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Come and See!

We were so proud. For days after school, we had cleared the area in the woods behind our house. One of us scavenged some canvas, and even made a secret look-out window in the brush. Now the "fort" was complete, but it would not be officially done until mom saw it. In the middle of her work (I believe she was putting together the church bulletin!) we shouted, *come and see!* *Come and see!* Something tells me oohing and aaw-ing at a fort had not been at the top of her to-do list, but the affirmation came and she saw, approved, and praised.

Come and See! Come and see this wonderful report card, come and see my new car, or home, and more. When there is important news, we invite others into our lives with words like *Come*

and See! How we want others to really see for themselves how wonderful this moment or event is.

Even in scripture this invitation is shared on several occasions. Once when a few disciples were walking close to Jesus, he asked them, "What are you looking for?" They asked where Jesus was staying and he said, "Come and see." (John 1:39) Did he really want to show them his apartment, his residence? Actually it was more an invitation to Jesus' heart, his message, his love. Isn't that how we learn about Jesus? Who first invited us into the joy of the Good News? Who first said to us, *Come and See?*

Jesus invited the first followers to "come and see," and then they continued with those who came after them. We are called to do the same—

simply invite someone to come and see for themselves. Come and experience community in Jesus, come and hear the saving word, come and taste the meal of forgiveness and grace. Come and know you are never alone.

On Sunday, September 13, as we begin the program year, we will celebrate *Come and See* Sunday. Following worship we will have a gathering for the whole community. No, we may not have just completed a fort, but with the same zeal, let us go forth, grasp a hand and heart and proclaim to all *Come and See!* Invitation cards are on the credenzas at church as well as posters to share. Can each of us bring a new friend?

+ Pastor Miller



COME AND SEE Sunday September 13, 2015

Program year start-up

Festival Worship at 10:30 AM
(Worship also at 9:00 AM)

ANOINTING OF HANDS FOR MINISTRY
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
RECOGNITION OF ALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Following Worship, at 11:30 AM:

COME AND SEE Celebration Party
CAPITAL FOCUS JAZZ BAND (front lawn)
FOOD TENT with GRILLMASTER NATE THOMAS
MINISTRIES FAIR • SERVICE PROJECT
SAINT LUKE SPIRIT WEAR • REGISTER FOR CLASSES
FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS

READY FOR A NEW YEAR



The Saint Luke Staff family gathered to kick-off the year of programs and activities. Pictured are members of the church staff, the Christian Day School faculty, and important daily volunteers. We are blessed with these servants of Christ.

REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christian Education classes begin on September 20. Online registration for Sunday School (3 years old through 5th grade) is available through Saint Luke's homepage www.saintluke.us under the announcement section in the lower left-hand side of the page. The Sunday School ministry team will continue to use Whirl Lectionary Sunday School so the Sunday School lessons correspond with the lessons used during worship.

Saint Luke Choirs to begin rehearsals

Saint Luke Music Ministry is preparing for a busy fall schedule to include learning, service, fellowship, and musical and spiritual growth. We are grateful to the members of Summer Choir, and to those who provided special music throughout the summer.

Now is a great time to join a choir at Saint Luke. The requirement is simple—a desire to give of your time and talent in service of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. There are no auditions or try-outs; attend one of the rehearsals listed on the chart. Participation in this ministry is a fine example of good stewardship for others to follow.

Music Ministry encompasses eight singing choirs beginning with four-year-olds, five handbell choirs, and instrumental opportunities. For further information, be sure to speak with Dr. Pannebaker, attend one of our rehearsals, call Music Ministry at 301-588-4363, ext. 245, or e-mail jpannebaker@saintluke.us. We hope to see you this fall!

Choir Camp 2015

Eighteen elementary students gathered during the week of July 27-31 for this year's Choir Camp—marking the forty-fifth consecutive year of this outreach ministry. This year's theme was *Hymns: The Faith We Sing*. Each morning, campers spent time learning two musicals based on great hymns of the Church. *The Singing Bishop* told the story of Bishop Theodulph, who in the year 821 on Palm Sunday was imprisoned in Angers, France, by King Louis I. The King released him from prison when he heard him sing *Gloria, laus et honor*, which is now *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*, sung in churches around the world each year on Palm Sunday. Our other musical, *Francis: The Poor Little Man of God* told the story of St. Francis of Assisi and the hymn that he wrote, *All Creatures of Our God and King*. Our students did a great job presenting these two musicals for our closing program on Friday evening.



In the afternoon, campers took field trips which complemented the morning's activities. They visited the Botanical Gardens and N Street Village in DC, the Franciscan Retreat Center in Ellicott City, the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel, and Fort McHenry and the Star Spangled Banner Flag House and Museum in Baltimore. We are very grateful for Saint Luke's Mission Endowment Fund which provided transportation costs for our field trips.

For our service project, we collected school supplies and backpacks for the CARing project.

Choir Camp was a huge success due to the support of a very capable and caring staff. Our wonderful "cousins" included Jackson Baker, Sarah Butchko, Ani Constantian, Katie Groen, Grace Jacobs, Maria Kirk, Elizabeth Mbah, Isabelle Megosh, Stella Newman, Elizabeth Olsson, Lilly Sampson, Andrew Vigliotta, Emilie Vigliotta, and Caprielle Woehr. Those serving as "Aunts" were Jan Eisenbath, Halsey Sinclair, and Rita Newman. Linda Pannebaker was the Music Director, while Martha De-Barthe prepared the daily snacks and provided administrative support. Jennifer Duin coordinated the potluck dinner, and Pastor Miller, Pastor Platz, Bishop Schneider, Kyle Warfield, and Melissa Groen led daily worship. Field trip assistants included Melissa Groen, Emily Horick, Beth Newman, Gregory Snail, and Leslie Woehr. Many thanks to all!

MUSIC MINISTRY FALL SCHEDULE

Choir	Eligibility	Day and Time	First Rehearsal
Cherubs	4-year-olds, Kindergarten, and Grade 1	Wednesday 4:00 p.m.	September 9
Choristers	Grades 2-5	Wednesday 5:00 p.m.	September 9
Confirmation	Grades 6-8	Wednesday 5:30 p.m.	September 9
Martin Luther	Grades 9-12	Thursday 6:30 p.m.	September 10
Collegium	Post High-Adult	Seasonal	November 28
Schola Cantorum	Post High-Adult	Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	September 9
Oratorio	Post High-Adult	Wednesday 8:15 p.m.	September 9
Requiem	Open	On call for funerals	
Novice Bells	Grades 2-5	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	September 20
Genesis Bells	Grades 6-8	Wednesday 4:30 p.m.	September 16
Augsburg Bells	Grades 9-12	Sunday 5:00 p.m.	September 13
Ensemble Bells	Adult	Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	September 15
Reformation Bells	Adult	Sunday 7:30 p.m.	September 13

Youth handbell ringers needed

Our Handbell Choirs are in need of new ringers this year. The Novice Bell Choir is for elementary age students (and their parents!) and meets on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., beginning September 20. Our Genesis Bell Choir includes those in grades 6, 7, and 8, and meets on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 16. New ringers are welcome! Please contact Dr. Pannebaker at 301-588-4363, ext. 245, if you are interested in participating. He will put you in touch with the director of the appropriate choir.



Organ project update

Phase 2 of the organ project is now complete. Having been gone for two months, the pipes returned the first week of July and were re-installed by the



Holtkamp Organ Company of Cleveland. After an additional month of revoicing and tuning, the work was finished during the second week of August. In the meantime, our Chapel organ served us very well in worship. Many thanks to all who contributed to this project!

Events that you won't want to miss

► Save the date now for the upcoming Special Service of Holy Communion and luncheon. Every autumn and spring we welcome all—especially those that have difficulty getting to Saint Luke on a regular basis. This year, we will gather on **Wednesday, October 14** at 11:45 a.m. The Christian Day School children will sing for us prior to the worship service.

► On **Wednesday, November 4**, our annual Caring Ministries Retreat at Hallowood welcomes The Rev. Dr. Angela Zimmann from Gettysburg Seminary. She will lead us in thought, prayer, and discussion on the topic "Letting Go." How many of us think of "how it used to be?" How can we move forward in our daily lives, ridding ourselves of past baggage? I was in Jerusalem last summer (2014) when Dr. Zimmann and her husband, Rev. Dr. Martin Zimmann, were missionaries at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. This will truly be an inspiring day as Dr. Zimmann is such a dynamic speaker. We will commence at 10:00 a.m., and you will be home by 3:00 p.m. For more information, please contact me, Ruth Manchester, Parish Nurse, at 301-588-4363 or rmanchester@saintluke.us. The retreat is open to all at no cost.



Lay School of Theology

Each summer, Gettysburg Seminary hosts the annual Lay School of Theology during the last week in July. During this week, professors from Gettysburg and other Lutheran seminaries offer topics such as the one this summer—Traveling Grace. We experienced spiritual travels as we traveled with Drs. Erik Heem, Mark Oldenberg, and Angela and Martin Zimmann. Shown are some of the attendees after we had completed a walk of campus highlights that pertain to the history of the seminary. Did you know that Rev. Daniel Payne was the first African-American to graduate from the Seminary in 1837 and went on to be the first African-American to head a university, Wilberforce, in Ohio? During the walk we prayed and sang songs, including one composed by Rev. Payne. Next year, hold open the last week in July and attend the Lay School. You'll meet interesting people, be spiritually nourished, and can even check out Civil War sites. *Dr. Angela Zimmann will be our retreat facilitator at the Caring Ministries retreat at Hallowood on November 4. See above.*



Resting with Jesus in prayer

"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Jesus' invitation to the apostles is also being extended to each of us. One way that Christians have been resting with Jesus is in silent prayer. Jesus said, "Enter your inner room, close the door, pray to your Father in secret and your Father who sees in secret will reward you." (Matthew 6:6).

A contemporary expression of this ancient prayer practice is centering prayer. "It suggests a practical method of entering what Jesus called 'the inner room' by deliberately letting go of external concerns symbolized by sitting comfortably, closing our eyes, and consenting to the presence and action of God within. As this disposition of alert receptivity stabilizes through regular practice twice daily, we are gradually prepared by the grace of the Holy Spirit to pray, or more exactly to relate to the Father in secret. In Centering Prayer a sacred symbol such as a word from scripture, an inward glance toward God, or noticing our breath, helps to maintain the intent and consent of our will toward God's presence and action within us." (Thomas Keating, "Centering Prayer," *Contemplative Outreach News*).

Beginning in September there will be a weekly opportunity to gather at Saint Luke for a time of centering prayer. If you are interested in attending or learning more about centering prayer contact Pastor Bob Abarno (rnbarno@outlook.com).

Pastor Abarno is a member of Saint Luke and we thank him for this offering. Please contact him if you are interested.

Goodbye to a faithful servant

After 24 years of service, we are saying goodbye to our bus. Our bus was purchased with a bequest and donations from the congregation, including a major donation from Senior Fellowship. Its first trip was a Senior Fellowship trip, driven by volunteer Rod Petersen. We have averaged over 50 trips a year.



To introduce our bus, we did Mystery Bus Trips on Sundays after church. You didn't know where you might be going; only that it would be fun. We went to ride the Strasburg Rail Road, to St. Michaels, to Baltimore's Inner Harbor, to Annapolis, and more.

The bus has provided transportation for MANY ministries, inside and outside of Saint Luke: Senior Fellowship, the Christian Day School, Youth Ministry, and Music Ministry. Tent Troupe even took it on tour! The bus has been to the beach, to the ski slopes, and to the top of Whitetop Mountain in Southern Virginia. For many years we provided transportation through LSS for Camp Haven, a camp for kids with AIDS. One year, Gary Pritchett and Dan Thomas provided an all-day, all-week shuttle to and from housing for a Global Mission event at Howard University. La Sagrada Familia kids were able to come to Vacation Bible School each year, because we picked them up and took them home in our bus.

Use of the bus would not have been possible without the many volunteer drivers over the years, and we thank them all! You will be missed, faithful bus!

Rising up together at the Youth Gathering

The youth and adults of Saint Luke and La Sagrada who traveled to the ELCA Youth Gathering would like to thank everyone in the congregation who supported us on this amazing trip. We spent six fast-paced days in Detroit with 30,000 other Lutherans, and it was a time we will not forget.

We did some sightseeing, including a trip to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. We got pictures taken at just about every statue in Detroit, including "The Fist" and the Joe Lewis statue in the Cobo Center. Our hotel was centrally located on the Detroit River right across from Canada, and Bishop Eaton stayed in our hotel so we had the opportunity to greet her as she graciously posed for a picture with us.

For our service project, we joined other orange-shirted Lutherans and helped to clean up and beautify several city blocks. Instead of drive-by shootings, we had cars honking at us, giving us the thumbs up, and thanking us for our help. While the people of Detroit knew we were coming, I do not believe they had any idea of how much work would get done!

On Friday, we met with Bishop Graham and others from our synod to talk about the Gospel of Mark, and think about what "our story" was. We discussed how Jesus is Good News. We then all worshipped together.

Saturday was our "Community Day" in Cobo Hall. We all went together to "Walk for Water" to try to understand the demands of Sub-Saharan women who spend a large portion of their lives collecting water. We carried 5-gallon jugs of water around a track to feel how heavy it is. Two of our girls cut their hair and donated it to "Children with Hair Loss." We learned how to make "no sew hats" out of fleece, which will go in

Christmas stockings to children in the Detroit area. We also had fun with zip lines, basketball, and jumping.

Every evening ended in Ford Field with lots of music, dancing and impressive speakers. We heard from pastors and professors, Lutheran workers from overseas and here at home on topics of immigration, mental health, racism, ethnicity, world hunger, and more. We got to hear Marian Wright Edelman, who told us "service is the rent we pay for living" and encouraged us to make a difference in this world. We also had lots of great music from Lost & Found, Agape, and Rachel Kurtz. We got a surprise treat one night with a concert from "The Motown Experience."

On Sunday the Gathering ended with worship in Ford Field. It was an amazing worship service with 300 people in the procession and 1500 communion assistants. Bishop Eaton preached and reminded us that, "We do not have to save the world; it has already been done for us in Jesus Christ." The service ended with the announcement of the location of next Gathering, in Houston, Texas.

If you want to experience any of the speakers, please visit the ELCA channel on YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/ELCAVideo).



Tent Troupe 45th Reunion a huge success

Rain or shine, the show must go on! The "monsoon" on June 27 only caused some last minute adjustments to Tent Troupe's reunion—no tent was set up and all was moved inside the retreat house at Hallowood. Over 100 brave souls enjoyed fellowship, food, fun, and a lot of memories. All years were represented and the picture albums, posters, and other items of interest were a great hit. A meaningful Family Meeting led by Anna Ernst closed the day. Pictures of the event will be posted on the Saint Luke web site and many have already been seen on Tent Troupe's Facebook page. A big thank you to the Hallowood people and all who helped make this a great event!



Saint Luke to nurture “God’s Gift”

“Our Body: A Gift from God” is this year’s theme for Saint Luke’s Women of the ELCA (WELCA). The group has spent several months planning a series of activities to encourage all members of the congregation to nurture and care for their bodies.

In Romans 12: 1-2, Paul urged the Christians “to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” A healthy body is better prepared to do the Lord’s work!

The kick-off event for this year of healthy living is an after-worship luncheon on Sunday, Oct. 4, featuring Dale A. Matthews, M.D. practicing in McLean, Virginia, and author of the book, *The Faith Factor: Proof of the Healing Power of Prayer*. Dr. Matthews conducts research and lectures worldwide on the role of faith, religion and prayer in clinical care and healing.

WELCA also is collaborating with

a licensed dietitian to provide

meal plans for healthy dinners, along with gluten-free and vegetarian options. The meal plans will be published monthly in *Sharing* and will be available in printed form at the church. Look for the first meal plan in the October issue of *Sharing*!

In addition, during the 2015-2016 church year, WELCA members will prepare a Wednesday Night Alive dinner and several Sunday morning coffee hours, using healthy food options and recipes.

In January, a six-week Bible study and support group will be offered. Members of the Saint Luke community, young and old alike, also will be invited to join an 11-week “Walk to Jerusalem” that will culminate on March 27, Easter Sunday. Participants will track their mileage using



pedometers or earn “steps” for various activities. Progress on the voyage from Silver Spring to Jerusalem will be displayed on a map in the church.

The final program for the year Dale A. Matthews, M.D. is another after-worship luncheon speaker, scheduled for Sunday, April 17. Katie Moose, author of *God’s Bounty: 365 Days of Inspirational Cooking*, will give a presentation and cooking demonstration, while we enjoy a lunch featuring her recipes, based on food from Biblical times.

The planning and implementation of the year’s activities are made possible by grants from the national WELCA organization, the Saint Luke Mission Endowment Fund, and Saint Luke Caring Ministries.

Wickre Concert



The Paul D. and Carrie H. Wickre Memorial Concert Series will present **Gregory Zelek**, organist, in recital on **Friday, October 9, at 7:30 p.m.** in the

Nave. This program marks the forty-second anniversary of the concert series. Over the years, the series has featured organists both in the beginning and nearing the ending of their careers, and many in between. This year, we feature one whose impressive career is still in the beginning stages.

A Cuban-American and native of Miami, Florida, Gregory Zelek is a graduate student of Paul Jacobs at the Juilliard School, where he received his Bachelor of Music degree. He is a proud recipient of a Kovner Fellowship, granted to a limited number of students at Juilliard. Praised for his “effortless facility on the instrument”

(South Florida Classical Review), Greg is increasingly recognized as one of the most exciting young organists in the American organ scene. In addition to concertizing throughout the United States, he has performed with orchestras as both a soloist and professional ensemble member, including the Miami Symphony Orchestra, the MET Orchestra in Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, and the Metropolitan Opera. He won First Prize awards in several noteworthy organ competitions.

Presently, Greg is the Music Director and Organist at the Episcopal Church of St. Matthew and St. Timothy in New York City. Previous appointments include the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church in Scarsdale, New York, Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Miami, and San Pedro Apostle Church in Ramales de la Victoria, Spain.

Since the establishment of the Wickre Memorial Concert Series in 1973 by Paul’s wife, Kay, and their children, Karen and Paul, the memorial fund has been used to bring world-famous artists to Saint Luke for annual recitals. Following Kay’s death in 2008, the series is

now named for her as well. These recitals continue to grow in popularity and are an important ministry to the greater Washington community. Plan to attend this year’s concert on October 9, and enjoy a wonderful evening of great music by this artist at the beginning of his career! There is no admission charge; however, a free-will offering will be received.



The Saint Luke Youth Orchestra played for worship on Sunday, July 12. We are grateful for them, and for everyone who provided special music throughout the summer.

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The Word

Sunday, September 6

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Sunday, September 13

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 116:1-9
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, September 20

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 54
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Sunday, September 27

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
Psalm 19:7-14
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Giving Wings begins second year

Have you ever wondered about the background of certain hymns? Why were these particular hymns chosen? How does everything in the service—music, lessons, prayers—all fit together?

Giving Wings to the Word is an educational opportunity offered by Dr. Pannebaker at two different times on Sunday morning. The sessions, each about 20 minutes in length, are scheduled for 8:15 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. in the Music Room. The first class for this year will be on Sunday, September 20. Join us as we dig deeper into the details of Sunday worship, all in an effort to enhance our understanding. Everyone is welcome!

Parish Milestones

ANNIVERSARIES

70 years
Henry and Margaret Besmen—Sept. 8

60 years
Dick and Chris Lawrence—Sept. 11

Paul and Ann Karpiscak—Sept. 1

30 years
David and Diana Lautenberger—Sept. 26

WEDDING

Tim Sattler and Brittany Ann McCarty—Aug. 1

DEATH

Rozella Hagen—Aug. 20

NEW MEMBERS

Received August 2
Joyce DeVilbiss
Daniel Hoople
Iloung Carine

Another year of learning at CDS



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For 58 years, approximately 180 weekdays each year without interruption, Saint Luke Christian Day School has served children in our community in an environment of Christian love. A conservative estimate places the number of children our church has graduated through this ministry at 2,500. Please help us welcome 120+ 2, 3, and 4 year olds as the new school year begins Tuesday, September 8. To learn more about the school, visit our website at www.saintlukekids.org or visit the CDS office.