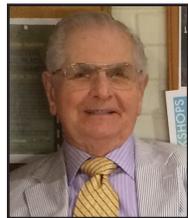
Lyla Jydstrup (left) and (right), Helen Midboe help Jan Jox blow out her birthday candles.



Ruth Moorman, Dick Ahlberg and daughter Donna DiMattia, Pastor Holmquist, Bill Morgan, and Alan Jox enjoy luncheon at the Village.

including residents of the Village who are not members of Saint Luke.

Congratulations Pastor Holmquist on 60 years of Ordination



Saint Luke is blessed to have ten ELCA pastors who are members of our congregation, and among those, we celebrate our senior clergy member, Pastor Ivar Holmquist, this month. On June 19, he celebrates 60 years as an ordained Lutheran pastor. Pastor Holmquist joined Saint Luke in 2013. His son, Stephen Holmquist, daughter-in-law Sarah Hanson, and granddaughters Emma and Ingrid, are also members of Saint Luke.

Ivar Robert Holmquist was born in Boston, Mass. to parents who had immigrated from Sweden. He grew up and attended school in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston, where he was a member Our Savior Lutheran. He was confirmed in that congregation in June of 1940. After graduating from high school, he immediately enlisted in the U.S. Army and served honorably in Europe in World War II. Upon return-

ing from the war, he attended Augsburg College on the G.I. Bill and then entered Augustana Lutheran Theological Seminary in Rock Island, IL (which has since been incorporated into the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago). Following his internship, he was ordained at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Joliet, IL on June 19, 1955. During his training, he met and later married Ardis Granquist, the daughter of a Lutheran pastor from Rhode Island who had also immigrated from Sweden. Ivar served his first congregation, Good Shepherd Lutheran, in Rutland, Vermont, where he and Ardis moved with their growing family. They then moved to Maryland, where Ivar served as a pastor at Augustana Lutheran in Baltimore. Later in his ministry, he did mission and outreach work for the ELCA at the the synod and national levels.

Congratulations and God's blessings Pastor Holmquist. You have touched many lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ and we say thank you!

TWO NEW CENTENARIANS



We celebrated the **100th Birthdays** of two Saint Luke members in May!

Pastor Nuss and Pastor Miller celebrated Holy Communion with Catherine Gibbs on her birthday, May 13. Carl Stewart turned 100 on May 17 and is pictured above with daughter Carol Darnell. We celebrated his birthday on May 15 with Saint Luke Fellowship. Catherine and Carl join other centenarians Joe Smith and Dot Zeis. How blessed we are to be among these treasured people of God!

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The Word

Sunday, June 7

First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Sunday, June 14

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
[11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Sunday, June 21

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, June 28

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Parish Anniversaries

25 YEARS

Jill and Stewart McCarver—
June 1

Janet and John Kearns—
June 16

30 YEARS

Susan Gilson and Dan
Thomas—June 22

50 YEARS

Sarah and Phil Province—
June 12

Lorna and Rich Burns—
June 19

55 YEARS

Martha and Martin Bell—
June 4

Donna and Dean Anderson—
June 12

Nancy and Paul Jacobsen—
June 20

Nancy and William
Einwaechter—June 25

60 YEARS

Nancy and Harry Weil—
June 25

Come and see! Continuing the 75th year of Thanksgiving

**A celebration of Saint Luke Ministries and Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 7 at 11:45 a.m. in the Great Hall
Delicious Lunch • Celebration • Meeting**