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Know the Story; Live the Story Through Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry is designed to maximize the opportunity to study the Word of God with other women, and through the study to grow in their relationship with God. While growing in their understanding of God's love for them and their love for God, the members put their faith into action.

Loving others is one way that the members put their faith into action. Women not only listen to each other and share their joys and concerns, but also pray for each other, call one another between meetings and send encouragement cards to each other. Loving God and loving each other is a vital part of the Christian life.

Not only do the members of Women's Ministry care for each other, but they reach out to other people with the Word of God and the love of God. Women's Ministry groups make quilts, serve funeral dinners, visit shut-ins, operate the bookstore, maintain the library, maintain children's activity bags, maintain confirmation gowns, help maintain the landscaping of the church, operate the Preschool, maintain a small food pantry, welcome new babies to the congregation, serve as the Altar Guild, and they assemble the newsletter.

Many people have been blessed by the work of the members of the Women's Ministry. Every one of us needs to be aware of the format that the Women's Ministry has adopted - the spiritual disciplines of Bible study, prayer, worship, and service to others. Without those disciplines, our relationship with God can become cold. I need to remind all of us that we can get so busy working for God that we forget about our personal relationship with God.

We need to cultivate an intimate relationship with God. I am so proud of the Women's Ministry that they spend time at every meeting in prayer and Bible study. They are not just doing the work of the Lord, but are getting closer and closer to God. Not only do the members of Women's Ministry study the Bible and pray at meetings, but most of them have an active Bible reading and prayer life.

We need the Spirit of God working on our volition, changing us. Furthermore, I am convinced that we become more malleable in the hands of the Spirit when softened by the discipline of regular Bible reading and prayer. Inevitably, God works through the spiritual disciplines to create people with depth, people with a greater capacity for wisdom. We know we are loved by God. He sent His one and only Son Jesus to live and die for our salvation. In response to that, we love God and love each other.

Deacon Jim



Dear Christian Friends,

May 2012

In May we focus on the ministry of women. I have included the logo for Lutheran Women's Missionary League the women's service organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. All women of St. Luke's are members of LWML and are invited to become involved in Women's Ministry Circles. Information on the variety of ways that Circles serve at St. Luke's and in the community will be presented throughout the month. For over 65 years, LWML (commonly referred to as Lutheran Women in Mission) - has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions. The three primary objectives are Growing in the Lord, Valuing all Women and Living the Mission. These are accomplished through Bible study, prayer, mission giving, service and fellowship. I hope you will look into involvement in St. Luke's Women's Ministry.

On May 5/6 we will celebrate the ministry of a special woman of St. Luke's - Mrs. Kathy Wenger. For 29 years Kathy has served as the Director of St. Luke's Preschool & 4K. She will retire from these duties at the end of May. Kathy's caring attitude and loving heart are an example to all. God has blessed Kathy through her years of service and blessed St. Luke's and the children of our community through her. Marcy Clark will begin duties as our new Preschool Director in June. I hope you will take time to share words of appreciation with Kathy Wenger and welcome Marcy Clark in May.

May we all be engaged in opportunities to impact the world for Christ in our daily lives.

Martha Strong, DCE



Mother/Daughter/Friend Spa Day

Spa Day 2011

Come be pampered on **Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. to**

11:30 a.m. moms, daughters, friends - we will have a devotion, chocolates, facials and make up demonstrations, two hairstylist, foot spas, do your own manicures & pedicures and make bath salts to take home. **Cost is \$3 per person. Sign up by May 9** on the office lobby bulletin board. Bring your own polish or use colors provided. Reps from Mary Kay and Beauty Control will be with us.

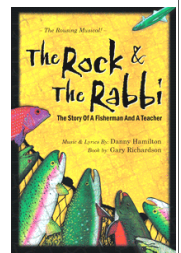
Rock & the Rabbi

Sunday, Aug 12

Bus leaves @ 11:30 am Dinner at 3p,

Show at 5 p return at 10 p.m.

Bus, Dinner & Show - \$89



Original contemporary music sets the stage for inspiration as Simon (The Rock), a simple fisherman, Peter, draws audiences of all ages into his story of The Rabbi - Jesus Christ.

Deposit to reserve your ticket is \$20, make checks to St. Luke's and drop in the office. Contact Martha Strong for more info 715-423-5990.



Celebration Park VBS 2012

Sunday, July 29 - Thurs, Aug 2
Celebrate God's Love and Grace!!

We will celebrate your Birthday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter—a holiday everyday!

Age 3 - 12 yr. Sun —Thurs 6:00 - 8:15 p.m.

Toddler class for 2 - 4 yr olds only

Mon- Thurs, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Games, puppets, crafts, snacks, Bible lessons!!

Dinner 5 - 5:50 p.m. M-Thurs - Free will offering

Register on the form online or on the bulletin board!

Our site is Immanuel School this year.

Hosted by: Immanuel, St. Luke's & Trinity Lutheran Churches at St. Luke's



God's Plan for a Man

Fri, May 4, 5:30 -10 p.m. -

Sat, May 5, 8:00 a-3:00 p.m.

Be Courageous, Be Honorable,

Be Faithful to the End

Father & Son (5th -8th) retreat at St. Luke's with option to sleepover or go home overnight.

Event includes campfire, capture the flag, Bible study, speaker panel, flag football, movie "Courageous" and fun.

Return your registration/fee to the office, cost is \$20 per son to cover blessing object and meals. Open to the community so Invite your friends.

For orientation information contact Brian Strong at 715-572-3543 or Doug Brock 715-498-4668

HELPERS TO WORSHIP—May 2012

Elders: 6:00 May 5 & 26 Jim Getzloff; May 12 Mike Malooly; May 19 Greg Jensen
7:45 Dan Siekert 10:30 Tim Burr
Videographers: 7:45 May 13 & 27 Gordon Hansen 10:30 May 6 & 20 Phil Abel
Reception Committee: Michelle Cisewski, Kay Woller
Pew Rack Maintenance: Emil & Betty Ehlert

Wednesday, May 2, 6:15 p.m. **PROCLAIM PRAISE SERVICE**

Elder: Dan Siekert Acolyte: Mason Mahoney Welcome Center Attn: Janet Porter Praise Team 1
Sound Technician Team 1

Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Ushers: 6:00 Brenda Henke, Bea Jaye Herman, Connie Zwicky, Pam Nooyen
7:45 Betty Clouse, Sandy Christman, Janet Porter, Jayne Deering
10:30 Pat Berg, Barb Kasten, Alice Knuteson, Tracy Deitz
Acolyte: 6:00 Ben Schooley 7:45 Jacob Arndt 10:30 Rachael Brill
Comm. Asst.: 6:00 7:45 Jeff Martens 10:30
Music: 6:00 7:45 10:30 Praise Team 1
Readers: 6:00 Delores Ott 7:45 Amanda Cook 10:30 Tammy Burr
Welcome Center Attn: 6:00 Jim/Deb Tellekson 7:45 Holly Johnson 10:30 Carmen Smallbrook, Anne Tietsort—OL
Greeters: 6:00 Eleanor Sommerfeldt/ Bonnie Saeger 7:45 Pam Berndt/ Kay Woller 10:30 Marge Hinrichsen & Carol Korn
Nursery Care: 9:00 Jessica Stainbrook 10:15 Jessica Stainbrook

Wednesday, May 9, 6:15 p.m. **PROCLAIM PRAISE SERVICE**

Elder: Dan Siekert Acolyte: Anthony Johnson Welcome Center Attn: Dave/Patti Urban Praise Team 2
Sound Technician Team 2

Saturday & Sunday, May 12 & 13 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Ushers: 6:00 Shirley Kieweg, Jan Wehland, Jan Deitz, Dolores Connell
7:45 Shirley Wagner, Kami Kubisiak, Bonnie Rendmeister, Becky Diver
10:30 Arlene Van Duser, Lisa Anderson, Marvene Subera, Marilyn Kirkpatrick
Acolyte: 6:00 Lindsay Koplien 7:45 Paige Kubisiak 10:30 Jacob Mahoney
Music: 6:00 7:45 10:30
Comm. Asst. 6:00 Fred Souba 7:45 10:30 Marvin Anderson
Readers: 6:00 Jan Wehland 7:45 Jody Cook 10:30 Tammy Burr
Welcome Center Attn: 6:00 Brenda Henke 7:45 Donna Rasmussen 10:30 Birdi Stainbrook, Carol Korn—OL
Greeters: 6:00 Carol Gaetke/Cindy Weigel 7:45 Clarice Swanson/Marie Austin 10:30 Deb Hoier/Jill Hagen
Nursery Care: 9:00 Jessica Stainbrook 10:15 Jessica Stainbrook

Wednesday, May 16, 6:15 p.m. **PROCLAIM PRAISE SERVICE**

Elder: Mike Malooly Acolyte: Ben Schooley Welcome Center Attn: Michelle Cisewski Praise Team 3
Sound Technician Team 3

Thursday, May 17, 6:15 p.m. **The Ascension of Our Lord**

Elder: Richard Clasen
Ushers: Jerry Kieweg, Sharon Kobishop, Jim Nooyen, Tristin Weigand; Subs: Harvey Henke, 715-325-3432,
Merle Ross, 715-421-1018
Communion Asst: Fred Souba

Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Ushers: 6:00 Jerry Kieweg, Sharon Kobishop, Jim Nooyen, Tristin Weigand; Subs: Harvey Henke, 715-325-3432, Merle Ross, 715-421-1018

7:45 Lee Hagen, Gordon Hansen, Ron Hagen; Subs: Diana Hillstead, 715-424-1563, Jon Hillstead, 715-424-1563

10:30 Darren Romanski; Subs: Marcella Clark, 715-424-5981, Dan Deitz, 715-424-5887

Acolyte: 6:00 Megan Scharmer	7:45 Makayla Meddaugh	10:30 Mason Mahoney
Comm. Asst. 6:00	7:45 Jeff Martens	10:30
Music: 6:00	7:45	10:30 Praise Team 2
Readers: 6:00 Delores Ott	7:45 Jody Cook	10:30 Jason Flagel
Welcome Center Attn: 6:00 Jan Deitz	7:45 Marie Austin	10:30 Katie Brandt, Julie Spice—OL
Greeters: 6:00 Bea Jaye Herman	7:45 Donna Rasmussen/Betty Anderson	10:30 Dave/Patti Urban
Nursery Care: 9:00 Jessica Stainbrook	10:15 Jessica Stainbrook	

Wednesday, May 23, 6:15 p.m.**PROCLAIM PRAISE SERVICE**

Elder: Dan Siekert Acolyte: Jacob Arndt Welcome Center Attn: Tracy Deitz Praise Team 1
Sound Technician Team 1

Saturday & Sunday, May 26 & 27**The Day of Pentecost**

Ushers: 6:00 Peg Drollinger, Jean Elmer, Marcella Clark, Carole Manz

7:45 Donna Rasmussen, Carla Brizzee, Mary Burmeister, Deb Alft

10:30 Pamela Hilke, Bev Papenthein, Vera Keller, Michelle Anunson

Acolyte: 6:00 Rachael Brill	7:45 Anthony Johnson	10:30 Lindsey Koplien
Comm. Asst. 6:00 Fred Souba	7:45 Jeff Martens	10:30 Marvin Anderson
Music: 6:00	7:45	10:30
Readers: 6:00 Sharon Kreutzer	7:45 Jody Cook	10:30 Debra Hoier
Welcome Center Attn: 6:00 Jean Elmer	7:45 Karen Bencke	10:30 Dave Urban, Mary Burmeister-OL
Greeters: 6:00 Lois Rogney/Sue Berg	7:45 Janet Porter/Betty Anderson	10:30 Karyn Brock/Marilyn Giebel
Nursery Care: 9:00 Jessica Stainbrook	10:15 Jessica Stainbrook	

Wednesday, May 30, 6:15 p.m.**PROCLAIM PRAISE SERVICE**

Elder: Greg Jensen Acolyte: Paige Kubisiak Welcome Center Attn: Pamela Hilke Praise Team 2
Sound Technician Team 2

Library News*Recommended Reading for the Month of May*

Good Things Come in Small Packages for Women by Susan Duke, Judy Carden & LeAnn Weiss

Women share a unique bond—a bond that transcends age, race, or status in life. Throughout our journey, women are entrusted with special privileges—creating homes, tending hearts, planting hopes, and harvesting dreams. May this collection of stories shine a beacon of God’s light upon your heart, inspiring you to celebrate being a woman!



I’m Not Wonder Woman But God Made Me Wonderful! By Sheila Walsh

If you are worn out from trying to get it all right, this book offers new vision and a fresh sense of purpose. Inside, Sheila shows how a spring cleaning of the heart can help free you from childhood pain, change the way you see yourself, and receive the authentic joy that God has prepared for you.

Heartlifters for Mom by LeAnn Weiss

The pages of this book are written for the precise purpose of lifting your heart and assuring you that you are appreciated for what you do and who you are. Whether its one of the stories about a courageous mom you just thought you knew or one of the inspirational messages you will read, you will find that this beautiful book will serve as a fresh breeze that will make the wings of your heart soar.

May Birthdays

Donna Burgeson	May 1	Kalie Gachnang	May 12	Scott Getzloff	May 23
Vincent Mancuso	May 2	Cameron Keepers	May 12	Jerri Haferman	May 23
Gina Olson	May 2	Richard Clasen	May 13	Jinalle Hansmann	May 23
Chad Sullivan	May 2	Doretta Curtis	May 13	Allen Kumm	May 23
Matt Tietsort	May 2	Alayna Falkosky	May 13	Phil Liepitz	May 23
Jan Clickner	May 3	Bill Haas	May 13	Jacob Malooly	May 23
Marilyn Hellmich	May 3	Sarah Rasmussen	May 13	Laurie Scheunemann	May 23
Nicole Lehmann	May 3	Dale Vilbaum	May 13	Carla Brizzee	May 24
Sherry Marzofka	May 3	Zachary Wunrow	May 13	Benjamin Clark	May 24
Dan Porter	May 3	Merla Reimers	May 14	Sydney Ferk	May 24
Samantha Shaw	May 3	Richard Woller	May 14	Tammy Kautz	May 24
John Timm	May 3	Allison Ferk	May 15	Tammy Klingforth	May 24
JadyN Wagner	May 3	James Mancuso	May 15	Adam Bechard	May 25
Patricia Wood	May 3	Angela Wenger	May 15	Hannah Becker	May 25
Alexis Byes	May 4	Sarah Wenzel	May 15	Doris Drescher	May 25
Justin Jinsky	May 4	Sarajeon Brown	May 16	Lynn Garski	May 25
Ileana Martens	May 4	Kylie Ellis	May 16	Lois Rogney	May 25
Tanya Paulson	May 4	Andy Klemme	May 16	Cameron Smith	May 25
Ione Schulz	May 4	Raymond Onesti	May 16	Elly Woller	May 25
Marion Tuxhorn	May 4	Kathleen Prondzinski	May 16	Jon Young	May 25
Debra Alft	May 5	Suzanne Schoff	May 16	Sheri Becker	May 26
Raneisha Keeling	May 5	Emily Andres	May 17	Austin Rasmussen	May 26
Kathryn Luecht	May 5	Todd Dillingham	May 17	Laney Sorenson	May 26
Judy Niemann	May 5	Jason Flagel	May 17	Katrina Inampudi	May 27
Carol Weier	May 5	Bea Henke	May 17	Rick Koplien	May 27
Brittany Captain	May 6	Caitlin Stainbrook	May 17	Wayne Kronstedt	May 27
Diana Hillstead	May 6	Tyler Arentz	May 18	Ned Kubisiak	May 27
Linda Reinolt	May 6	Anne Tietsort	May 18	Robert Shafer	May 27
Ryan Deitz	May 7	Autumn Windsor	May 18	Mathew Kehrberg	May 28
Sharon Kobishop	May 7	Shari Foth	May 19	Mackenzie Keip	May 28
Keith Kronstedt	May 7	Sandra Hett	May 19	Robert Ogilvie	May 28
Kevin Lubeck	May 7	Lucas Van Natta	May 19	Jane Olson	May 28
Myrna Shaw	May 7	Tracee Deranick	May 19	Bret Schwalbach	May 28
Jeffrey Grosbier	May 8	Brenda Albrecht	May 20	Tammy Burr	May 29
Elli Koski	May 8	Angela Anderson	May 20	Greg Cole	May 29
Gary Timm	May 8	Tracy Deitz	May 20	Justynna Erdman	May 29
Mary Platt	May 8	Dennis Gansch	May 20	Deanna Johnson	May 29
Teresa Wenzel	May 8	Paul Grosskopf	May 20	Steve McIntyre	May 29
Kim Young	May 8	Belinda Hamilton	May 20	Donald Olson, Sr.	May 29
Mary Doescher	May 9	Carl Hilke	May 20	Kendall Palmer	May 29
Holly Gumz	May 9	Eric Arneson	May 21	Denise Konkol	May 30
Devonte London	May 9	Karen Easterson	May 21	Greg Jensen	May 31
Jeff Willems	May 9	Olivia Oleson	May 21	Debra Jepson	May 31
Mia Cassiani	May 10	Randal Anderson	May 22	Blayke Lecy	May 31
Jenna Henke	May 10	Deborah Anderson	May 22	Dawn Sylvester	May 31
Gina Komatz	May 10	Harlan Henke	May 22	Amanda Tietsort	May 31
Bonnie Rendmeister	May 10	Genevieve Kosmatka	May 22	Kelli Trzinski	May 31
Betty Doughty	May 11	Shane Krings	May 22		
Donn Krenz	May 11	Meghan Scharmer	May 22		
Phyllis Lehman	May 11	Erin Schlaefer	May 22		
Gerald Phillips	May 11	Kelly Schraeder	May 22		
Janet Porter	May 11	Kaylee Winget	May 22		
Delores Doescher	May 12	Jeffrey Doescher	May 23		





Women's Ministry

We continue to be busy in Women's Ministry. At our March Pie and Bake Sale we earned \$1,087 for our budget needs. Ten women made 90 pies before running out of ingredients. A new growing season is beginning, so please consider canning or freezing an extra container or two of rhubarb or berries to donate to next year's baking. Or watch for special sales of canned pie fillings in the stores. The expiration dates on the cans should be for after March 2013.

This month's featured circle is Eunice. Eunice maintains the children's activity bags available for worship services, provides baptism napkins and personalized individual banners for children baptized at St. Luke's and care for and maintain the confirmation gowns. This circle also makes a number of craft items for Camp Luther to sell for additional funds for the camp. Members of this circle create a number of bulletin boards routinely in the Educational Building including the pastor's classrooms. They reach beyond the church by providing special needs to Bethesda Home in Watertown, WI, volunteering in Bethesda Resale Shop in Wisconsin Rapids and supporting Elisha King (a person that is missionary training in Ireland and is Esther Ogilvie's granddaughter).

This group of women is truly busy and readily welcome any women that want to join their circle or even help with one of the projects. They meet the second Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at church to discuss business, donate their mites, do a Bible study and enjoy fellowship with one another. If you would like more information about this circle or its projects, call Donna Verjinsky, 715-424-1826 or Carole Manz, 715-421-4791.

Upcoming Events:

May	Women's Ministry Month (view our displays in the Narthex and Lobby)
May 1—Tuesday	Women's Ministry Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
May 8—Tuesday	Spring Salad Luncheon & Bake Sale
June 5—Tuesday	Women's Ministry Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
June 14-16—Thurs-Sat.	NW WI District Convention at Appleton

Circle Meetings

Anna Circle	Wednesday, May 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bookstore
Dorcas Circle	Monday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.
Elizabeth Circle	Thursday, May 10 at 1:00 p.m.
Eunice Circle	Tuesday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m. on Room 102
Eve Circle	Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Lois Circle	Monday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Lydia Circle	Thursday, May 10 at 1:00 in Room 105
Miriam Circle	Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle	Thursday, May 17 at 2:30 p.m. in Office Lobby
Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, May 22 at 8:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle	Wednesday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m. for Bingo at Strawberry Lane
	Thursday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. at Marion Tuxhorn's





*“Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs*

If one Bible passage could describe who a person is or what that person is all about, Proverbs 22:6 says it all about Kathy Wenger, our Preschool Director. Kathy is retiring after 29 years of serving St. Luke’s Preschool/4K as the director. She also served the preschool by sitting on the executive board, Lois Circle, for 37 years and serving as Teacher Aide for 15 years. Providing Christian education for the children of St. Luke’s and the Wisconsin Rapids community has been an on-going passion and the purpose of Kathy’s ministry. She is the familiar face of St. Luke’s Preschool/4K for at least two generations of children.

We will be celebrating with Kathy as she joins Pastor Tim in retirement. Please join us at the weekend services on May 5 and 6, 2012 in which she will be acknowledged for her dedicated years of service to the preschool with a presentation from congregation council representative. At the 10:30 service that weekend, current and past preschool students will have an opportunity to sing in her honor. We encourage all families who have preschool graduates to attend that service and participate in the familiar song.

Receptions providing a time for congregation members to greet and thank Kathy will be held after the Saturday, 6:00 p.m. service and the Sunday morning 7:45 service in the office lobby. Refreshments will be served.

A noon meal will be provided and served by Lois Circle and Women’s Ministry for congregation members, family and friends to allow another time for people to share some words of thanks to her. A program is being planned immediately following the meal. *Please call the office or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or in the office lobby if you are able to join us for this meal.*

We invite and encourage ALL congregation members, friends and community members to join us in our thank you celebration for Kathy and her ministry in the Preschool. Please plan now to attend one of the services and one of the receptions or noon meal and personally share your appreciation to her. If you are unable to attend, please consider a card or note to her—there will be boxes at both entrances to place these personal greetings.



In April we finished the unit on Community helpers in the 4K class with field trips to the Airport and East Junior High Band. Grandparents Week was lots of fun with grandparents visiting and participating in the activities for the day. We shared the story of Timothy and how his grandmother taught him the word of God. The 3's also enjoyed Train Week and Camp- ing Week. The 4K classes watched expectantly as the caterpillars in their butterfly house formed their co- coons and spread their wings.

We thank the Veterans of the Cross, Jim VanDuser, Jerry O'Neill, and Lee Hagen for designing and constructing the balance beam on the playground for large motor skill development and the plant shelves in the classroom window for science education. We are blessed to have the skill and dedication available in these men and others for all the jobs they do at church.

Thank you to all those who have directed their Thrivent Choice dollars to the preschool/4K. This helps with the on-going expenses to provide this ministry to the congregation and the community.

We thank God for His blessings in providing many children for next year's classes. We welcome more chil- dren also. Call 715-423-5990 to register or to schedule a visit to the classroom and meet the staff. St. Luke's Preschool/4K's vision is to share the love of Jesus with families of St. Luke's and the community through a quality early childhood educational experience for 3-5 year olds.

We are Blessed by Upcoming Guest Speakers at St. Luke's—from Pastor Tom

In the year 2012 our church will be blessed by a number of guest speakers. The purpose of guest speakers is to enrich our congregation with God's Word and the speaker's ministry experience. In addition, guest speakers bring a different voice to proclaim the Word to help us grow in faith and in understanding. In many ways guest speakers stretch us and they are like mountain top experiences sprinkled throughout the year. Many times I have traveled different places or been exposed to different things and through it all it has brought a greater richness into my life. Over the last 13 years I can remember many of the guest speakers that came to the church where I served and something about their message. Many of us at St. Luke's remember Ian McCormack's message this past October on how God intervened in his life to draw him to faith.

Again another way of thinking about guest speakers is that they are mountain top experiences that stretch us in our walk with the Lord. Although in mountain top experiences can be great, they would overwhelm us if they happened every week, because as people we need time to process and take in what the Lord is teaching us.

In addition to our guest speakers this year our congregation was stretched when the choir put on the drama and musical "The Door" for Palm Sunday. When you think of all that God is doing in our midst, you begin to see a God that is helping us grow in faith, love, and in forgiveness, which is the very heart of the message of the Gospel. (These are the guest speakers scheduled to date and have been approved by the Board of Elders.)

1. Guest speaker Pastor Ian McCormack will be here May 19 and 20.
Ian will be preparing three different messages...one for each service. Tentatively the messages will be "Crossing Over to the Promises of God", "Who Has Your Heart?", and the "The Glory of God". (Ian is visiting from London and will be fishing with the men's group at Camp Luther May 14-18.)
2. Guest speaker – Gospel for Asia on Sept. 15 and 16.
Gospel for Asia is one of the largest ministries working in 10 / 40 window to lead people to Jesus and to disciple them. www.gfa.org.
Gospel for Asia will bring us an exciting message of the mission work God is doing and the importance of world missions.



3. Guest speaker LCMS Pastor Mike Parris on July 28 /29. This will be a follow up to some of the work Sunday school has been involved with Martha Strong's brother who was a missionary in China. In addition, we would like him to speak briefly on Sunday morning as well as have time to interact with the Sunday school. This is an excellent opportunity to have the Sunday school children connect with a personal missionary.
4. Guest speaker LCMS Pastor Ryan Clark on Oct. 27 and 28. Pastor Ryan is a former pastor from St. Luke's and will be working on a special message to share with us. Also during his visit there will be an opportunity to welcome his family.
5. Guest speaker Bruce Carlson on November 10 and 11. Bruce Carlson has worked in the LCMS for over 30 years as a worship leader, and as a called evangelist. In addition, Mr. Carlson was one of our speakers for our last two crusades to Honduras where the Lord used him to lead many people to Jesus.

Pastoral Transition Update...from Pastor Tom

During this last two years St. Luke's has moved through a major transition as Pastor Tim, who served faithfully for 40 years, retired in August of 2011. After Pastor Dave Albers left in April of 2001, the vacancy was filled in July of 2002 by Pastor Ryan Clark. Later, when Ryan Clark left in March of 2006, it was in February of 2008 before Pastor Tom Graves came on staff, creating almost a two year vacancy. As you can see both previous vacancies were over a long period of time stretching an already busy staff, even with the assistance of additional vacancy staff personnel.

In our current transition, Pastor Tom transitioned with Pastor Tim in the Sr. Pastor role eight months before Pastor Tim retired. In addition, Rich Casper was brought on staff at 10 hours per week in August of 2011 to as a Visitation Assistant, which increased to 12 hours per week January 1, 2012. The first week of September Deacon Jim went from 32 hours per week to 40 hours per week, picking up the additional duties of being the Visitation Pastor. Finally, Jodi Lubeck was placed on staff in February of 2012 as Youth and Family Ministry Assistant, working 20 hours per week. Pastor Paul's duties were also adjusted as his title was changed from Youth and Young Adult Pastor to Associate Pastor. Pastor Paul took on additional adult ministry functions, while much of his youth ministry was switched to the Youth and Family Ministry Assistant. The overall goal of the new model of ministry was not to hire an additional pastor to replace Pastor Tim, but to fill those positions with part time personnel who would be dedicated to specific areas of ministry. (The three new positions were: Visitation Assistant, Visitation Pastor...assumed by Deacon Jim in lieu of Pastor Tim's health, and Youth and Family Ministry Assistant.)

Overall, in our latest transition, two thirds of the current new staff was put in place by the first full week after Pastor Tim retired, and within five months the remaining staff person was put in place. Through all of this the leadership of St. Luke's and the staff has worked very hard to make as smooth a transition as possible. In conclusion, the Lord has really blessed our congregation as we think of the ministry that is going on at our church to meet the needs of our congregation and community.

The above was put together to better communicate what is happening in transition and to better explain why the St. Luke's leadership proceeded with a different model of ministry than we had previously. Also, this model of ministry was approved by the congregation prior to adopting this structure.

ALS SUPPORT GROUP

ALS Support Group will start at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Monday May 1, 2012 beginning at 6:30pm in room 102.

Carolynne Younk will be the guest speaker. Carolynne is the Care Services Coordinator for the ALS Association (ALS) Wisconsin Chapter and has over thirty years of experience working with ALS clients and their families through clinic settings, support groups, advocacy, information and referral and counseling.

The purpose of this first meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Area ALS support group is:

1. Listen to information from Carolynne
2. Share concerns with each other
3. See if there is interest in having regular support group meetings.

Ascension Worship

Thursday, May 17—6:15 p.m.

Plan to join us as we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. This year the Ascension Worship service is here at St. Luke's.

We will celebrate with choirs from St. Luke's, Immanuel, Trinity, Port Edwards, and St. John's, Kellner as we go through the church year in song.

The Ascension of Christ is celebrated 40 days after Easter. It focuses upon the ascent of Christ into heaven shortly before Pentecost.

The Ascension is important to Christians because it reminds us that while Christ's human body could not be present everywhere, Christ's spiritual presence can be experienced universally. St. Matthew's Gospel tells us Christ's last words to his friends were, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20 NRSV). And so Christ is!



Excerpts from Council Minutes—Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Please Note: Complete minutes, financial and ministry reports are posted on the Congregation Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall.

Scott Bernette called the meeting to order. A devotion was shared by Pastor Tom.

Minutes of February 14th meeting—Correction was made to note that Todd Wenzel had incorrectly been listed as present at the February 14th meeting.

- A motion carried to approve the minutes with correction.

2012—2013 Immanuel Lutheran School Tuition & Fees updates per council request—Brian Betts
Principal Betts addressed the council regarding the new Tuition and Fees structure.

Community Tuition—The previous base rate for tuition was \$4500, which did not reflect the actual cost to educate a student at Immanuel but was the amount that was established to provide support to school. The new community starts at \$2900 and has a multiple child discount. This provides a better alignment with the area WRACS system which has a community rate of \$3000.

Immanuel and St. Luke's—The fee structure in the past has had tuition of \$1350, education fee of \$200, technology fee of \$50 which totals to \$1600 for students in grades 1-8 for the total education cost. To simplify this there is one bundled amount starting for the first child of \$1725. There is also a tiered fee structure for families with multiple children. For a family of 2 children, the increase is \$175. The last tuition increase was in the 2007-2008 school year. The amount of increase can easily be made up if a family would choose to use SCRIP.

St. Luke's Support—St. Luke's and Immanuel have supported members who have elected to attend Immanuel at 70% of the past tuition of \$4500. The amount that St. Luke's has supported the families has been \$3150 per child in grades K-8. It is requested that the congregation continue this support of \$3150 per child grade K-8 for the 2012-2013 school year.

It was asked if there were any 3 or 5 year projections on the school's financial picture. There are no specific projections, but they are figuring an increase of 10 students next year, conservatively, beginning at kindergarten. They are working on retention of students once they are students in the system. They see the numbers increasing. There is a push being made to go out to other churches in the area to get them to consider supporting the school also. Immanuel students are performing at a very high level when looking at the academic testing scores. SCRIP money goes into the technology fund which is about \$1000-1500 per month at this point. About \$35,000 total of profit each year comes from SCRIP.

Update from Visitation Assistant—Rich Casper

A report was provided which indicated there were 640+ members that were inactive at some point. The goal was to have contact with each member by the end of 2011. Rich worked with Pastor Tom and Doug Brock from Evangelism in order to come up with ways to reach out to the in-actives through other members. Currently, there are 7 people involved with this. The numbers show that the Visitation Assistant program has had some success and Rich is hopeful that it will continue to grow.

Financial Reports—Review and approve Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Report

- a) Secretary Report—Carla Brizzee: February receipts were \$81.52 under budget. The total for 2012 was \$6163.16 under budget.
 - A motion carried to approve the February Financial Secretary's report.
- b) Treasurer's Report—Chuck Gibbons
 - A motion carried to establish an Alms Dedicated and that it be under the oversight of the Ministry of Social Concerns.
 - A motion carried to approve the January Treasurer's Report.
 - A motion carried to approve the final December 2011 Treasurer's Report.

Scott Bernette appointed a committee of the Endowment Committee along with Martha Strong to meet with rep from LCEF to explore how to handle large gifts/designations in the church in the future and report to Council.

Congregation meeting is scheduled for May 20th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall following a lunch.

Excerpts from Church Council Minutes continued- - -

Scott Bernette re-appointed Russ Zunker to Financial Review Committee. The appointment is for two years and they meet once a year, possibly for two days at a time.

The treasurer recommended the money in IN-OUT account for Fan the Flame be transferred into the Evangelism Dedicated Fund.

- A motion carried to transfer the Fan the Flame In-Out Dedicated Account Funds into Evangelism.

Pastor Tom—Pastors' Report was submitted

- A motion carried to accept the gains and losses on the Pastors' Report

DCE Martha—SKYPE session with the Missionary in China and Sunday School children went well and there was very good participation.

Missions—Jody Cook

- Motion carried to send \$500 to Concordia Seminary for Adopt-A-Student, \$400 for Peace Campus Center and \$750 to the Smiths-Missionaries from budget funds.
- A motion carried to approve \$1200 to Worldwide Heart to Heart Ministry in regard to the English Immersion Program.
- A motion carried to release funds up to \$5000 for the World Wide Heart to Heart Ministry in regard to the English Immersion Program.

Christian Education—Tim Anderson: Preschool's 40th Anniversary Celebration went well. There were 75-80 buttons distributed to former preschoolers and families. Registration for the next school year continues. Chuck Gibbons asked Christian Education to come back to council with a recommendation on the Immanuel Tuition Proposal and how that will affect those attending other schools. This will require congregation action so it is important that we receive a recommendation from Christian Education as to how to move forward on this.

Pastor Paul closed the meeting with a prayer.

- Motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Sherd, Council Secretary

St. Luke's Student Fund

If you have a child who will be attending a Lutheran College this fall or will be going into full-time ministry, he or she is eligible for financial assistance through the **St. Luke's Student Fund**. Applications are available in the church office.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Paul, the church office or one of the trustees of the Student Fund.

Application deadline is July 1, 2012.

iWALK 2012, First Choice PRC's Annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, May 19, 2012. For more information, visit their website www.firstchoiceprc.org



St. Luke's Community Gardens



Spring is here and it is time to start thinking about gardening. We have spaces still available for you to plant your favorite veggies or a few flowers. If you would like to have a garden this year, call Donna Rasmussen, 715-886-3711.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

VOLUNTEERS for taking care of our outside church grounds over the next several months: Bruce & Alida Gross, Ole Oleson and Jeff Niemann for trimming shrubs; Mike & Peg Walton, Mike Bauknecht, Tim & Ann Stainbrook, Jeff Niemann, Ole Arneson, LaVerne & Carol Cherney for Adopting Plots. We continue to need a couple more volunteers to Adopt A Plot - doing the initial clean up and then checking throughout the summer for downed branches, trash, undergrowth, etc. If you can help, call the church office at 715-423-5990.

May Anniversaries

Jeff & Vicki Calawerts	May 1	19 years	Charles & Lucille Dove	May 17	37 years
Ken & Lori Richardson	May 1	30 years	Bradley & Jodi Weigand	May 17	26 years
Dale & Pamela Bowden	May 3	27 years	Todd & Pamela Johnson	May 18	21 years
David & Karen Frazier	May 3	43 years	Phil & Holly Johnson	May 19	39 years
Steve & Gail McIntyre	May 3	32 years	Dan & Colleen Zurfluh	May 19	5 years
Leland & Janet Fisher	May 5	39 years	Roy & Becky Diver	May 20	12 years
Steve & Julie Dombek	May 6	34 years	Gregory & Dolly Wipfli	May 20	51 years
Leland & Jill Hagen	May 6	51 years	Gene & Marie Austin	May 21	55 years
Kurt & Annette Wussow	May 7	19 years	Harlan & Bea Henke	May 21	63 years
James & Mary Doescher	May 8	19 years	James & Sharon Mahoney	May 21	46 years
Dale & Donna Scholze	May 8	47 years	Jeff & Judy Niemann	May 21	18 years
James & Malissa Shaw	May 9	20 years	Jim & Pamela Nooyen	May 22	36 years
Stephen & Karen Barker	May 10	15 years	Bill & Nancy Alger	May 23	48 years
Todd & Karen Bencke	May 10	32 years	Curtis & Carey Rucker	May 23	25 years
Dennis & Heidi Gansch	May 10	32 years	Aaron & Jennifer Dunn	May 24	9 years
Sheldon & Bonnie Rendmeister	May 10	17 years	Donald & Brenda Albrecht	May 25	27 years
LaVerne & Sandra Christman	May 11	28 years	Pat & Angela Watson	May 25	16 years
Patrick & Jane Fink	May 12	33 years	Emil & Betty Ehlert	May 26	56 years
Scott & Pamela Dieringer	May 13	12 years	Art & Sherry Gaetke	May 26	5 years
Patrick & Cheryl Lauby	May 13	40 years	A.J & Angela Grusczyński	May 27	6 years
Brian & Wendy Young	May 13	12 years	Glenn & Janice Hayes	May 27	45 years
David & Jerri Haferman	May 14	35 years	Jerry & Carolyn Rohm	May 27	45 years
Robert & Sherri Luedtke	May 14	7 years	Wade & Sara Cherney	May 29	8 years
Dale & Sue Ann Goessl	May 16	3 years	Robert & Dana Burns	May 30	3 years
Brian & Kara Machon	May 16	3 years	Dan & Jody Cook	May 30	32 years
Michael & Peggy Walton	May 16	42 years	Ross & Lisa Schulz	May 30	31 years
Dale & Beverly DeBoer	May 17	60 years	Travis & Michelle Sorenson	May 31	15 years



Council Leadership Changes

On April 10, the church council was informed of and accepted the resignation of Scott Bernette as chairman of the congregation due to professional and personal considerations. St. Luke's Constitution and By-Laws clearly outlines the procedure for succession in section VI.B.-"Should a vacancy occur in the office of chairman, the vice-chairman shall serve as chairman for the unexpired term." Todd Wenzel, the current Vice-Chairman has been appointed chairman to fill the vacancy.

Per Constitution, a vacancy occurring in the vice-chairman position is filled by the candidate for the office receiving the next highest number of votes in the fall election. As Todd Wenzel ran unopposed this could not occur. Again, per constitution, the next step is to fill the vacancy with Church Council electing a successor. Using this procedure, Brian Strong was unanimously elected to the position of Vice-Chairman of St. Luke's.

This official change to leadership has left another vacancy on the council in the position of Lay Representative to which Brian Strong had been elected. Brian ran unopposed for this position so there are no other candidates to fill this vacancy.

Chairman Todd Wenzel requests anyone interested in learning more information or in serving in the position of Lay Representative to contact him, Brian Strong, Pastor Tom or Pastor Paul. All offices affected by these changes are to fulfill the election term of January 1, 2012 - December 31, 2013.

Todd Wenzel, email: todd@tcr-inc.com; phone 715-886-4654

Brian Strong, email: msh@wctc.net; phone 715-423-5348

In the News

Baptism

Aubre Annabelle Sievers, daughter of Shane Sievers and Miriam Thompson on April 15.

Funerals

Bradley Eimerman on March 17
Donald Wilke on April 1
Lucille Butterfield on April 5
Richard Albert on April 13
Ethel Lamb on April 16

Membership Action

Peaceful Release granted to Doris White;

Peaceful Release granted to Tammy Offer and daughter Audrey Benson.

Our Sympathy to the Following Members & Friends of St. Luke's:

Doretta Curtis, Carole Liebenstein & families at the death of brother and uncle Donald Wilke.

Donna Spaulding & family at the death of her mother Lucille Butterfield.

Family & friends of Ethel Lamb.

Bonita Syms & family at the death of her sister Elvon Brandt.

Peg Drollinger & family at the death of her sister.

Marty Swearingen & Tina Bernette & families at the death of sister & aunt Mary Draper.



The Lutheran Hour

9:06 a.m. Sunday mornings
WFHR AM 1320

Speaker May 6, 13, 20 Rev. Gregory Seltz

May 6—"It's Time to Show Whose We Are!" Connected to Jesus, the True Vine, in all seasons of life, we bear fruit that blesses the lives of others. (John 15:1-8)

May 13—"Barrier-Breaking Love" God's love is no respecter of persons. His love comes to all by grace through faith in Jesus. That love breaks down barriers and builds bridges so that others might see that love in action for them. (Acts 10:34-38)

May 20—"Now What?" Jesus died for our redemption, was raised again to life, and ascended into heaven. Now what? We get to tell anyone who will listen all that Jesus has done for them, that's what!

May 27—"Remember, Don't Forget" Memorial day weekend is a time to remember the sacrifices made to preserve our freedom. Today is also the Lord's Day; we remember our Savior Who gave Himself to free us from sin. Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus.

Need a Graduation Gift?

The Bookstore has many gifts to choose from: laptop skins (covers), handcrafted pens, a "perpetual" desk calendar with daily Bible verses, and necklaces. Or how about some cutlery for that first apartment?



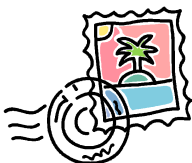
Senior Women - - - -

will meet on Monday, May 7 at 9:30 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant. All senior women of St. Luke's are invited.



Stamps for Missions

Thank you to everyone who saved their postage stamps for Missions. Over 12 pounds were taken to the LWML Rally.



Stamping Group

Stamping Group will meet on Monday, May 21st.



National Day Of Prayer

As stated in 2 Chronicles 7:14-16, Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land. I will listen to every prayer made in this place, for I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be my home forever. My eyes and heart will always be here. Also as stated in Matthew 21:13, "My house will be called a house of prayer."



Please join us at St. Luke's on May 3, 2012 to unite with our nation in prayer.

United Prayer is Powerful!

Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
Serving from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Prices:	
Adults:	\$7.00
Children 12 & under:	Free

A fast line will be available for those who are on a limited lunch break.
Carry-outs available

Proceeds go towards Women's Ministry 2012 goals.



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