

Parish Rebuilder

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We invite you to attend

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Belaboring the Point

Jesus selected 70 disciples, and before sending them out in pairs, he said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2).

What Jesus has done here is radical. In contrast to typical dynamics then or now, obtaining “God’s goods” usually involves us going somewhere, to “church” or to temple or wherever. In Jesus day, the temple was in Jerusalem, and some villages had synagogues. The Samaritans had their hilltop shrines. Even those opting to see and hear someone new and supposedly radical, like John the Baptist, needed to venture forth to him. Jesus, however, commissions his followers to take his message to the people, and he does so knowing that their task would be overwhelming.

Now, if we as good Lutherans were to organize ourselves into pairs and head out to the highways and byways to drum up members for the church, we would probably be mistaken for good Mormons. When we are in the mood, we like to come to church. It gets us away from our daily routine. It brings us, we think, into a different presence, maybe even the presence of God.

If nothing else, all the singing and snacks make us feel good. In contrast thereto, heading out in mission pairs seems more akin to our daily routines, i.e. on the roads, same old surroundings, and plagued by the feeling that things should be going better.

What did Jesus have in mind or was he out of his mind? If we were out wandering around in pairs offering people “Close Encounters of the Trinitarian Kind,” being out of our minds might just come to mind. What Jesus had in mind, however, was not as important as what he has in his heart, namely the gift of salvation to all who believe. The cross of Christ demonstrates that God’s love, from our sinful human perspective, makes absolutely no sense at all.

God the Father sent his son, Jesus, into the world because it was easier for God through Christ to bear our sin than it was for God to bear humanity’s sinful self-annihilation. We all know that the self-destructive nature of our sin makes no sense at all, and yet we routinely rationalize our destructiveness with the highest of human intellect. Threatening destruction is paradoxically our worldly security. The senseless inescapability of our sin creates the evil which not only perplexes philosophers but literally bedevils all human life. That same sin keeps us from hearing and from sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the highways and byways of human life.

So, what was Jesus thinking? Jesus as the lord of the universe came to bring us the voice of God. Within the confines of human time and space, that voice of God was amplified when Jesus sent the 70. Even those 70 were too few to create a loud enough voice to reach beyond small portions of Judea. So, Jesus asked those whom he commissioned to pray to God for more help, for more voices. Those who need to hear the word of God are ever so many, and those who can and will tell them about God are always too few.

In baptism, we have been called, ordained, and sent as ambassadors for Christ. We often find the task daunting. Firstly, we can feel overwhelmed from within by our task because of our own sin. Secondly, we can feel overwhelmed from without because the world threatens to drown out the voice of Christ by its sinful refusal to hear. So, the harvest is always plentiful and the laborers are ever too few (Matthew 9:37-38). That seems especially the case for a smallish church like St. Luke’s.

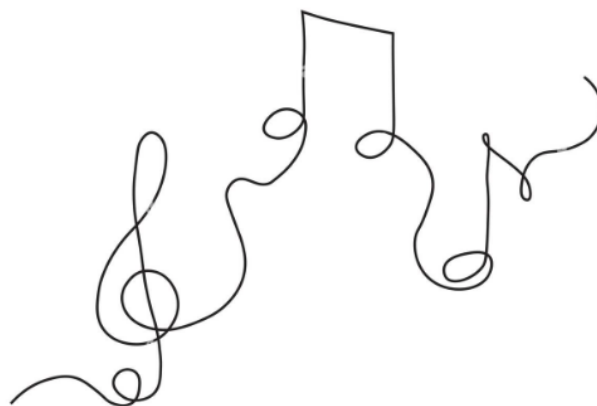
Feeling overwhelmed, however, is not the end but the beginning. In such times, we are called to pray, to study scripture, and to embrace the cross of the resurrected Christ. Thereby, the lord of the harvest promises to fill us continually with his salvific, faith-creating word. In and of itself, that word always reminds, equips, and empowers us to be led solely by the lord of the harvest to sow and to reap. Although this lord can reap where he has

not sown and can gather where he has scattered no seed (Matthew 25:24-26), he continues to call and to send us to proclaim and to propagate his word incarnate as members of the body of Christ.

Many Thanks Pastor Gleason

We wish to thank Pastor Gleason Snashall for covering on 03 May for Pastor Mark, who was off attending to his biannual flight instructor refresher course. Pastor Gleason's service to St. Luke's and to many others is a blessing to us all. Please be reminded that he also teaches the adult Sunday school class if you wish to partake of his learning in that way too.

-Pastor Mark Menacher



Summer Music Notes

A big thank-you to everyone who sang or helped with music and choir this season! The choir will take a well-earned break until Labor Day in September, but we'll keep sharing special music all summer long. If you'd like to sing, play an instrument, or be part of a group, we'd love to have you join in.

Men—want to sing just once? Stick around after Fellowship Time for a quick rehearsal of the much-loved hymn "Amazing Grace." No long-term commitment—just come, sing, and enjoy! We'll rehearse for about 30 minutes on Sunday, June 7th, and then share it in worship on June 14th. I'm also looking ahead to a ladies' singing group in mid-summer and possibly a small mixed ensemble, too.

Interested in sharing a solo—or even a dramatic reading? Please see me or call 619-871-5133. Wishing you a joy-filled summer!

Thanks, Richard

Dear Women of St. Luke's,

“For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one with another.” (Romans 12:4-5 ESV)

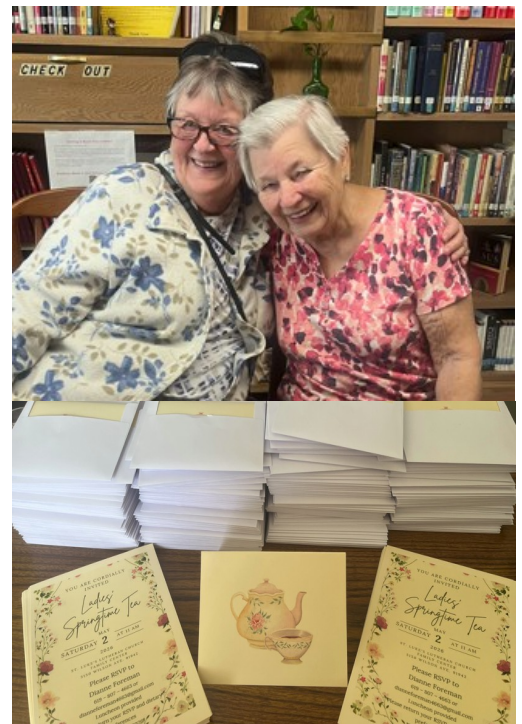
Oh, what a clear demonstration of this truth we saw at the Ladies' Springtime Tea at the beginning of May! Beautiful flowers, gorgeous table settings, delicious food, powerful testimonies, and ever-growing friendships were on magnificent display as we gathered on Saturday, May 2nd. What a joyous celebration of community.

Such a day doesn't "just happen." It takes many hearts and minds and hands to create.

- From initial planning discussions to creating, printing, addressing and sending the invitations.
- From receiving and compiling the RSVPs to menu planning and itemizing shopping lists and purchasing the needed ingredients.
- From gathering settings of china and setting beautiful tables to making sandwiches, skewers of fruits and vegetables, as well as yummy hummus, ranch dip and desserts.

In addition to all of these preparatory tasks, the day of the event has additional service opportunities and needs.

- From facilitating parking and valeting people and cars to serving beverages and desserts and clearing tables.



- From recognizing last minute obstacles and pressures to calming each others' nerves and offering prayer support.
- From preparing and delivering heartfelt testimonies of God's blessing and guidance to participating in listening and sharing at each table.



Oh, such sweet fellowship as we each did our part and stretched to learn new ways of interacting. As I watched our Springtime Tea unfold, I saw so many precious examples of members caring for and serving one another – offering help and assistance, sharing affirmations and gratefulness, listening with concern and tender support, and sharing moments of joy and laughter and life together. What an outpouring of rich blessing!



As we approach the Summer months, I pray we will seek God's leading and see opportunities to participate in each other's lives as the body of Christ. May we see needs and service opportunities around our church and hear the call to offer to help. May we plan some game days and

share the joy of laughter and playing together. May we be aware of hurts and concerns and offer the gift of a listening ear and prayer. May we set up craft days to teach and learn new ways to be creative. Perhaps you know of an activity or community event that would be fun to share as a group. Let's invite each other to experience it together.

We are the body of Christ. We are members one with another. I am excited to see how God will bless our community as we seek Him together.

In His service,

Laurie





Coffee Hour Hosts for June

- June 7th — Host Pending**
- June 14th — Host Pending**
- June 21st — Host Pending**
- June 28th — Host Pending**

JUNE WORSHIP TEXTS

Second Sunday after Pentecost

— June 7, 2026

First Lesson — Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 119:65-72

Second Lesson — Romans 4:13-25

Gospel — Matthew 9:9-13

Third Sunday after Pentecost

— June 14, 2026

First Lesson — Exodus 19:2-8

Psalm 100

Second Lesson — Romans 5:6-15

Gospel — Matthew 9:35-10:8

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

— June 21, 2026

First Lesson — Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 91:1-10

Second Lesson — Romans 6:12-23

Gospel — Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

— June 28, 2026

First Lesson — Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 119:153-160

Second Lesson — Romans 7:1-13

Gospel — Matthew 10:34-42



Eugenio Cruz	6/2
Laurie Floren	6/9
Emily Rose Menacher	6/11
Robert Shaddox	6/15
Keith Dindinger	6/16
Jillian Barnard	6/20

HAPPY
Anniversary

Ted & Shirley Crossley	6/2
Herbert & Patti Boekamp	6/27

JUNE PRAYER CALENDAR

“Bless the Lord Oh my Soul”

1	Ps 67	<i>Bless the Lord, my soul!</i>
2	Ps 119:129-133	<i>Let all within me join And aid</i>
3	I John 1:1-3	<i>my tongue to bless His name</i>
4	Ps 31:19-24	<i>Whose favors are divine.</i>
5	Ps 68:19-20	
6	Ps 34:1-8	<i>Oh bless the Lord, my soul,</i>
7	Ps 119:148-152	<i>Nor let His mercies lie</i>
8	Ps 28:6-9	<i>Forgotten in unthankfulness</i>
9	Ps 16:7-11	<i>And without praises die!</i>
10	Ps 135:1-7	
11	Lamentations 3:22-27	<i>'Tis He forgives my sins;</i>
12	Ps 145:1-21	<i>'Tis He relieves my pain;</i>
13	Ephesians 1:3-10	<i>'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses</i>
14	Ps 31:19-22	<i>And makes thee young again</i>
15	Eph 1:3-10	
16	Ps 138:1-8	<i>He crowns thy life with love</i>
17	Ps 9:1-2	<i>When ransomed from the grave;</i>
18	Ps 113:1-9	<i>He that redeemed my soul from hell</i>
19	Ps 31:1-5	<i>Hath sovereign power to save.</i>
20	Ps 33:1-5	
21	Ps 96:1-4	<i>His wondrous works and ways</i>
22	Ps 118:1-7	<i>He made by Moses known,</i>
23	Ps 98:1-9	<i>But sent the world His truth and grace</i>
24	Ps 150:1-6	<i>By His beloved Son.</i>
25	Ps 92:1-4	
26	Ps 147:1-11	
27	Ps 103:1-22	
28	Ps 40:16-17	
29	I Peter 1:3-9	
30	Rev 1:4-8	

JUNE WORSHIP TEAMS

	Reader(s)	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Altar Guild	<i>Whitney Utley</i>
7th	Communion Assistant —bread	<i>Bob Urich</i>
	Communion Assistants—wine	<i>Jillian Barnard & Jennifer Killion</i>
	Greeter	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Mark Menacher</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Bob & Cheryl Gray</i>
	Acolytes	
	Sound Tech	<i>Kendrick Jennings</i>
	Counter	<i>Jennifer Killion</i>
14th	Communion Assistant —bread	<i>Ted Olsen</i>
	Communion Assistants—wine	<i>Judi Dunnigan & Terry East</i>
	Greeter	<i>JoAnn Hendrickson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Laurie Floren</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Laurie Floren & Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	
	Sound Tech	<i>Kendrick Jennings</i>
	Counter	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
21st	Communion Assistant —bread	<i>Ken Murrell</i>
	Communion Assistants—wine	<i>Laurie Floren & Terry East</i>
	Greeter	<i>Laurie Floren</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Jennifer Killion</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Usher Team	<i>David & Kim Emerson</i>
	Acolytes	
	Sound Tech	<i>Kendrick Jennings</i>
	Counter	<i>Jennifer Killion</i>
28th	Communion Assistant —bread	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>
	Communion Assistants—wine	<i>Jennifer Killion & Randy Engel</i>
	Greeter	<i>Jillian Barnard</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Laurie Floren</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Gary & Carol Prior</i>
	Acolytes	
	Sound Tech	<i>Kendrick Jennings</i>
	Counter	<i>Judi Dunnigan</i>

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 am Counters 5:00 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm AA	2 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Project Day	3 10:00 am WSL Bible Study 7:00 pm Service	4 8:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Al-Anon	5	6 8:00 am JOY 10:30 am WSL Story Telling
7 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am Men's Singing Rehearsal 10:30 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Al-Anon	8 9:00 am Counters 5:00 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm AA	9 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Project Day 6:00pm Council mtg	10 7:00 pm Service	11 8:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Al-Anon	12	13 8:00 am JOY
14 8:15 am Men's Singing Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Al-Anon	15 9:00 am Counters 5:00 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm AA	16 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Project Day 7:00pm SLTA	17 10:00 am WSL Bible Study 7:00 pm Service	18 8:00 am Tai Chi 6:30 pm Al-Anon	19	20 8:00 am JOY 10:30 am WSL Story Telling
21 Happy Father's Day 9:00 am Confirmation 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 5:00 pm Al-Anon	22 9:00 am Counters 5:00 pm Al-Anon 6:30 pm AA	23 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:30 am Project Day	24 7:00 pm Service	25 8:00 am Tai Chi 12:00 pm Book Club 6:30 pm Al-Anon	26	27 8:00 am JOY
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

- Sunday Worship: 9:00 am in the Sanctuary
- Sunday School: 10:30 am in the Lower Level
- Wednesday Choir Practice: 5:30 pm in the Fireside Room (Lower Level)
- Wednesday Pericope / Communion Service: 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room

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
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