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St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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The Priesthood of All Believers

Since the time of the Reformation, when Luther clarified the biblical understanding of the priesthood of all Christians, that notion seems as challenging as ever. The priesthood of all believers is created by the one, true priest and sacrifice, namely Jesus Christ. As the one, true priest, Jesus Christ not only serves simultaneously as mediator and sacrifice, effecting the salvation of sinners by reconciling them to God, but by virtue of his divine and human natures, he also communicates his benefits to the members of his body. As Luther explains,

Now, however, it is he alone, and it must be he alone, who brings us to God through his own priesthood and who also imparts the same priesthood to us. We all benefit from the power of his priestly office (*Priester ampts*) for our comfort and salvation. Thus, it is neither St. Peter or the apostles nor pope and bishops alone who partake thereof, but rather all who shall be saved. He imparts the same name to all Christians. As they are called God's children and heirs through him, so too are they called priests after him. Therefore, every baptized Christian is and shall be called a priest as much as St. Peter or St. Paul. St. Peter is a priest because he came to believe in Christ, and so am I. Through baptism, as I have said, we all have become priestly children. Therefore, as common as the names "Christian" and "child of God" are for all who believe in Christ, so should the name "priest" be just as common and so understood for all Christians. Together we all have in common one baptism, one gospel, one kind of grace and inheritance in the

kingdom of heaven, one Holy Spirit, one God the Father and one lord Christ. We are all one in him, as he says in John 17: [11] and as St. Paul says in Gal. 3:[28], "You are all one in Christ Jesus." (LW 13:330-331).

What differs among Christ's priests is not their membership in his one priesthood but the offices to which his members are called. By way of analogy, Luther explains that a mayor or judge does not become a citizen when he is chosen for office. Rather, because one already has citizenship and is a member of the whole community, one is eligible for selection to office. Likewise, a wife does not become a woman upon matrimony but upon marriage receives the keys to the house. If she did not already possess her womanhood (*Weibesbild*) beforehand, no amount of marriage could make her into a wife (LW 13:331). Luther describes the radical nature of community and unity in Christ's priesthood pointedly,

Now, it is enough that we know that a Christian people is undivided, without distinction of sects or persons. There shall be no layman, no cleric, no monk, no nun, absolutely no difference, whether married or chaste as each is inclined. There also exists no difference amongst them between bishops, elders and priests, and the laity. Absolutely nothing sets the former apart from other Christians except that they have a different office which is commanded to them, namely to preach God's word and to administer the sacraments. The same applies to a mayor or judge, who is in no way set apart from other citizens except that the governing of the city is commanded him. The same types, who have introduced such sects into the Christian people and have divided it into clerics and laity, with some tonsured and others are not, and among the tonsured some monks and some parsons, with the monks divided even amongst themselves by various garments and diets, are the same ones who not only

invented such things but have fragmented and minced the unity of the Christian people (LW 36:159).

The unity of the priesthood of all believers is rooted in Christ himself. Consequently, all the priests share in the office of the word of God. As Luther reminds,

When we became Christians through this priest and his priesthood, incorporated into him through baptism by faith, we also received the right and power, each according to his calling and estate, to teach and to confess before everyone the word which we have from him. Although we all do not have a public office and calling, nonetheless each individual Christian may and shall teach, instruct, admonish, comfort, and chastize his neighbour with God's word when and where necessary. ... One Christian can certainly instruct and admonish another with the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer, and whoever hears such is also obliged to accept such from him as God's word and to confess it publicly (LW 13:333).

Likewise, Luther expounds,

So you see that the gospel is common to all and not spoken only to the pope and the clergy (*geistlichen*). Therefore, wherever a Christian has faith, he may accordingly absolve, preach, and do all other things to which a priest is entitled. Consequently, we want to let the pope and his hordes (*Hauffen*) be responsible for having so divided the gospel by claiming that they alone forgive sins... In so doing, God, his gospel, and the faith are taken away from us. Although it is certainly true that we all may baptize, absolve, preach and do all other things, it is not fitting for everyone. ... In short, if one should divide the gospel and make a distinction amongst Christians, then one does so only in human terms but not before God.

Unfortunately, however, a great distinction between parsons and laity has been made, as if the parsons were supposedly better than we. That means nothing. Before God there is no distinction (WA 10,3:395, 30-40; 396, 11-14.).

According to Luther, the priests in Christ's priesthood of all believers are unfortunately not readily recognized because upon hearing the word "priest" one usually only envisages papal priests adorned in clerical garb. For us Lutherans, in contrast, we hold that through baptism we have all been clothed in Christ (Galatians 3:26), and thus we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that [we] may proclaim the excellencies of him who called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).



Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Lorraine Jones, a member at Reformation Lutheran Church, will be on Tuesday, June 6th at 2:30 pm at Miramar National Cemetery. Our condolences to the family.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Sunday, May 21, 2023 we at St. Luke's were blessed to witness the baptisms of three girls.

Olivia Katherine Williams daughter of Mitch and Katie Williams.

Adalind Eve Furr daughter of Brent and Ashley Furr

Eliana Ashley Furr daughter of Brent and Ashley Furr.

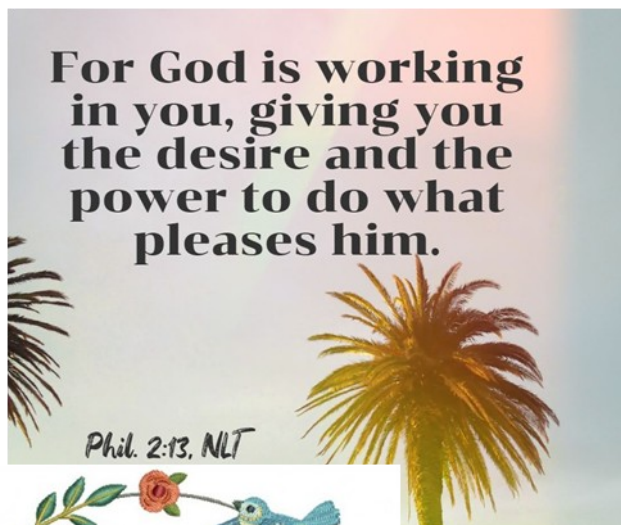




Women of St. Luke's June 2023 Article - WSL Report

The Women of St. Luke's (WSL) will have our Quarterly Meeting on June 10th at 10:00 AM in the Lower Level (unless changed). At that meeting we will plan for which organizations to disburse the funds that we have collected over the past months. This is an important meeting, so please plan to attend wearing your thinking caps! Please submit your agenda items for the WSL June Meeting by June 4th to Doris Snashall.

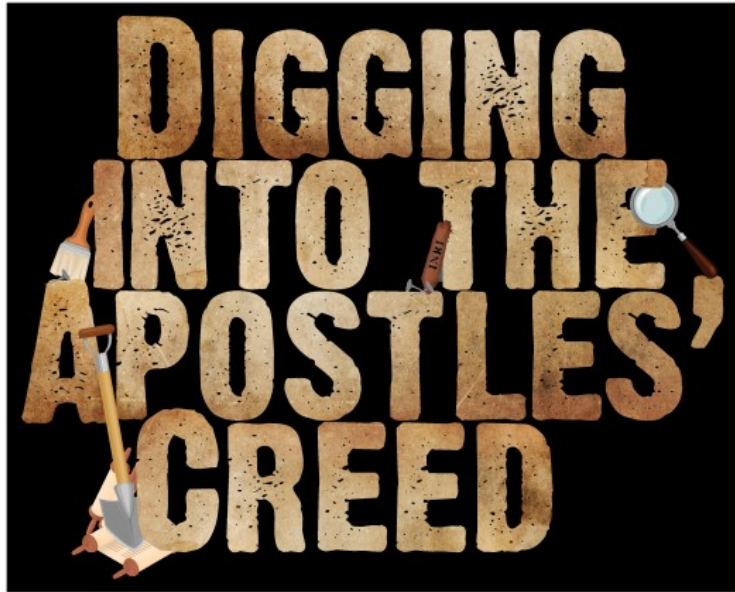
-Submitted by Karen Skullerud



Music Notes by Richard Deal

The St. Luke's Choir started in October as a combined choir with Reformation Lutheran and has since formed into one choir which ministers in our services in an excellent fashion. The Choir will be winding up the season at the end of June. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, September 6th at 5:30 pm. I want to thank those who were part of the choir this past year, and I hope that we can add others to come and join us. If you have any questions about joining the choir or becoming involved in other parts of the music ministry, please contact me at 619-871-5133, everyone is welcome!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VBS

July 9-10, 2023

Welcome to the dig site!

Meet Mr. Digs, Charlie and Ruby as they help us “dig into” the Apostles’ Creed.

VBS Pledge: Hard work, strong minds, and cooperation are gifts from God that we can use to discover and learn.

Let’s Get Digging!

Calling all Volunteers!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2023 is just around the corner. This year, St. Luke’s will offer a weekend VBS on Saturday and Sunday, July 8-9. This means that Sunday morning worship is part of VBS.

At St. Luke’s, VBS is one of the most important and exciting times of the year. VBS affords us an occasion for many children hear the gospel and to have their faith in Christ strengthened. The various activities, crafts, and games provide ways for relaying the gospel to reinforce the same important gospel lessons. As VBS at St. Luke’s includes adults, VBS provides an for “kids” of all ages to hear the gospel, learn Scripture, and tell their friends about Jesus. It is our hope that both churched and unchurched children kids get a weekend of diving into God’s Word.

As VBS is a whole congregational event, many volunteers are needed to lead children’s experience for this year’s theme: “Digging Into the Apostles’ Creed.” Please speak with Judi Cole, Pastor Mark or Debbie to sign up to volunteer!

JUNE WORSHIP TEXT

4th — The Holy Trinity

First Lesson — Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

Psalm 8

Second Lesson — Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Gospel — Matthew 28:16-20

11th — Second Sunday After Pentecost

First Lesson — Hosea 5:15-6:6

Psalm 199:65-72

Second Lesson — Romans 4:13-25

Gospel — Matthew 9:9-13

18th — Third Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson — Exodus 19:2-8

Psalm 100

Second Lesson — Romans 5:6-15

Gospel — Matthew 9:35-10:8

25th — Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson — Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm 91:1-10

Second Lesson — Romans 6:12-23

Gospel Lesson — Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Have you moved?

Changed your contact information?

Please let Debbie in the office know
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Laurie Floren June 9th

Emily Menacher June 11th

Jillian Barnard June 20th

Happy Anniversary

C.E & Shirley Crossley

June 2

Herb & Patti Boekamp

June 27



Host/Hostess for Coffee Hour in
June:

June 4—Cal Borchardt/Tom Stubbs

June 11—Lori Ann Linn

June 18—open

June 25—open

If you would like to host coffee hour at a future date, please sign up in the kitchen in the Lower Level.



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June Prayer Calendar

Alive in Christ!

1	Romans 6:1-11	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>This Is the Spirit's Entry Now</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This is the Spirit's entry now; The water and the Word, The cross of Jesus on your brow, The seal both felt and heard.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>This miracle of life reborn Comes from the Lord of breath; The perfect man from life was torn; Our life comes through his death.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Let water be the sacred sign That we must die each day To rise again by his design As followers of the way.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Renewing Spirit, hear our praise For your baptismal power That washes us through all our day Cleans again this hour.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lutheran Service Book Hymn 591</i></p>
2	Romans 8:1-4	
3	Romans 8: 9-11	
4	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	
5	Galatians 3:23-29	
6	2 Corinthians 1:19-22	
7	Galatians 2:15-20	
8	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	
9	Ephesians 1:3-14	
10	Ephesians 2:1-7	
11	Colossians 2:6-15	
12	Psalms 33:18-22	
13	Colossians 3:1-4	
14	Ephesians 4:15-16	
15	John 14:15-21	
16	John 15:7-11	
17	Romans 5:6-11	
18	2 Corinthians 1:18-22	
19	Ephesians 3:14-21	
20	Psalms 27:1-6	
21	1 John 4:13-19	
22	Philippians 3:7-11	
23	Psalms 23:1-6	
24	Colossians 1:11-14	
25	Ephesians 6:10-13	
26	John 17:20-26	
27	1 John 5:20-21	
28	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	
29	2 Thessalonians 1:11-12	
30	Psalms 16:5-11	

June Worship Schedule


Reader – June 4th– Laurie Floren

June 11th, 18th, 25th –Doris Snashall

Altar Guild— Shirley Carrington

4th	Communion Assistant: bread	<i>Ted Olsen</i>
	Communion Assistants: Wine	<i>Bob Urich & Cheri Murrell</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Menacher</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	<i>G. Bruflat & Jet Bruflat</i>
11th	Communion Assistant: bread	<i>Gleason Snashall</i>
	Communion Assistants: Wine	<i>Judi Cole & Cheri Murrell</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>MaryAnn Boullain</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Greeters	<i>JoAnn Hendrickson</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Jillian Barnard</i>
18th	Communion Assistant: bread	<i>Gleason Snashall</i>
	Communion Assistants: Wine	<i>Judi Cole & Cheri Murrell</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Laurie Floren</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Bob Gray</i>
	Acolytes	<i>G. Bruflat & Jet Bruflat</i>
25th	Communion Assistant: bread	<i>Gleason Snashall</i>
	Communion Assistants : Wine	<i>Cheri Murrell & Ted Olsen</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Jillian Barnard</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00 am Tai Chi	2	3
4 9:00 am Worship	5 9:30 am Counters	6 8:00 am Tai Chi Fireside room	7 5:30 pm choir Practice 7:00 pm Service	8 8:00 am Tai Chi Fireside Room	9	10 10:00 am WSL meeting
11 9:00 am Worship	12 1:30 pm Counters Lower Level	13 8:00 am Tai Chi Fireside Room No Project Day	14 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Service	15 8:00 am Tai Chi Fireside Room	16	17
18 9:00 am Worship Happy Father's Day	19 9:30 am Counters	20 8:00 am Tai Chi	21 5:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Service	22 8:00 am Tai Chi 4pm-7pm Craft Fair	23 9am-5pm- Craft Fair	24 9am-3pm Craft Fair
25 9:00 am Worship	26 1:30 pm Counters	27 8:00 am Tai Chi 9:00 am Project Day	28 7:00 pm Service	29 8:00 am Tai Chi	30	

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

- A WARM WELCOME TO ALL**
- Worship Services: Sundays 9:00 am and Wednesdays 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.
 - Lower Level Closed during the weeks of June 5-9 and 12-16.
 - Choir Practice—Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Fireside Room.
 - Tai Chi—Tuesdays and Thursday at 8:00 am. (June 6 & 13 in the Fireside Room)
 - May 18th Happy Father's Day!
 - Applecrate Craft Fair—June 22-24, see calendar for times.
 - Project Day Day Ladies May 27th at 9:00 (May 13th cancelled).
 - VBS will be July 8-9.

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
soli deo gloria.