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Sunday, August 21 - 9:45am

Join a Sunday School Class

Class	Location
Cradle Roll (ages up to 2 y/o)	Nursery
2's & 3's	Room #106
Pre-K 4's/K 5's	Room #113
1st and 2nd grades	Room #108
3rd and 4th grades	Room #145
5th and 6th grades	Room #142
7th and 8th grades	Room #154
9-12 grades	Youth Room
Women of Faith	Room #152
Men of Faith	Room #135
Real Faith, For Real Life	Room #111
Parenting Class	Old Kitchen

Be sure to join us for Sunday Sweets and Sunday School Kick-Off at 9:30am on August 21.

Worship Schedule

8:30 am - Contemporary

9:45 am - Education Hour

11 am - Traditional
Service

Pastor's Message

Dear Saints,

For a week in July St. Luke had the pleasure of helping to host a delegation of Lutherans from Augsburg, Germany. The group spent time visiting the many church-based social ministry's that are such an important part of the city of Memphis; the Church Health Center, MIFA (Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association), MIHN (Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network), Service Over Self (SOS), Memphis Food Bank, St Jude, The Civil Rights Museum and others.

One of the most enjoyable parts of the visit to me was spending time with Pastor Thomas Bovenschen. Pastor Thomas was eager to learn how St. Luke helps Lutherans to grow and mature in the faith. We discussed how important it is that we nurture, live and practice our faith. We discussed the "St Luke 7 Marks of Ministry" and daily habits we need to stay strong and connected to God. We both have witness the value of small group ministries and Bible studies in the congregation. We discussed preaching and learning the art of challenging the listener to take action and respond to the message.

Ministry in Augsburg, Germany and in Memphis, TN is very similar. We preach the gospel and we administer the sacraments as Martin Luther instructed all pastors to faithfully perform. We also seek to lead our fellow believers to a mature faith, to a living faith, and to a faith that is active in love.

With our common calling in mind, I invite all St. Luke members, young and old, to join a Sunday School Class on August 21st. We are blessed to offer classes for all ages. Pastor Thomas was impressed that we at St. Luke have so many classrooms to hold our Sunday School Classes. In Germany most church buildings are small and lack educational classrooms. Let us be good stewards of our Sunday School classrooms and fill them with eager learners on August 21st!

We at St. Luke and the parishioners at St. Matthew in Augsburg share this common calling: we are all fellow disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your Partner in Ministry,

Pastor Cliff

We'd like to share Karen's letter to the congregation:

Dear Saints,

Over our time together, we have done some amazing things. We have helped fight world

hunger with the help of lawn flamingos. We have watched the beginning of the future of this congregation grow with each child that has been born and baptized. You have even seen me "go green" to help motivate the children that attended VBS this past June to collect as many canned goods and school supplies as possible. Soon, we will watch the Confirmation students become adults in their faith through the Affirmation of Baptism. All of these things have left me with memories that will carry on for some time.

It is with those memories in mind that I announce to you that my fiancé and I have decided to start our lives together by setting a wedding date. We will be getting married October 15, 2011 in Chambersburg, Pa where we first met. This unfortunately means that I will be leaving St. Luke at the end of September. It has been very difficult to have a long distance engagement while navigating different time zones and work schedules. We can not begin to have a life together being separated by 800 miles. We are very excited about starting our lives together. I am very sad to leave St. Luke though.

I feel that I have grown so much in my time with you. I have transitioned from a college student to a working woman with the help of your love and grace. Thank you so much for all the support that you have given me over my time here. I truly feel blessed to be a part of your lives and to be the one that kicked off this position. I know that I will not soon forget my time here and all the memories that I have made with different families and youth.

Thank you for all the wonderful memories! I look forward to the time I have left with all of you before setting off into married life.

May God continue to bless you and the work that you do here.

Karen Hively

From Our President

Dear Friends,

I watch many different sporting events on television, not because I am a fan but because I am married to Gary, who enjoys checking in on many games. So it will come as no surprise that the British Open was on at the Conway household several weeks ago on a Sunday afternoon. Darren Clarke was in the lead and was about to win his first major tournament. The talking heads were doing what they do best. I was half listening but all of a sudden came a comment that all of us could relate to and use in our daily struggles. It was from a sports psychologist who had been working with Clarke.

"Don't let your golf game determine your attitude, let your attitude determine your golf game"

It's amazing what we can accomplish if we remain focused on the game but do so with happiness and pure joy! Once again I ask you to do what brings you joy as you participate in ministry. Fall is a re-birth of many activities after some much needed vacation time this

summer. Jump in with joy!

Our ministry teams always need fresh faces and new ideas. You can contact any of the team leaders or put your name on the communication card asking to be contacted by the ministry of your choice. Our ministries are: Discipleship, Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, Stewardship and Worship. Every one of them needs more help! If you do not have a clear vision of where you would like to serve, there will be a Ministry Fair in September to allow you to visit all the ministries and check them out!

Many hands make light work and many hands make an Acts 2 community!
Let's kick it up a notch!

Peace and blessings,

Pat

Romans 8:28 For we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him who have been called to his purpose.

Ministry News

Discipleship:

YOU ARE INVITED to the "REAL FAITH FOR REAL LIFE" Adult Sunday School as they begin a new 9-week study, August 14th. Led by Lisa Bahlinger, this class will examine the characters of Saul and David. Join us for WEDNESDAY EVENING BELIEVERS - (W.e.B)

Our Wednesday evening events get underway on Wednesday, August 24 as follows:

5:15pm - W.e.B. Dinner – Prepared by various cooks during the season. Each meal will have a main entrée, veggies and salad along with dessert. If you are interested in cooking, please contact Gary Lehner.

5:30pm - Praise Team – Join Brittany Betts and the Praise Team to make a Contemporary joyful noise! Also – contact Brittany if you wish to learn to run the sound board.

Your Invited to Join a Choir!!!

5:30-6:30pm Youth Choir (#142) - For grades 6-12. Leaders are Andrea Sedlacek and Andrea Thompson.

6:15pm Bell Choir – Contact Ken Eichholz if you have any questions concerning this rehearsal.

6-7pm Christ's Kids Choir (#137) – For grades 3-6. Leaders are Andrea Sedlacek and Andrea Thompson.

6-6:55pm Cherub Choir (#113) – For age 3 (by September 1) to Second Grade. Leaders are Jennifer Carkeet and Barbara Anderson

6:30pm Confirmation Class (CFC) – Contact Pastor Cliff or Karen if you have any questions concerning this class. A parents meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24 with classes beginning on August 31.

7:15pm Adult Choir – Contact Ken Eichholz if you have any questions concerning this rehearsal.

Fellowship:

W.e.B.- Please contact Gary Lehner if you are interested joining the Team of Cooks for this Wednesday evening event. The more the merrier!!

Social Ministry:

School Supplies and Uniforms

Remember how much fun it was to get new school supplies? You could spend hours sorting and resorting and organizing them to fit just right in your school bag. Let's help some special children we know have that same enjoyment!! We will be collecting once gain supplies for the upcoming school year. They will be distributed to Musa and Angela's girls and the rest will be going to the children at Vollentine Elementary. While out shopping, please consider grabbing a few extra items and place them in the grocery cart in the narthex. Thank you!!

Items Needed:

- Notebook paper (Wide Rule Please!!), Spiral Notebooks (Wide Rule Please!!)
- Black and White Composition Books, # 2 Pencils, Cap Erasers, Crayons
- Classic Color Markers, Scissors, Glue, Red, Black and Blue Pens
- Colored Folders with pockets and brackets, Colored Folders with pockets
- Kleenex, Baby Wipes, White Copy Paper, Dry Erase Markers

LIFEBLOOD will be at St. Luke Sunday, August 14th from 9 am to 1 pm. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board in the hall adjacent to the office.

Margaret Killebrew and Grace Healthcare:

Many of you know that Margaret Killebrew recently suffered a stroke and is currently recuperating. Margaret had faithfully served as our nursing home ministry coordinator for over 20 years! While there are a number of other faithful volunteers, we are now looking for someone to coordinate our birthday parties at Grace Healthcare the second Monday of each month. It involves showing love by serving cake to all party participants and distributing small gifts to the birthday girls and guys.

Is this tugging at your heart and are you in a position to step up?

For more information, please talk to Jane Johnson, Carol Rodman, Pam or Becky in the office.

One-Day VBS

Thank you to all of our volunteers: Pastor Cliff, Brittany Betts, Alice Burns, Jack Carlson, Debbie Cox, Regina Cox, McKenna Duncan, Heather Lange, Kara Lange, Summer Lange, Jerry Sitko and

Kassie Wade for helping with our first-ever, one-day VBS! We had at least 40 children come learn about creation, have a snack, play games, decorate a t-shirt and sing songs.

Stewardship:

The Cheerful Giver

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

This passage includes two somewhat different attributes of giving; the first, the familiar concept of one reaps what one sows; and the second, the less expressed "God loves a cheerful giver." Certainly the quality of result(s) is directly related to the effort(s) put forth (although I freely admit that trying to rationalize otherwise in the past, 'can't catch a break' or 'wasn't meant to be' come to mind) but God loves a cheerful giver is a little more difficult to discern.

Pam and I have witnessed the generosity and kindness of the St. Luke congregation in many ways since becoming members. Members' participation in the Capital Campaign: retiring a \$160,000 second mortgage, providing a wonderful playground for the younger Saints and the Narthex expansion. It is also very heartening to witness the selfless contributions that so many Saints make for the benefit of others: MIHN, Habitat for Humanity, More than a Meal, Service over Self and all the Easter and Christmas Programs Sponsored by St. Luke. The list is almost endless. These acts of kindness; within the Church and in God's Community outside of St. Luke performed by selfless people for the good of others gives meaning to "God loves cheerful givers."

Your Stewardship team encourages you to reassess your time and talent commitments to see if there are activities where you might have an interest in participating. Two big areas of need are the MIHN ministry and the Good Steward list. The former needs volunteers to provide meals and supervision of our guests. The Good Stewards are needed for the various functions of the Sunday Services. Each service requires between 16 and 21 people in a service role (almost 20% of the attending congregation).

With some functions (nursery, Chief Steward and Altar Guild) there are not enough volunteers so the same people must serve repeatedly.

Your Stewardship Committee thanks you profoundly for your generosity in contributions and in service.

May the Lord be with You Always!

Terry Dilg on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

Small Groups for Women

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Will be in "summer pause" and we'll be letting you know when they will resume in the fall.

Saturday Sisters

These wonderful women will meet at the home of Dottie Neuf on Saturday, August 20, at 8:30am.

WOW's (Women of Wisdom)

They will meet at Panera Bread in the Trinity Shopping Plaza on Germantown Parkway on Tuesday morning, August 2, at 9:30.

Worship:

AT ST. LUKE we believe that God's Good News is for all people and all cultures of the world. We have supported missions programs in Guyana; Kenya; Jamaica; Haiti; Papua, New Guinea; and Cameron in recent years. We are now excited to begin supporting Marty and Karen Lange and Wycliffe Bible Translators as they minister to Latin America in the area of Bible translation for minority languages. After serving in Peru for many years, the Langes will be living in Orlando, Florida. Marty will travel to many sites in Latin America to train local leaders.

AN ADULT FORUM will be held today at 9:45am in the sanctuary. Meet Marty and Karen Lange and enjoy a question and answer session. The discussion will include a possible mission trip to Peru next summer.

Youth Ministry:

SLY PLANNING MEETINGS

It is that time of year again where we begin to get ready for the school year to start up. This also means that it is time to plan activities for all of the SLY groups for the Fall. There will be a planning meeting to do just that on Sunday, August 14th at 4 pm. Jr/ Mid SLY will meet in the conference room (#135) and Sr. SLY will meet in room #111. Please bring your youth's ideas for activities as well as a calendar to the meeting. We'll be better able to plan activities if we have academic schedules present. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at Karen@stlukememphis.org. Hope to see you there!

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is getting ready for the annual Confirmation Banquet and Affirmation of Faith service. We will be having five youth become adults in their faith this year:

*Taylor Allay
Connor Phillips
Christian Rigby
Alice Sedlacek
Aaron Tidwell*

The Confirmation Banquet is August 20th at 6 pm in the CFC. Families and friends of those being confirmed are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by August 8th for the Banquet. First-year students are expected to attend to help serve. The Affirmation of Faith service will be held during the 11 o'clock worship service on August 21st. Please contact Karen at Karen@stlukememphis.org if you have any questions for her about Confirmation.

Please note:

We will have a Parents' Meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 24, for this year's 6th and 7th graders. The class will begin on Wednesday, August 31.

SLY YOUTH, SLY ALUMNI, EPIPHANY LUTHERAN YOUTH AND YOUTH FROM THE GERMAN DELEGATION HAD A BLAST IN MEMPHIS. CATCH THE GROUP SHOT ON FACEBOOK!

American youth from St. Luke and Epiphany Lutheran in Collierville met up with youth from the German Delegation on July 26th to show them what it's like to be Lutheran youth and live in Memphis. Each American youth was paired up with a German youth to be buddies for the evening. This allowed the youth to get to know each other and learn from one another. The group visited Service Over Self (SOS) for their nightly Chapel service as well as toured the city to see Memphis at night. The following night, July 27th, they all met up again for a pool party and dinner in Collierville. The SLY youth really enjoyed meeting our German friends and learning many different things from them!

SHAWN SMITH CONCERT

When: August 21st, 2011

Where: Lord of Life Lutheran Church
6865 Poplar Pike
Memphis, TN 38119

What time: The concert is at 6 pm.

Who is invited to attend the concert:

This concert is open to anyone who would like to go; adults, children, families, and youth!
This is a great family outing!

*SLY youth will meet at St. Luke at 4 pm to head to Lord of Life for pizza and fellowship. Parents may be asked to drive if we have a large number of youth interested in going. *

Who is Shawn Smith:

Shawn Smith is a full-time, performing songwriter and keynote speaker. Shawn has produced and recorded seven studio albums of original music and many live recordings over the past 15 years of ministry. An active road-man, Shawn has toured through nearly every state in the U.S., and performs dozens of concerts and key-note talks per year at churches, youth gatherings, conferences, schools, camps and colleges.

For more information about Shawn Smith, please visit his website at www.shawnsmith.com.

Current Month Events

Details concerning these events may be found on our website: www.stlukememphis.org and select calendar.

The 4th Annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness Foundation Walk is on Saturday, September 17th at Shelby Farms Park. Registration will be open on August 1st at www.ocafoundation.org Details to follow!

August 02 – 9:30am – WOW’s meeting is at Panera Bread in the Trinity Shopping Center

August 04 – 9:00am – MIHN departs

August 09 – ExCom Meeting

August 14 – 4pm – Jr./Mid SLY Planning Meeting (#135)

August 14 – 4pm – Sr SLY Planning Meeting (#111)

August 15 – 6:30pm Refreshments; 7:00pm – Meeting – Church Council

August 16 – 7:00pm – Stewardship Meeting

August 20 – Confirmation Banquet – 6pm

August 21 – Confirmation at 11am Service

August 21 – Rally Day

August 24 – 5:15pm W.e.B.

5:30pm Praise Team

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August 24 – Parents’ Confirmation Meeting

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7:15pm Adult Choir

Future Events

September 17 – 4th Annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness Foundation Walk (Details forthcoming)

Parish Talk

Those daring young men (and women) in their flying machines... Ken and Joanne Eichholz took a fabulous trip through the American Southwest in Ken's plane, this summer. They flew over the Grand Canyon along the way - wonderful!

Not to be outdone, Tommy Muhs recently earned his private pilot's license; now all of the Muhs men are flying the blue skies. Hey, Ruth, any interest? Congratulations to you, Tommy!

And speaking of fabulous trips, world traveler, Dorothy Steen went to northern Europe, this summer. Via the Princess Line she sailed from Copenhagen to St. Petersburg on the Baltic Sea and stopped in Oslo (Norway), Finland and Estonia. Dorothy was joined by her daughter, son-in-law and their children along with her son and daughter-in-law from Oregon. Sounds like a fantastic time was had by all!

We had a nice note from the Rau-Wood Retreat Center in Nashville, thanking us for our donation toward flood relief that occurred last May. It's nice to extend our helping hands to our friends in another city.

We have new babies!

Sarah Kathryn Russell was born July 5th and proud parents, Keith and Kathryn are thrilled join us in welcoming her into the world.

Aubrey Katherine Drochner made her entrance July 10th and we congratulate her happy parents, Tom and Ryane Drochner.

Precious Milo Brock, son of Rachel and Aaron and brother of Oscar was dunked, er... baptized this July. This was our landmark full emersion and he seemed quite content with the whole process. Welcome to the faith, Milo!

TLC personified! Our own Carol Mattison was awarded "Nurse of the Year" by Methodist North Hospital. We're not surprised, but we're very proud of you, Carol!

Happy news! David Cox, son of Sue Cox proposed to his lovely Kendra Nelson and she said, "Yes!" Congratulations and best wishes to both of you.

Our prayers go out to Sue Martin, principal of Shady Oaks School, whose father, Herman Stringer, went to his heavenly home in July.

Charleen Gehrke has moved from the hospital. Please contact the church office for contact information.

A voice from the past....we received a call from the Netherlands on Friday, 7/22, and it was from Carl Calcamuggio. He was on business and had some time to convey that they were in our area in June for a wedding and came by the church and they were amazed to see the changes. "Kudos to the congregation for their church expansion." Carl, Ginny and Nick live in Carmel, Indiana. Nick will graduate from College next year completing his music education

major. They are active in their current church, King of Glory, but miss their St. Luke church family! (Nick was the Social Ministry council representative in 2000)

We will welcome Marty Lange to the pulpit on Sunday, July 31. Marty, the son of Roger and Nancy Lange, is with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. Marty and his wife Karen and their four children returned last year from the mission field in Peru.

7/25 – Pastor Thomas Bovenschen visiting with Pastor Cliff. Pastor Thomas is from St. Matthews in Augsburg, Germany.

Sunday, July 31

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME VISITORS from Augsburg, Germany! Pastor Thomas Bovenschen and some members of the Evangelical Church of Germany will be worshipping with us at the 8:30 service. Our friends from Germany have been busy this week learning about social ministry here in Memphis. They have visited the Church Health Center, Memphis Inter-Faith Association, Memphis Food Bank, Memphis Interfaith Hospitality Network, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Jacob's Ladder and Service Over Self. Thanks to Ken and Janet MacNair, Dirk and Margaret Brakebusch and Bob and Terry Zimmerman for hosting this week.

News from Jeff, Amber and Adelaide Capps....our former members....have added to their family. Louisa Susanne was born on July 7. See their beautiful addition on the bulletin board in the hallway.

August Anniversaries:

Steve & Carol Mullen	8/01
Keith & Kathryn Russell	8/04
Kenneth & Alicia Marshall	8/08
Jerel & Betty Blair	8/08
Dale & Vikki Ernst	8/10
Hunter & Jessica Poteet	8/12
Matt & Priscilla Geerdes	8/15
Trevor & Dawn Hansen	8/16
Mike & Donna Lee	8/19
John & Barbara Behrends	8/20
Chuck & Erin Johnson	8/21
Roger & Nancy Lange	8/22
Marcus & Heather Milde	8/24
Jon & Andrea Thompson	8/25
Wayne & Beth Segars	8/25

Julian & Chelsie East	8/27
Les & Jodie Morley	8/28
Bob & Marybeth Hetherington	8/31

August Birthdays:

1 Summer Fischer Gene Meili	11 Burk Renner Andrew Wadovick Jessica Poteet	21 Jon Peter Pat Conway
2 Chris Bonner Mary-Kate Cooke Dave Corbin Katy Anderson Kayla Kunkel Taylor Allay	12 Andrea Steadman Kevin Harris	22 Sarah Cowles McKenna Duncan
3 Terry Zimmerman	13 Julian East	23 Tammy Anderson
4 Michelle Feuerborn	14 Victoria Lindow Roger Lange Jack Glowen	24 Erick Rochette
5 Steve Leder Bill Parker	15 Ryane Drochner	25 Judy Millican Mary Lou Todd
6 Angela Fegley	17 Nathaniel Oakley	26 Elvin Carlson
7 Jackie Bazemore	18 Lynsi Ernst Mason Grissom Madeline Grissom	28 Paul Wright
8 Dale Ernst Paul Wagner	19 Betty Byington	29 Andrew Kliman Katie Shadow
9 Cameron Metz Donna Meili	20 Karen Haney Peggy Lee Jim Bowlby Gianna Malanga	30 Tanya Bolkcom Jackie Myers
10 Kyle Sitko		31 Mike Sampson

Sunday School

See Page one of this newsletter for details concerning our various classes. There is something for everyone!

