



# The Parish Builder

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## 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.

## Why Did Martin Luther Do What He Did?

by Savannah Scott\*

God sent Martin Luther to start the reformation just when it was needed most at the church. He was born in Germany 1483. During that time the church did not believe in the Bible alone. The church leaders invented practices that Jesus and his apostles never preached.

As a young man Luther was sent by his father to law school, but one day as he was returning to the school after a visit with his parents a lightning bolt struck him to the ground. He cried out to St. Anne for help and said if he were saved he would become a monk. He lived! Because Martin was a man true to his word he became a monk. It was during this time he discovered no matter how hard he tried to keep the God's commandments the more Martin felt more like a failure.

So Luther decided to take a "field trip" to Italy to see the Roman Catholic church. His trip did not help him, but only made him feel worse. He observed how the a nearby church sold indulgences to escape the years you would have to spend in purgatory. Luther questioned and wondered where in the Bible did it speak of these practices?

When Luther got home he was sent by Frederick the Wise to Wittenberg to become a University's professor. He also became a scholar and a Pastor. Martin turned to the Bible to study it for God's answer to his sadness. Soon he learned from reading St. Paul's letter to the Romans that he didn't have to earn forgiveness. God already had sent his son, Christ, as a gift for those who believe!! Christ has earned forgiveness for him and for all humanity. He was so excited to tell people about his

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discovery, but the Catholic church tried to prevent him from doing so.

Martin Luther then wrote 95 concerns about indulgences, purgatory and other non-Bible teachings and nailed it to the church's door. Soon after, Luther was ex-communicated from the church. When he was asked by the emperor to take back his writings he refused; for his words were the true words of God. Because he did not recant, he became an outlaw.

It was during this time he translated the word of God in German so people could read and understand it. Martin eventually returned to Wittenberg, married and wrote "The Small Catechism" and "The Large Catechism" and composed Christmas songs. In 1546 he died of natural causes.

But his life was dedicated to spreading the truth that God's forgiveness was "free" because of Christ's death on the cross. Jesus paid the ultimate price and Martin Luther wanted everyone to know this and feel freedom from sin, guilt, and death as part of God's "free" gift of love for you, for me and for all humanity.

\*During Lenten services this year, St. Luke's catechism pupils each gave a "persuasive essay" during the services. Available essays will be reprinted here for those not able to attend the Lenten services.

### **Heartfelt Gratitude to Bev Whitcomb**

After many decades of faithfully serving many generations of Sunday school children, Bev Whitcomb has retired as one of St. Luke's longest serving Sunday school teachers. Bev has delighted countless children and adults with her spectacular spectrum of arts and crafts and related teaching materials.

On Sunday, 22 May, St. Luke's marked Bev's transition to senior craft advisor by presenting her with flowers, a commemorative plaque during the service, and a reception.

It is hard to imagine a Bible story for which Bev does not have an accompanying craft or project.

### **Mothers and Others - Much Faith and Fun**

We wish to thank all the Women of St. Luke's (WSL) who helped to bring to fruition all the plans and ideas that made this year's "Mothers and Others" luncheon such a success. The tables were decorated in a lovely fashion, the food was just right, and the conversations were plentiful.

We are especially grateful to Michele Gennaro who attended the luncheon to tell her story of preparing to convert her whole family into missionaries for Lesotho (pronounced *li-soo-too*) in Africa. Michele's faith and courage are an inspiration to many people, and her presentation has reverberated through the entire congregation of St. Luke's. We also wish to thank staff and itinerant menfolk who also assisted with setup, the meal, and cleanup.

### **Catechism Finishes First Year**

Grace Menacher, Savannah Scott, and Makayla Strommenger have finished the course work for their first year of catechism. Each young lady will need to pass the first year final examination with 70% on each section to enter the second year of catechism. The pass rate for first year catechism will be 100% with the number of retakes varying from pupil to pupil. We wish them all much success and will keep them in our prayers.

### **Thanks WNL**

We wish to thank all the leaders and attendees for making Wednesday Night Live (WNL) this year an enjoyable and educational time.

We are grateful to all those who faithfully brought potluck dishes to share and grateful to those who set up and cleaned up for the meals. We also thank Mike Logsdon for leading the group through the book of Revelation. Although the end times for WNL this year are nigh, it is prophesied that the story of the end times will continue in the autumn of 2011. So, please mark your calendars to join the food for body and soul.

### **La Mesa Flag Day Parade**

Once again, this year St. Luke's is planning to participate in the La Mesa Flag Day Parade on Saturday, 04 June at 10:00 am. Marchers will meet at the church for breakfast and then head in town to line up for the parade. Together we hope raise community awareness of St. Luke's generally and of our summer VBS particularly. We hope to be distributing information bags to parade observers. If you would like to march in the parade, please contact the church office for more details.

### **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**

The EMPTY BOWLS fund raising event, held May 7, was a total success for TACO!! Over \$13,000 was contributed in just a little over two hours. We understand from those St. Luke's members who attended that the soups were terrific, as were the breads. These funds are extremely important.....only with success like this can TACO continue its work with the homeless. St. Luke's was represented by Randy Engel, Marge Hersom, Barbara Hinton, Judy Jones, Betty Wiedmer, and Loraine Winger.

#### HOMELESS TREASURES:

.....that's the name of the rummage sale to benefit TACO that will be held Saturday morning, August 20, at Clairemont Lutheran Church. Donations of gently used items are requested.....anything from clothing to household items, electronics, toys and more. As time goes on there will be a need for volunteers to sort and price and/or pick up items in the week prior to the sale, and to staff tables the day of the sale. Here's the list of requested items:

Clothing	Household Items & Décor
Jewelry	Electronics
Collectibles	Art
Small Appliances	Holiday Decorations
Tools	Books & Records
Indoor/Outdoor Furniture	Plants
Toys & Games	Sporting Goods
Linens	

(No mattresses or large appliances will be accepted)

Surely the cupboards and garages of St. Luke's members can come up with any number of items to donate!! More information on various needs will be publicized in the months and weeks to come!

## LUTHERAN BORDER CONCERNS MINISTRY NEEDS

When you again shop for groceries, you might like to pick up an “extra” of a particular item needed by friends on the other side of the border:

COOKING OIL	FLOUR
RICE	BEANS
LAUNDRY SOAP	

The Red Flyer wagon is available for any of your contributions!

## **HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**

Again, thanks to all who made last month’s PASSING ON THE GIFT event so successful. Also, we’ve emptied the Quarter Bank again.....congratulations for your diligence in dropping in those quarters!!

Perhaps many of you know that Heifer International has Heifer Ranch at Perryville, Arkansas, which is about an hour’s drive from their main offices in Little Rock. Several weeks ago, devastating tornadoes ripped through many areas of the South, including Perryville. There was no loss of life to employees, guests or animals. However, damage to the grounds and facilities was significant. Several buildings and barns were destroyed or damaged. Employees and volunteers have been working tirelessly on clean-up efforts.

The total cost of damage on what insurance will cover is not yet known, but one specific need: a \$10,000 deductible for their insurance to begin coverage. Beyond that, some repairs and reconstruction costs are not covered by insurance. In speaking recently directly with someone at the main office, indications are that recovery is the proverbial “slow but sure.”

HEIFER would, of course, welcome any funds sent to help rebuild Heifer Ranch. For more up-to-date information, view their web site at [info@heifer.org](mailto:info@heifer.org).

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## CEO VISIT

When Heifer’s new CEO, Pierre Ferrari, and his wife recently made several visits in Southern California, the groups saw a short video of a reading of a play (actually a musical) of “Beatrice’s Goat” that has been written by the people who did “The Lion King.” It looks to be very promising, and they are hoping it will be produced by churches and schools around the country when it becomes available.

“Beatrice’s Goat” is a true story about how one child from Uganda, given the right tools (a goat) is able to lift her family out of poverty. A copy of this book is in our St. Luke’s library.

## PARISH POTPOURRI

It's that time of the year again: GRADUATION. As usual we want to let St. Luke's friends and families know about who is graduating and the family connections. Please call Judy at the church office so that she can collect the information. Here's the info we need:

Graduate's name and relationship to St. Luke's member

Graduating from: (school level..... elementary, jr. high, middle school, high school.....if high school, is he/she going to college and where)

In the case of a college grad, what school was attended and what was his/her major

Going on to graduate work?

Getting a job?

Is St. Luke's member attending graduation?

By the time you read this issue of the Builder, TORI HAUK will have graduated Summa Cum Laude (May 14) with a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Arizona in Tucson. Of course her parents, ANGIE and GEORGE HAUK, were there, too. TORI was named "School of Music Outstanding Senior" at the Graduation Convocation. This summer she will, for six weeks, play in the opera orchestra at Opera of the Ozarks, and in the fall TORI will continue her education for the Master of Music degree, Florida Atlantic Conservatory, Boca Raton.

Below is the much-requested Darcy Barghols rice recipe so many of us enjoyed at the Mothers and Others luncheon:

SALAD: 2 cups long-grain white rice,  
cooked and cooled  
(Serves 8) ½ cup slivered pecans  
½ cup red diced red bell pepper  
½ cup yellow diced bell pepper  
½ cup orange diced bell pepper  
(choose your own selection of bells)  
¼ cup chopped cilantro (optional)  
4 or 5 scallion onions, sliced/

chopped

½ cup cran-raisins

DRESSING: ¼ cup olive oil  
1/3 cup rice vinegar  
2 T. Dijon or Champagne mustard  
2 T. sugar  
½ t. garlic salt MIX ALL AND  
SHAKE WELL

Mix dressing with salad ingredients; refrigerate several hours. Can be made day before.

## ALL Men and Boys!

You are invited to:

### SONS OF THE FATHER LUNCHEON

When: Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: In the Lower Level

Cost: \$ 5.00

Reservations: Accepted during the 3 weeks prior to June 18.

The speaker will be from the "Wounded Warrior Project".

#### Their mission:

*Is to honor and empower wounded warriors.*

#### Their Vision:

*To foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded warriors in this nation's history.*

A Delicious Taco Bar Lunch will be provided!

## PARISH EDUCATION

By the time you receive this month's Parish Builder, the June 4<sup>th</sup> parade will be over and we will be well on our way with our plans for VBS. We are so excited and blessed to be able to promote our church, and the service we provide to our community.

VBS is now in the final planning stages. Everyone is getting excited, but, we still need help. If you have ever dreamed of building a city, then help us build Nazareth. If you have ever wanted to cook authentic recipes, then help us cook. If you love to see kids laughing and playing, then help us with the games. If you love to see the look on the faces of everyone when talking about Jesus and his family, then help us teach. There is an opportunity for everyone to serve. No matter how big or how small the job, they are all important.

Parish Education is saying good-bye to Bev Whitcomb. After many, many, many years of teaching in St. Luke's Sunday school program Bev is putting away her glue and craft paper. What a blessing she has been to St. Luke's and to all the children she has taught through out the years. We will miss her ideas wisdom that she has shared with us through out the years.  
GOD BLESS YOU BEV

Dear fellow St." Luke-ians",

I have racked my brain for days trying to think of how I can tell you all how much I appreciate you and how much it has helped me to know you are praying for me through my illness. I 'm happy and feel truly blessed to be able to tell you that I am cancer free.

Being a member of St. Luke's family adds so much to my life - I can't imagine being without it. God has blessed me in so many ways. John 1:16 says it all: Through the fullness of your Grace we have all received one blessing after another.

With much gratitude,  
Bev Holland

To All St. Luke's Family,

Thank you folks for the warm welcome I received. I felt your prayers all along the many days and weeks of healing. Your warm kindness meant so much, making me feel so comfortable

Evelyn Pierce

**HAPPY JUNE  
BIRTHDAY**  
to you....

Bruce Fowler

George Jenkins

Evelyn Pierce

**JUNE WORSHIP TEXT**

**5th Seventh Sunday of Easter**

First Lesson—Acts 1: 6-14

Second Lesson—1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11

Gospel—John 17: 1-11

**12th Day of Pentecost**

First Lesson—Acts 2: 1-12

Second Lesson—I Corinthians 12: 3b-13

Gospel—John 7: 37-39

**19th The Holy Trinity**

First Lesson—Genesis 1: 1—2: 4a

Second Lesson—2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Gospel—Matthew 28: 16-20

**26th Second Sunday after Pentecost**

First Lesson—Jeremiah 28: 5-9

Second lesson—Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel—Matthew 10: 40-42



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**PARISH BUILDER ARTICLES**

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

*Thank you, Judy*

## JUNE PRAYERS

	Scripture	Christ, the Living Word
1	John 1:1-5, 14	<i>God has spoken by his prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;</i>
2	Hebrews 1:1-3	<i>Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.</i>
3	Colossians 1:15-18	<i>In worlds' despair and turmoil, One firm anchor holds us fast:</i>
4	I John 1:1-4	<i>God is king, His throne eternal; God the first and the last.</i>
5	James 1:17, 18, 21	
6	Hebrews 4:12-14	<i>God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ the everlasting Son,</i>
7	I Thessalonians 1:4-6	<i>Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father every one;</i>
8	Romans 10:6-11, 14, 15	<i>Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;</i>
9	I Peter 1:23-25	<i>Light of light, to earth descending; He reveals our God to us.</i>
10	II Samuel 22:31-33	
11	John 6:63-69	<i>God is speaking by his Spirit, Speaking to the hearts of all,</i>
12	I Thessalonians 2:13	<i>In the ageless Word expounding God's own message for us all.</i>
13	Psalms 33:4-9	<i>Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;</i>
14	John 15:7-8	<i>God abides, his Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.</i>
15	Proverbs 30:5	
16	Colossians 3:16-17	<i>Hymn 238</i>
17	I Corinthians 2:12-13	<i>Verses 1, 2, 3</i>
18	Isaiah 55:10-11	<i>LBW</i>
19	II Timothy 2:8-10	
20	John 17:14, 17, 20, 21	
21	I John 2:14, 24	
22	Matthew 4:1-4	
23	Psalms 29:3-11	
24	Ephesians 6:8-14	
25	Psalms 119:105	
26	Psalms 12:6	
27	Titus 1:1-3	
28	II Timothy 3:14-17	
29	Romans 15:4-6	
30	Romans 11:33-36	

## JUNE WORSHIP TEAMS

	Reader Altar Guild Sound Technician	<i>5 &amp; 12-Darcy Barghols; 19 &amp; 26-Marge Hersom Bev. Holland Ben Wilson</i>
<b>5th</b>	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Lyle Swanson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Bonnie Fuller</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan &amp; Darcy Barghols</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bonnie Fuller &amp; Loraine Wininger</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Grace &amp; Emily Rose Menacher</i>
<b>12th</b>	Communion Assistant—Bread	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Martha Applegate</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Roger Caldwell</i>
	Communion Assistants- Wine	<i>Dawn Dolan &amp; Marge Hersom</i>
	Greeters	<i>Chuck Volker &amp; Bob Des Lauriers</i>
	Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Grace &amp; Emily Rose Menacher</i>
<b>19th</b>	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Lyle Swanson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Marge Henkel</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Roger Caldwell</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>George &amp; Hazel Knippelmeyer</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bob &amp; Marilyn Burns</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Savannah Scott &amp; Billy Miles</i>
<b>26th</b>	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>George Moore</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Cathie Floegel &amp; Joe Makowski</i>
	Greeters	<i>Darcy Barghols, Jim &amp; Dawn Dolan</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Chuck Hersom</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Savannah Scott &amp; Billy Miles</i>

# JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 a.m. Facility Mtg 5:00 p.m. WNL dinner 6:00 a.m. Bible study 6:00 p.m. Catechism 7:00 p.m. Choir	2 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Outreach	3	4 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 7:30 a.m. Light breakfast pre parade-LL 10:00 a.m. LM Parade begins 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
5 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	6 9:00 a.m. Counters	7 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi Noon WSL 6:30 p.m. Special Olympics 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed	8 8:30 a.m. Facility crew 7:00 p.m. Choir	9 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi	10 Noon Good Life	11 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
12 Pentecost 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	13 9:00 a.m. Counters 5:30 p.m. Finance 6:30 p.m. Council	14 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Project Day 6:30 p.m. Special O. 7:00 p.m. Rebekah Cir.	15 8:30 a.m. Facility crew Noon Book Club 7:00 p.m. Last Choir rehearsal	16 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 10:00 a.m. Deborah Circle 5:00 p.m. Deadline/ PB Parish Builder	17	18 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild 11:30 a.m. Fathers Day Luncheon
19 Fathers Day 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	20 9:00 a.m. Counters	21 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Special O.	22 8:30 a.m. Facility crew 6 p.m. Choir Potluck@ Caldwell home	23 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi	24	25 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
26 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Future Generations	27 9:00 a.m. Counters	28 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Project Day 6:30 p.m. Special O.	29 8:30 a.m. Facility crew	30 :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.
- La Mesa Village Flay Day Parade: Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.
- Sons of the Father Luncheon : June 18 at 11:30 am
- Happy Birthday USA: July 3 (time to be announced)

**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.*