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Contemplating the Temple of God

We invite you to join St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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We would really like to keep in touch with you. If you haven't already given us your email address it's as easy as sending St. Luke's an email with the subject line stating "Include Me". This way you won't miss out on the updates and reminders of things going on presently and in the future.

There has been much talk in "the church" (meaning in all churches) since the beginning of Christianity as to the nature of "the church." The Bible gives us many metaphors for the church. As St. Paul writes to the Corinthians,

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are" (I Corinthians 3:16-17).

In our world of ecclesial imperialism and institutional elitism, one seems continually bombarded with entities that move "the church" away from people to polity or property or progress or politics or ... All those attempts are, in fact, an expression of our tedious but tenaciously tyrannical sinfulness. In seeking to take control of the church, we sinful human beings willingly choose to forget, in defiant rebellion, not only who (not what) the church's foundation is but also whose church "the church" is.

To this end, St. Paul reminded the Christians at Corinth what they seemed to have forgotten even in the infancy of Christianity and of their life as a congregation. St. Paul's reminder endures, but Christians seem more keen on following the Corinthians rather than following Christ.

If the people of the church together are made into God's temple, then each individual member is part of the temple of God. In comparison, building materials, legalistic polities, human progress, and various politics all share

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one thing in common. They are either already dead or lead to death. In a church setting, those who put their faith or their efforts into such things over and above the human members of God's temple, tragically, undermine God's temple and seek wittingly or unwittingly to destroy God's temple.

St. Luke's has initiated what it believes to be a new beginning. That new beginning is not just an organizational reorganization or a denominational disaffiliation or a numerical repopulation. The new beginning means a call to return to the creative force that spoke, "In the beginning ..." It is a return to the word of God, especially the word of God made flesh to dwell among us, who is Jesus Christ, the foundation of our existence. Since St. Luke's could not, however, by its own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ, to borrow a phrase from Luther, Jesus Christ comes to St. Luke's in his gospel and sacraments. He comes to be the foundation of a temple of God which we are being fashioned by him to be.

May the spirit of God dwell abundantly in this part of Christ's temple, and may God protect his temple from all those who put polity or property or progress or politics before the proclamation of the gospel and the people which comprise God uses to build his temple founded on his son.

Cool Youth Event

On Sunday, 13 March 2011 after Sunday School, youth group and slightly older Sunday School pupils are invited to a Pizza and Ice Skating extravaganza, or something close to that. First, we will go for pizza or the like (meal on the house) and then head to the Joan Kroc Center for ice skating (\$7.00 per person including skate rental). We expect to return around 3:30 pm. If you think that you are on thin ice now ... !

Guests are welcome, provided they attend church and Sunday School. Please RSVP with Pastor Mark by Wednesday, 09 March (Ash Wednesday), if you plan to attend.

Bon Samaritan Report

One of the recipients of St. Luke's benevolence this past year was Bon Samaritan. Ann Hume sent a thank-you to the church for St. Luke's generosity, and she also reports :

I returned to Haiti and have been working at a cholera clinic. In fact, it is the clinic in St. Marc which was recently shown on television. I am currently here for five months. I am also involved teaching our children in Christian programs. So, life is busy and fun and warm!! Well, it is 1:00 am, and I have to take an American doctor to another clinic up in the mountains in the morning. God is good, and He keeps me busy serving HIM with you. Trust in the Lord with all your heart..... (Proverbs 3:5)

Thank you again,

Ann

TREASURER NOTES

St. Luke's Financial statement is located in the Library for inspection by anyone wishing to view it.

Terry East

Treasurer

OUR ONGOING OUTREACH

At our March meeting we:

--accepted the resignation of Marge Hersom who has been a faithful and valued member of this committee.

--welcomed a new committee member: Mary Ann Boulllain.

--set the date for the 2011 Alternative Christmas Gift Faire: Sunday, November 13. Presently nearly all of last year's nonprofit groups are committed.

--set May 1 as this year's date for Heifer International's PASSING ON THE GIFT event (see Heifer's column in this issue of the Parish Builder for details).

TACO IS A UNIQUE PLACE: A Message from its Volunteer Coordinator

"It's better to give than to receive." When we say "thank you" we make givers aware of their unique and precious gifts. TACO is a unique place in that a person can give and receive at the same time. It's important to open yourself up to receive whatever gifts may be given to you in that moment. But how does someone do that? And why is TACO a place that does that? Why do we care? Explore this and more at the 2011 TACO's Healing In Service (THIS) on Saturday April 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at First Lutheran. Speakers include Jim Lovell, Executive Director; the Rev. Bill Radatz, TACO Board President; Nance Lovell, MSW, Coordinator of Simon's Walk Ministers; and the Rev. Wilk Miller, Pastor of First Lutheran and TACO Board member. For more information, contact Rachel Line, Volunteer Coordinator, at 619-235-9445, Ext. 2. RSVP is needed by March 25. Lunch will be provided.

TACO's "EMPTY BOWLS" Fundraiser

This annual event which last year raised \$12,000 for TACO's work with the homeless is planned for Saturday, May 7, at La Jolla United Methodist Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Many St. Luke's members attended last year, car-pooling from the church. Soups are supplied by fine area restaurants and terrific breads come from some of the best bakeries. Mark your calendars now!!

PARISH POTPOURRI

Who is going on a fabulous cruise???.....two couples from St. Luke's!! JOANN and JACK HENDRICKSON and CATHIE and RICH FLOEGEL will be flying to Tahiti in March to enjoy cruising the Polynesian Islands. In addition to Tahiti, they will see Bora Bora and Morrea, as well as several other smaller islands.....CHUCK and MARGE HERSOM later this spring will be traveling to Las Vegas for a huge family reunion of the SAVORY FAMILY, whose roots are in the Bonin Islands. You'll be reading more about this in the months to come.....LADIES, mark your calendars for a special St. Luke's event being planned for October 22. Details will be coming to you soon. You won't want to miss it!!!Random facts: Henry Ford produced the model T only in black because the black paint available at the time was the fastest to dry.....It is impossible to lick your elbow.....No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.....A giraffe can go without water longer than a camel.....The praying mantis is the only insect that can turn its head.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

APRIL IS "PASS ON THE GIFT MONTH"

Hunger cannot be ended overnight. So HEIFER INTERNATIONAL has set aside April. "Pass on the Gift Month" is about people sharing with others. Around the world HEIFER INTERNATIONAL partners are strengthening their communities through passing on the gift to others in need.

"Passing on the Gift" creates a living cycle of sustainability that develops community and enhances self-esteem, allowing project participants to become donors. As people share the offspring of their animals – along with their knowledge, resources and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe

Please join us in this cycle of giving!! Two years ago we had Lucy with us. (Of course you all remember her!) Last year the Outreach Committee hosted a brunch. This year our event will include some more special guests, special "games" to make you more knowledgeable about HEIFER, and home-baked goodies for you to purchase. All donations will be sent to HEIFER.

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 1 (we're missing April by one day)

WHERE: St. Luke's Lower Level

WHEN: After worship services on May 1

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S

Psalm 18:30 As for God, His way is perfect

The Women of St. Luke's met last month to plan our future giving and events for all the women of St. Luke's to attend and enjoy.

Already 2011 is slipping by faster than ever. We discussed the Lenten season. Can you believe that this year Ash

Wednesday falls on March 9. so begins our journey towards Christ's Crucifixion and His glorious ascent into heaven.

The Women of St. Luke's plan on starting the Lenten Season by preparing the soup supper for Ash Wednesday on March 9 at 5:30 PM. Please come and enjoy a Chicken Tortilla soup along with salad, rolls and dessert. Come with the children, from work, bring friends. The Holden Service will begin at 6:30 PM.

One of our major events every year is our Mother's and Others Tea. The Tea will be held on Saturday, May 14. Our guest speaker is Maureen Borchardt's niece, Michelle Gennaro who serves with the African Island Missions in Less th Africa.

Proceeds from the tea will go towards the Mission and its work. Watch for the posters announcing this wonderful event.

For further information, please contact with Darcy Barghols.

Our Project Chair, Shirley Carrington, is seeking knitters and crotchetier. We have lots of yarn and a simple pattern to follow and hopefully result into a blanket or a sweater for our baby kits we send off to Lutheran World Relief. You do not

have to come to church to work, although you'll be glad you did. Do let Shirley know you will be

happy to knit or crochet and she will hand out your yarn and the pattern. She is present every Sunday.

Speaking of projects, once again I encourage those of you who are interested in quilting to attend the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays Project day. You don't have to be a member of the St. Luke's. We have two ladies who attend a different church, or even know anyone, our Project ladies are a friendly happy bunch, just come and do God's work for those in need.

You'll be glad you did. For more information speak with Martha Applegate.

KEEP SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 OPEN, PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR.

One other reminder: If you have never heard the San Diego Symphony Band, you have been missing something very special. On Palm Sunday, April 18, the Joan Croc Center at 5 PM, we will have the pleasure of hearing an original production of the Lewis and Clarke Symphony written by Richard Applegate, one our own members. and performed by the San Diego Symphony Band. Be watching for opening sales of the tickets.

THANK YOU

Maggie Simmons sends her thanks to St. Luke's for their cards and prayers. Her vision is doing better. She would enjoy phone calls and or visits. She in in room 8 at La Mesa Healthcare Center.

Thanks be to God!

Journey to Nazareth

What is it was like to live and work in the dusty town of Nazareth, just as Jesus was beginning his ministry around Galilee?

Would you hear whisperings about Mary's son, Jesus, the local carpenter's kid who says he's the Son of God? Jesus? Who had dinner at your house and played tag with your kids?

As you tend your sheep or bake, perhaps you secretly wonder if it's really possible that Jesus—the boy down the street—could be The Messiah.

Jesus had a family...

Jesus had a name...

Jesus had a home...

Jesus went to church...

Jesus served others and you...

This July, we will live in his world.

Keep reading the newsletters for more information...

La Mesa Flag Day Parade

In 2010, a large group of us marched in the Flag Day parade to promote our Vacation Bible School program, *Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace*. It was a great time and helped get word out not only of the VBS program, but of our church.

This year we will continue the tradition and strive to increase our participants. But we need help in the execution of our parade.

The parade occurs on Saturday, June 4th at 10 am. Staging occurs at 9am. More details will be forthcoming. The lead on this project is Pat Swanson.

Book Club Updates

The last book club meeting delved into the philosophy of Bonhoeffer, from his thoughts on killing (and the difference between the Catholic conspirators of Project Valkyrie) all the way to Bonhoeffer's appreciation for the American black churches. Join us next time for more discussion on this fascinating man.

For March, the Book Club will continue with Bonhoeffer for Friday evenings at 7:30 pm studies and begin *Fearless* (by Max Lucado) on Saturday mornings, 9:30 am, in classroom 7 at the Church.

From the Author:

"Fear seems to be in the driver's seat these days. People are troubled and anxious. Finances are tumbling, rockets are launching, and seemingly solid institutions are teetering. It's tough for folks to know where to turn.

Two years ago I began writing a new book entitled *Fearless*. Little did I know then what we'd be facing now, but God did. The book examines Jesus' statements about fear and encourages us to take heart in difficult times.

The antidote to the fear epidemic? Trust. If we trust God more, we can fear less. What a comforting promise."

You can buy *Fearless* on Amazon or a variety of online sites.

For more information about the Book Club, contact Jennifer Killion.



**HAPPY MARCH
BIRTHDAY
to you....**

Marge Bitter
Mary Ann Boullain
Dave Buller
Marilyn Burns
Robert Burns
Sharon Cervizzi (Van Ostrand)
Vi DeMarce
Rich Floegel
Leah Johnson
Leanne Kimble
Billy Miles
Chris Parks
Lyle Swanson



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you heard about them from
our Newsletter!***

MARCH WORSHIP TEXT

6th Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson—Exodus 24: 12-18
Second Lesson—2 Peter 1: 16-21
Gospel—Matthew 17: 1-9

9th Ash Wednesday

First Lesson—Isaiah 58: 1-12
Second Lesson—2 Corinthians
5: 20b—6: 10
Gospel—Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

13th First Sunday in Lent

First Lesson—Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
Second Lesson—Romans 5: 12-19
Gospel—Matthew 4: 1-11

20th Second Sunday in Lent

First Lesson—Genesis 12: 1-4a
Second lesson—Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
Gospel—John 3: 1-17

27th Third Sunday in Lent

First Lesson—Exodus 17: 1-7
Second Lesson—Romans 5: 1-11
Gospel—John 4: 5-42

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donna Bohnsack Memorial

Glen Bohnsack

PARISH BUILDER ARTICLES

April 2011 articles,
due in the office by
March 16th

Thank you, Judy

MARCH PRAYER		
Scripture	To God be the Glory!	
1	Psalm 29	
2	John 1: 14, 16-18	Glory be to God the Father.
3	John 2: 1-11	Glory be to God the Son.
4	Psalm 19: 1-6	Glory be to the God the Spirit.
5	John 11: 1-4	God eternal, three in One.
6	John 12: 23-29	
7	John 13: 31-35	Glory be to God who loved us,
8	John 14: 10-14	Washed from us each spot and stain.
9	John 16: 12-15	Glory be to Him who bought us,
10	John 17: 1-5	Now with God on high to reign.
11	Philippians 1: 9-11	
12	Ephesians 1: 11-14	Glory, blessing, praise eternal,
13	Ephesians 3: 20-21	Thus the choir of angels sings.
14	Psalm 34: 1-3	Honor, riches, power, dominion.
15	Philippians 2: 5-11	Thus its praise creation brings.
16	II Thessalonians 1: 11-12	
17	I Timothy 1: 15-17	Hymn 167
18	II Timothy 4: 16-18	Verses 1, 2, 4
19	Psalm 79: 8-9	LBW
20	I Peter 4: 10-11	
21	Hebrews 1: 1-4	
22	Hebrews 2: 5-9	
23	Psalm 115: 1	
24	Romans 15: 7-13	
25	II Corinthians 4: 3-6	
26	Hebrews 13: 20-21	
27	Psalm 85: 7-13	
28	Psalm 66: 1-4	
29	Revelation 21: 22-24	
30	Revelation 4: 9-11	
31	Revelation 5: 11-14	

MARCH WORSHIP TEAMS

	Reader Altar Guild Sound Technician	<i>Billy Miles Hazel Knippelmeyer Ben Wilson</i>
6th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Darcy Barghols</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Cathie Floegel, Joe Makowski</i>
	Greeters	<i>Loraine Winger and Bonnie Fuller</i>
	Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Makayla Stomenger, Emily Rose Menacher</i>
9th Ash Wednesday	Communion Assistant—Bread	<i>Lyle Swanson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Karen Skullerud</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Roger Caldwell</i>
	Communion Assistants— Wine	<i>Marge Bitter and George Moore</i>
	Greeters	<i>Grace, Makayla and Savannah</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Billy Miles and Savannah Scott</i>
13th	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Bev Holland</i>
	Projectionist	
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Marilyn Burns and Loraine Winger</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bob Becker and Chuck Volker</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Chuck Hersom</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Grace Menacher, Makayla Stromenger</i>
20th	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Martha Applegate</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan and Darcy Barghols</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bob & Marilyn Burns</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Savannah Scott and Emily Rose Menacher</i>
27th	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Lyle Swanson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Mark</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Roger Caldwell</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Bob and Bonnie Fuller</i>
	Greeters	<i>Darcy Barghols, Jim & Dawn Dolan, The Knipps</i>
	Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Billy Miles and Makayla Stromenger</i>

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 am Tai 'Chi' 9:00 a.m. Facilities Mtg. Noon WSL 6:00 p.m. Worship Arts 6:30 p.m. Special Olympics	2 5:00 p.m. WNL dinner 6:00 a.m. Bible study 6:00 p.m. Catechism 7:00 p.m. Choir	3 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi	4 7:30 p.m. Jennifer's Book club. 4340 Maple St. LM	5 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild 9:30 a.m. Jennifer's Book club Classroom #7
6 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday school	7 9:00 a.m. Counters	8 8:00 a.m. Tai 'Chi' 9:00 a.m. Facility Crew 9:30 a.m. Project Day 6:30 p.m. Special Olympics 7:00 p.m. Rebekah Cir.	9 Ash Wed. 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Service 7:15p.m. Choir	10 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Outreach	11 Noon Good Life	12 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
13 1st Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 p.m. Sunday school 6:30 p.m. Dinner	14 9:00 a.m. Counters Finance 5:30 p.m. Council 6:30 p.m.	15 9:00 a.m. Facility Crew 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Special Olympics	16 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:30 a.m. Service 7:15 p.m. Choir 5:00 p.m. <i>Deadline/PB Parish Builder</i>	17 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 10:00 a.m. Deborah Circle 6:30 p.m. AAUW Mtg.	18	19 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
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27 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:15 a.m. Sunday school 11:30 a.m. Future Generations Mtg.	28 9:00 a.m. Counters	29 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:00 a.m. Facilities 9:30 a.m. Project Day 6:30 p.m. Special Olympics	30 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper 6:30 a.m. Service 7:15 p.m. Choir	31 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi		

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- Sunday school for all ages: Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Lower Level.
- Soup Suppers: Wednesdays beginning March 9 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Lenten Services: Wednesdays beginning March 9 @ 6:30 p.m.
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St. Luke's Mission Statement:

We are called as a community of Christians saved by grace
—through faith alone in Jesus Christ—
to spread the Holy Gospel in word, sacrament, and action
solī deo gloria.