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

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Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Movie Night

August 23 at 6:30pm

The Applecrate Craft Fair

August 30-Sept. 1

St. Luke's Theological Academy

Beginning in September

Luther on Law and Gospel

[Commentary on Galatians 2:14] Therefore whoever knows well how to distinguish the Gospel from the Law should give thanks to God and know that he is a real theologian. I admit that in the time of temptation I myself do not know how to do this as I should. The way to distinguish the one from the other is to locate the Gospel in heaven and the Law on earth, to call the righteousness of the Gospel heavenly and divine and the righteousness of the Law earthly and human, and to distinguish as sharply between the righteousness of the Gospel and that of the Law as God distinguishes between heaven and earth or between light and darkness or between day and night. Let the one be like the light and the day, and the other like the darkness and the night. If we could only put an even greater distance between them! Therefore if the issue is faith, heavenly righteousness, or conscience, let us leave the Law out of consideration altogether and let it remain on the earth. But if the issue is works, then let us light the lamp of works and of the righteousness of the Law in the night. So let the sun and the immense light of the Gospel and of grace shine in the day, and let the lamp of the Law shine in the night....

In society, on the other hand, obedience to the Law must be strictly required. There let nothing be known about the Gospel, conscience, grace, the forgiveness of sins, heavenly righteousness, or Christ Himself; but let there be knowledge only of Moses, of the Law and its works. When these two topics, the Law and the Gospel, are separated this way, both will remain within their limits. The Law will remain outside heaven, that is, outside the heart and the conscience; and, on the other hand, the freedom of the Gospel will remain outside the

earth, that is, outside the body and its members. And just as soon as the Law and sin come into heaven, that is, into the conscience, they should be promptly ejected. For then the conscience should know nothing about the Law and sin but should know only about Christ. On the other hand, when grace and freedom come into the earth, that is, into the body, you must say: "You have no business here among the dirt and filth of this physical life. You belong in heaven!"

Peter had confused this distinction between the Law and the Gospel, and thus he had persuaded the believers that they had to be justified by the Gospel and the Law together. This Paul refused to tolerate. Therefore he rebuked Peter. He did not want to put him to shame, but he wanted to separate these two very sharply again, namely, that the Law justifies on earth and the Gospel in heaven. But the pope has not only confused the Law with the Gospel; but he has changed the Gospel into mere laws, and ceremonial laws at that. He has also confused secular matters and church matters, which is really a satanic and infernal confusion.

The knowledge of this topic, the distinction between the Law and the Gospel, is necessary to the highest degree; for it contains a summary of all Christian doctrine. Therefore let everyone learn diligently how to distinguish the Law from the Gospel, not only in words but in feeling and in experience; that is, let him distinguish well between these two in his heart and in his conscience. For so far as the words are concerned, the distinction is easy. But when it comes to experience, you will find the Gospel a rare guest but the Law a constant guest in your conscience, which is habituated to the Law and the sense of sin; reason, too, supports this sense (LW 26:116-117).

La Mesa Flag Day Parade

We wish to thank all those who were involved with the LM Flag Day parade on 01 June: so, thanks G. Hauk and T. Stubbs for crafting our space craft, the "VBS Rocks" rocket; thanks to T. Olsen for providing his truck to transport the

rocket to the launching pad; thanks to J. Barnard for the professional magnetic for the parade vehicle; thanks to J. Killion for much prep work; and finally thanks to all who participated on the day, handing out VBS PR postcards, carrying the banner, driving the vehicle, walking, walking, and walking. It was a lot of fun.

Magnificent "Miraculous Mission" VBS

We wish to thank J. Killion and all those who helped make VBS such a fun week of Bible learning. Each day began with a yummy dinner, followed by opening music and lesson overview. The children then went to their various groups for crafts, Bible story, games, and mysterious adventures. We collected nearly \$280 to support the valuable work of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Again, VBS is a whole congregational event, and it seems that we had nearly the whole congregation participating in one way or another. So, thanks to you all for your witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in this very special way.

Pastor Mark



Academy classes begin in September

Women of St. Luke's

Did you enjoy our barbeque? I hope so. It was a wee bit warm, but isn't that the way it should be?

Coming from the east coast and the Midwest, barbeques happened in the summer, bonfires in the fall and snow shoveling in the winter.

Please stop by the craft fair and pick up some tickets for chances on the baskets. That's how we can afford teas, advent dinners, soup suppers and barbeques. Honestly, the majority of the food we offer, and our labor is donated. Most of our money earned from the baskets at the craft fair goes to local charities. But you know that already. We will look forward to seeing you at the craft fair, Thursday, August 29th, Friday, August 30th or Saturday August 31st.

Can you believe that summer is almost over? The kids are going back to school and we return to business as usual. We have been enjoying the study of "Uninvited" presented by Renee on Saturday mornings. She is planning another offering for September, consider making time to attend.

Thanks to all who supported and/or worked at our Vacation Bible School. It was a great learning experience and a fun time for all. - Especially Terry who taught her kids to fly.

Nancy Kearns

WSL President



We appreciate all of your support and contributions that made our Silver Award Project a success. All of the help and donations were amazing and we couldn't be more thankful. Overall we donated about 15 large boxes of hygiene items.

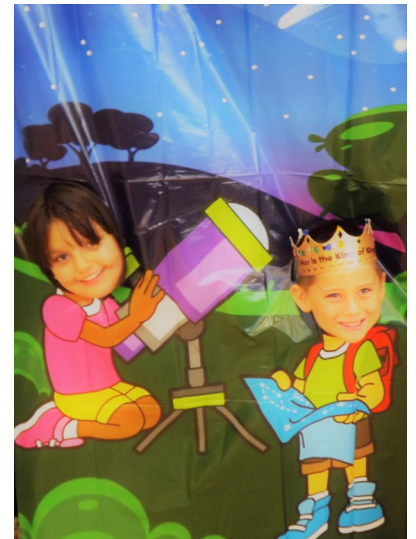
With gratitude,

Jenna Hernandez, Gabby Bruflat, & Sofia Raush

Gabby Jenna Sofia

Vacation Bible School—Miraculous Mission 2019





Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants in VBS this summer. Please stop by the large bulletin board in the front courtyard and have a look at all the photos taken by Renee Calvo, Terry East, Tania Salas and Bill Teysko.



Featuring “INCREDIBLES 2”

Bring a blanket, lawn chair & enjoy the movie!

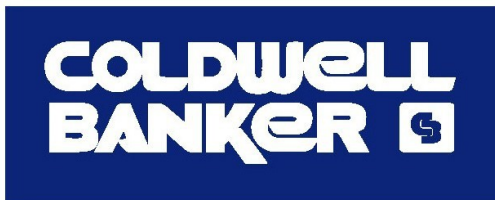
Snacks & Drinks provided

RSVP to Renee Calvo or the office





Karen Parcells	8/04
Tavis Brown	8/05
Estelle Schweikert	8/06
Dick Denton	8/21
Tracy McCormack	8/21
Steve Johnson	8/25
Marie Handley	8/29
Loraine Wininger	8/29
Alice Boe	8/31



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Please take a moment each month and see if the services they provide could help you.

AUGUST WORSHIP TEXT

4th

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson —

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-26

Psalm 100

Second Lesson — Colossians 3: 1-11

Gospel Lesson — Luke 12: 13-21

11th

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson — Genesis 15: 1-6

Psalm 33: 12-22

Second Lesson — Hebrews 11: 1-16

Gospel Lesson — Luke 12: 22-34

18th

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson — Jeremiah 23: 16-29

Psalm 119: 81-88

Second Lesson —

Hebrews 11: 17-31(32-40); 12: 1-3

Gospel Lesson — Luke 12: 49-53 (54-56)

25th

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson — Isaiah 66: 18-23

Psalm 50: 1-15

Second Lesson —

Hebrews 12: 4-24 (25-29)

Gospel Lesson — Luke 13: 22-30

AUGUST PRAYER CALENDAR

“Our God of Mercy”

1	Psalm 23: 1-6	<p>1 There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows Are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place where earth's failings Have such kindly judgment giv'n.</p> <p>2 There is welcome for the sinner, And a promised grace made good; There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in his blood. There is grace enough for thousands Of new worlds as great as this; There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.</p> <p>4 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; It is something more than all: Greater good because of evil, Larger mercy through the fall. If our love were but more simple, We should take him at his word; And our lives would be all sunshine In the sweetness of our Lord.</p> <p><i>Hymn#290 vss. 1, 2, 4</i> <i>Lutheran Book of Worship</i></p>
2	Psalm 103: 1-14	
3	Psalm 86: 8-13	
4	Micah 7: 18-20	
5	Psalm 123: 1-4	
6	Psalm 57: 1-3	
7	Isaiah 30: 15-18	
8	Hebrews 8: 10-12	
9	Psalm 18: 1-6	
10	Romans 5: 1-5	
11	Titus 3: 37	
12	Colossians 1: 19-23	
13	1 Peter 2: 4, 5, 9, 10	
14	Ephesians 2: 1-7	
15	Lamentations 3: 19-24	
16	James 5: 7-11	
17	2 Corinthians 1: 3-7	
18	Psalm 145: 8-13	
19	1 Peter 1: 3-5	
20	1 Corinthians 1: 26-31	
21	Psalm 33: 18-22	
22	Psalm 73: 23-26	
23	Isaiah 43: 1-3	
24	Psalm 121: 1-8	
25	Hebrews 4: 14-16	
26	Hebrews 6: 17-20	
27	Psalm 121: 1-8	
28	Colossians 1: 11-14	
29	Colossians 2: 13-15	
30	Romans 5: 6-11	
31	Isaiah 40: 27-31	

AUGUST WORSHIP TEAMS		
	Reader	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Altar Guild	<i>East/Carrington</i>
	Sound Technician	<i>Matt Kirk</i>
4th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Judi Cole</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Pastor Menacher</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan & Thelma Pace</i>
	Greeters	<i>Ellis Petersen & Loraine Wininger</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Gabby Bruflat & Jet Bruflat</i>
11th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Judi Cole</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Marge Hersom</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Gail Knippelmeyer</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Stephanie Brown & Liz Dunnigan</i>
	Greeter	<i>JoAnn Hendrickson</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Jillian Barnard</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Tavis Brown & Paige Yerger</i>
18th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Terry East</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Martha Applegate</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Tania Salas</i>
	Communion Assistants — Wine	<i>Liz Dunnigan & Thelma Pace</i>
	Greeters	<i>Marilyn Burns & Marie Handley</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Jillian Barnard</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Gabby Bruflat & Jet Bruflat</i>
25th	Communion Assistant — Bread	<i>Ted Olsen</i>
	Prayers of the People	<i>Shirley Carrington</i>
	Projectionist	<i>Tania Salas</i>
	Communion Assistant — Wine	<i>Stephanie Brown & Thelma Pace</i>
	Usher Team	<i>Randy Engel</i>
	Acolytes	<i>Tavis Brown & Paige Yerger</i>

Please let the office know if you are interested in assisting with worship service.
We are always looking to add to the number of members who can help each month.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:00 am Tai Chi	2	3 9-10 am Altar Guild
4 9:00 am Worship	5 9:00 am Counters	6 8:00 am Tai Chi	7	8 8:00 am Tai Chi	9	10 9-10 am Altar Guild
11 9:00 am Worship	12 9:00 am Counters	13 8:00 am Tai Chi Joint Circle Event	14	15 8:00 am Tai Chi	16	17 9-10 am Altar Guild
18 9:00 am Worship	19 9:00 am Counters	20 8:00 am Tai Chi 11:30 am Prayer Champions	21	22 8:00 am Tai Chi	23 6:30pm Movie Night	24 9-10 am Altar Guild
25 9:00 am Worship	26 9:00 am Counters	27 8:00 am Tai Chi	28	29 8:00 am Tai Chi Applegate Craft Fair 4:00pm-7:00pm	30 Applegate Craft Fair 9:00am-6:00pm	31 Applegate Craft Fair 9:00am-4:00pm

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL

- Worship Service: Sundays, 9:00 am in the Sanctuary.
- Movie Night—August 23 at 6:30pm.
- Applecrate Craft Fair: August 30th - 31st in the Family Center.
- St. Luke's Theological Academy begins in September

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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