

# 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.

This month, I'd like to share some of the Biblical and theological foundations for the outreach of the church. As we look at the outward focus for the mission of the church, we look to Jesus as our example for ministry. At the beginning of his public ministry in Luke 4:18-19, Jesus quotes Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Theologian Donald Thorsen writes in response to this passage, "If you look at Jesus' public ministry, you cannot miss the fact that he spent a significant time ministering to more than the spiritual well-being of people. Jesus significantly ministered to the physical, social, economic, and even political well-being of people." Jesus, in his ministry, was concerned for the whole person and ministered to a variety of needs both spiritual and physical. The church follows this pattern in its outward mission of evangelism and social action rooted in love.

We find the command of evangelism for the church in the Great Commission of Jesus found in

Matthew 28:18-20:

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.'"

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Here in the Great Commission – and following the example of Jesus – we see the command to go and make disciples of Jesus, and to baptize. It is the responsibility of the church to teach everyone about Jesus and to be engaged in disciple making. The church is empowered to carry out this commission through the power and authority of Jesus. It is because of Jesus' authority that the church has the authority to evangelize.

As we evangelism with the authority of Jesus, we also have the benefit of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Brian McLaren writes about the Holy Spirit in evangelism, "He is trying to get into the hearts of those who have not yet received him, or to get out of the hearts of those who have received him – get into to bless them, and get out to make them a blessing." Following the experience of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in Acts 2, three thousand people received Peter's words and were baptized.

Following the Pentecost event, the Lord added to the number of believers day by day. As a Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the disciples grew in number through the work of evangelism in the Holy Spirit.

In addition to evangelism, the church is also called to have an outward focus in social action. In social action, the church is motivated by the love that Jesus commands in the Greatest Commandments. These two commands of Jesus found in Matthew 22:37 & 39 summarize all of the law and prophets. Jesus commands us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbor as yourself." This command of loving God and loving our neighbor becomes the framework for the church's outward focus in social action. The

social action of the church needs to show both honor to God in obedience and love for others.

The church receives the call to a ministry of social action in Jesus words and in the words of the prophets. Jesus instructs us in ministry to the poor and marginalized through his command to serve the 'least of these' (Mt. 25:40,45).

Rick Richardson writes about Jesus' message of justice in the Kingdom of God, "The rule of God is the act of God to set things right and to make people and the world work as they were intended to work."

The prophet Micah calls the People of God to act with justice, "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). The ministry of social action is focused on extending God's Kingdom through God's justice. This sense of justice is often expressed to the poor and marginalized.

There is a necessary connection between the preached word and disciple making of evangelism, and the social action of mission work. Social action and mission work gives credibility to those whom are invited to become disciples of Jesus. David Watson writes, "In this way, both evangelism and social action are, or should be, inseparable partners in Christ's mission through the church to the world. Social action will often prepare the way for effective evangelism, since a clear demonstration of the love of God will give credibility to any proclamation about that love."

For an effective outward ministry of the church, the church need to both preach the word of God and to attend holistically to the needs of those who are listening, motivated out of love of God and love of neighbor. The church is called to act both in preaching and in showing love through social action.

*Pastor Rob Horne*

## WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S

Can you believe that in 111 days the women of St. Luke's will be attending their first retreat in a long time? How exciting is that?

Cathie Floegel with her busy committee are making sure that we, the participants will learn how much God loves and cherishes each and everyone of us. Our bible study will be led by Heidi Fowler who will walk with us on this journey. Save Saturday, October 22, 2011 for this very special day with our Lord and Savior, who is truly our friend. Watch for more information.

At our last board meeting WSL voted on sending \$500 to Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin Missouri. We realized that our donation was small, but we felt put together with other small donations we could help. The church was completely leveled after the tornado hit, yet Pastor William Pape held services the next day with the parishioners who could attend the service.

The annual combined Circles potluck luncheon will be on August 3, 2011 for a bible study by Pastor Mark Menacher. We usually have a baby shower but this year, our plan is to have a special donation of school kits. The Circle leaders will be calling each member as a reminder and to seek help in setup and cleanup. Be watching for more information.

God, is our truest friend, He is our ever present counselor and guide.

*A friend loves at all times.* —Psalm 17:17

## TREASURER NOTES

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

*Terry East*

Treasurer

## HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

### Heifer USA.....Reaching More in Need

A visit to a small town—a possible Heifer project site—reveals tiny house after tiny house. Bare-foot children run in and out of ramshackle doorways and leap from porches into what appears to be raw sewage. Is this a remote part of Africa or South America? No, this is eastern Arkansas, less than 15 miles off interstate 40. This rivals scenes that can be seen throughout South America or Africa.

Heifer USA, which currently has 23 projects in 12 states plus Washington, D.C. will work in a new way starting this year. It will continue to offer training and support for small farmers, but will now also work with partners to build other parts of the producer-to-consumer chain: processing, distribution and access to markets. This will create farm and non-farm jobs in all areas of the system, resulting in a new, sustainable, local-food economy.

**WHAT:** Heifer provides an initial investment of seed capital, training in Heifer's values-based model, and technical expertise. Heifer will also offer financial support for at least five years through the implementation phase as the community works to build capacity and stability.

**WHERE:** The redesigned Heifer USA program will begin in the Arkansas Delta and Appalachia regions this year. An expansion into the Southwest and across the country to work with indigenous and immigrant communities is also planned.

**WHO:** To create the necessary infrastructure, Heifer will partner with other organizations – federal and local governments, the health care industry, local banks and credit unions, and grocery retailers, to name a few. Universities and farm groups will provide technical assistance.

**The Heifer Quarter Bank** is always receptive to your quarters!! Please remember this on Sundays when you walk through the narthex!!

HOW: True to Heifer's model promoting self-reliance, participants will evaluate their needs and decide which crops to plant, process, distribute and market. They will invest their own money and sweat equity to develop local food economies on the foundation of healthful, locally grown produce.

Want to learn more? Just email:

**info-usa@list.heifer.org**

## OUR ONGOING OUTREACH

### **LUTHERAN BORDER CONCERNS MINISTRY**

Many thanks to all who helped fill the red wagon with items needed in the Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry. Since this is an ongoing ministry there will always be times when we focus on the needs of those on the other side of the border, especially the needs of children.

### **HOMELESS TEASURES**

For the past several months you have been reading about the rummage sale TACO is holding in order to raise additional funds.

Please double check the list given and call the church office or Martha Applegate if you have items to be picked up. In the meantime, donations can be brought to the church office to be stored until time for the sale. Volunteers from St. Luke's can also help out in other ways. Specifics will be publicized in August, especially after our next serving date which is August 8. If you have questions about what to donate, please give Martha a call (465-6005).

## **UPDATING YOUR CALENDAR?**

Include these dates if you are updating your calendar:

*MONDAY, August 8*

We serve at TACO, leaving the Church at 3 p.m.

*SATURDAY, August 20 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.*

RUMMAGE SALE to benefit TACO at Clairemont Lutheran

*SATURDAY, September 24, 25 – 8 p.m.*

BREAD UPON THE WATER fundraiser for TACO (formerly Sunset by the Sea)

*MONDAY, September 26*

We serve at TACO

*SUNDAY, November 13*

St. Luke's ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE Immediately after church service

*MONDAY, November 14*

We serve at TACO (last time for 2011).

## **PARISH POTPOURRI**

BEV WHITCOMB and twenty family members (including her eleven grandchildren) enjoyed a family reunion in Park City, Utah, July 14 – 18. The purpose was to celebrate BEV's 80<sup>th</sup> (May) birthday and book a photographer for a family photo. An additional purpose was to enjoy each other and the fun activities in that charming mountain community.....Recent visitors to CATHIE and RICH FLOEGEL were their daughter, STEPHANIE SEPPANEN and husband, PAUL, as well as grandsons WILLIAM (9), ERIC (6) and RYAN (3). CATHIE will be traveling with the SEPPANEN family to their home in the Chicago area, also visiting the FLOEGEL's son, WAYNE, and family who live rather close by. August will find CATHIE and RICH doing some river rafting near Santa Fe and Taos.....For your information, MANNY CRUZ, who retired last fall, has recently

had a heart valve replaced. All reports are that he is doing fine. SUE and ROGER CALDWELL spent about ten days on the Big Island of Hawaii, just relaxing and snorkeling.....Congratulations to MAKAYLA STROMENGER, granddaughter of MARGE and CHUCK HERSOM, whose East County softball team for girls twelve and under are champions!! They will be competing with teams from all over the USA on July 31 in Fresno!! MAKAYLA plays 3<sup>rd</sup> base.....There was the person who sent ten different puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE BIBLE STUDY

Once we reassemble, we will spend about 3-4 more weeks finishing "The Seven Churches in the book of Revelation". How much detail God has provided about His Church is absolutely amazing. Then, we start Ch. 4, where we will enter "The Throne room of Heaven". We will find some of the most miss-understood prophecies in Daniels visions being fulfilled. Adding a greater understanding of the prophecy for everyone who attends. Jesus himself pointed directly to this prophecy in the Gospels.

As usual, it will be informative and exciting to learn. Not to mention the great meal prior to the Bible Study.

We all hope to see you there.

*Mike Logsdon*

## COME ONE, COME ALL TO ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL PICNIC & COUNTRY FAIR

August 21, Sunday, @ 11:00 am  
on St. Luke's Campus

*Food is provided.* Bring your chairs.

Enter your finest cookies in the St Luke's Cookie



Contest. Prepare to be amazed and delighted by the culinary skills of our members!

Do you have interests you want to share? Sign up to exhibit a representation of your abilities in St. Luke's County Fair Exhibit Hall.

Do you sew, quilt, woodwork, cook, paint, or perhaps your talent is a more obscure one. Perhaps you are a collector?

**We welcome all entries!**

Get to know your fellow St. Lukians through their interests or exhibits.

**Carnival Games**

**Cotton Candy Machine**

**Bounce House and much more!**

**Bring your kids, grandchildren, friends, neighbors!**

**A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL!!!!**

# Victoria "Tori" Hauk, flute

*~a special recital presented by Tori ~*

**Sunday, August 14th - 3:00pm**

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church - Sanctuary**

Tori will begin her training with former  
New York Philharmonic Flutist René Siebert

at

Lynn Conservatory starting this fall

Reception to follow in the Lower Level

## THE BUILDING OF NAZARETH

For

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**More next  
month**



### THANK YOU

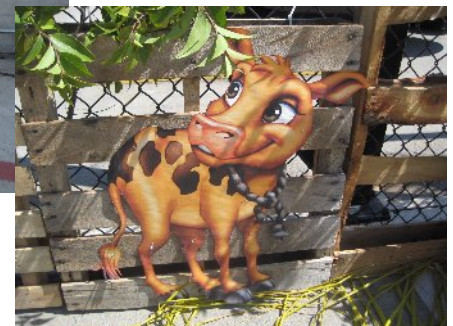
Thanks, once again, dear St. Luke's family for your many prayers, good wishes, cards and calls during another hospital stay and recuperative time at home following. Your faithfulness is encouraging and uplifting.

Thanks, too, Pastor Menacher for your early morning hospital visit, and Pastor Rob for your comforting telephone prayer with me before a procedure I had been dreading.

We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring, loving parish!!

Hugs and much love,

*Hazel Knippelmeyer*



**HAPPY AUGUST  
BIRTHDAY  
to you....**

Boe Alice  
Carrigan Patrick  
Handley Marie  
Hersom Marjorie  
Johnson Steve  
Parcells Karen  
Wininger Loraine



**DID YOU KNOW!**

Our monthly newsletter is printed FREE because of generous people / companies that advertise. It is true, and we need to let these generous people know that we appreciate them. If you are in need of home care services...

PLEASE CALL and THANK

*Make sure you tell them  
you heard about them from  
our Newsletter!*

**AUGUST WORSHIP TEXT**

**7th Time After Pentecost**

First Lesson—I Kings 19: 9-18  
Second Lesson—Romans 10: 5-15  
Gospel—Matthew 14: 22-33

**14th Time After Pentecost**

First Lesson—Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8  
Second Lesson—Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32  
Gospel—Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

**21th Time After Pentecost**

First Lesson—Isaiah 51: 1-6  
Second lesson—Romans 12: 1-8  
Gospel—Matthew 16: 13-20

**28st Time After Pentecost**

First Lesson—Jeremiah 15: 15-21  
Second lesson—Romans 12: 9-21  
Gospel—Matthew 16: 21-28

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

**Donna Bohnsack Memorial**

Glen Bohnsack

**PARISH BUILDER ARTICLES**

**September 2011 articles,  
due in the office by  
August 15th**

*Thank you, Judy*

## AUGUST PRAYERS

Scripture	God, the Father	
1	Genesis 1: 1-2	
2	Isaiah 9: 6-7	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>
3	Ephesians 4: 3-6	<i>Safely in His bosom gather;</i>
4	I John 3: 1-3	<i>Nestling bird nor star in heaven</i>
5	Deuteronomy 1: 29-31	<i>Such a refuge e'er was given.</i>
6	Deuteronomy 32: 6	
7	Matthew 6: 6-13	<i>God His own doth tend and nourish</i>
8	Matthew 6: 17-18	<i>In His holy courts they flourish.</i>
9	Ephesians 3: 14-19	<i>From all evil things He spares them;</i>
10	Matthew 11: 25-27	<i>In His mighty arms He bears them.</i>
11	Psalms 68: 3-6	
12	Matthew 5: 14-16	<i>Neither life nor death shall ever</i>
13	John 5: 21-23	<i>From the Lord is children sever;</i>
14	I Peter 1: 14-21	<i>Unto them His grace He showeth,</i>
15	Matthew : 9-11	<i>And their sorrows all He knoweth</i>
16	John 1: 10-13	
17	Romans 8: 13-16	<i>Through He giveth and He taketh,</i>
18	II Corinthians 1: 3-4	<i>God His children ne'er forsaketh;</i>
19	Ephesians 5: 19-20	<i>He's the loving purpose solely</i>
20	I John 1: 3	<i>To preserve them pure and holy.</i>
21	John 4: 23-24	
22	Ephesians 1: 17-22	<i>Hymn 725</i>
23	Hebrews 12: 4-10	<i>Verses 1, 2, 3, 4 LSB</i>
24	Matthew 5: 43-48	
25	Colossians 1: 12-14	
26	II Thessalonians 2: 16-17	
27	James 1: 16-18	
28	John 10: 27-30	
29	I Thessalonians 3: 11-13	
30	Ephesians 6: 23-24	
31	Matthew 6: 25-34	

## AUGUST WORSHIP TEAMS

	Reader Altar Guild Sound Technician	<i>Mary Ann Boullain Marie Handley Ben Wilson</i>
<b>7th</b>	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Karen Skullerud</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Emily Rose Menacher</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Gene &amp; Hazel Knippelmeyer</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bonnie Fuller &amp; Loraine Winger</i>
	Usher Team	<i>George Hauk</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Billy Miles &amp; Savannah Scott</i>
<b>14th</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>Cathie Floegel &amp; Joe Makowski</i>
	Greeters	<i>Chuck Volker &amp; Need Volunteer(s)</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Grace Menacher &amp; Billy Miles</i>
<b>21st</b>	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Ted Olsen</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Mark Menacher</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Marilyn Burns &amp; Loraine Winger</i>
	Greeters	<i>Bob &amp; Marilyn Burns</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Chuck Hersom</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Emily Rose Menacher &amp; Savannah Scott</i>
<b>28th</b>	Communion Assistant— Bread	<i>Lyle Swanson</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Mark</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Bob &amp; Bonnie Fuller</i>
	Greeters	<i>Darcy Barghols, &amp; Jim &amp; Dawn Dolan</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Grace Menacher &amp; Billy Miles</i>

# AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi Noon WSL	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Facility Mtg. 11:00 a.m. Combined Circles Luncheon	<b>4</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Outreach	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service	<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Counters</b> 5:30 p.m. Finance 6:30 p.m. Council	<b>9</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Project Day 7:00 p.m. Parish Ed	<b>10</b> 8:30 a.m. Facility crew	<b>11</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi	<b>12</b> Noon Good Life	<b>13</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Tony's Recital	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Counters</b>	<b>16</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Project Day 5:00 p.m. <i>Deadline/PB</i> <i>Parish Builder</i> 7:00 p.m. Rebekah Cir.	<b>17</b> 8:30 a.m. Facility crew Noon Book Club	<b>18</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 10:00 a.m. Deborah Circle	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild 6:30 p.m. Symphony by the Bay Concert
<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Church Picnic	<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Counters</b>	<b>23</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Project Day	<b>24</b> 8:30 a.m. Facility crew	<b>25</b> 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 9-10 a.m. Altar Guild
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**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL**

- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- “Farewell” recital by Tori Hauk, flute, Sunday, August 14 in the Sanctuary. There will be a reception following the concert in the Lower Level.
- ♦ Annual Picnic & Country Fair : August 21, following the Church service, on campus.

**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.*