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News And Views



Pastoral Perspective



“Love one another”--This is the sole command of Jesus to those who follow Him. This is the prime directive of discipleship. There is no evading this commandment to love. A search for an exception is futile. There is no point in trying to construct a set of rules and regulations on this commandment because it is bigger and more encompassing than

any set of rules and regulations could ever be. The Christian Way cannot be made into a legal system. It is simply the Way of love.

Expressing the love of the Lord is the work of discipleship. You are to become more and more attune to God's Way of love and participate in it. You are not simply servants but actually friends of the One who shows you what love is. Jesus said, “You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.” (John 15:14, 15)

How do you share this love of your friend, Jesus, with others? I can think of no better way than to consider the elements of a mother's love and to apply them to your works of love.

To begin with, a mother's love is a realization and acceptance of connection, of bonding. A mother doesn't love because she is required to, she loves because she senses such a deep connection she can't help but love. Realize this connection with others in the love of the Lord, accept it, and

act on it.

Next, a mother's love makes a commitment to the needs of another and is willing to make sacrifices to help meet those needs. I am so inspired by the way you do that here. When I am told of a difficult situation or circumstance, it is an invitation to join in ministry in the situation. Others have already committed themselves to help in the time of need. This commitment often requires sacrifice.

Finally, a mother's love is working and praying for the best for another while knowing the worst. A mother is steadfast in her love even through difficult stages. You are invited to work for and pray for the best in others even and especially when they are not at their best.

This is what it is all about to “love one another” as Jesus commands it. How could any set of rules and regulations encompass it? It would be like trying to make a manual to show how mothers are to love. This love is just too big to be described in that way.

As you celebrate Mother's Day this month, celebrate the love of a mother. If your mother has shown this love for you, thank God. If your mother hasn't displayed this love for you, pray for her. No matter what, thank God that Jesus has willingly accepted connection with you for now and eternity, that He has made the ultimate sacrifice to provide for your need of salvation, and that he loves you just as you are. Share that love with others and continue to grow in the Way of love.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



We observed Holy Week with very meaningful worship and celebrated Easter and our risen Lord with family and friends. It was great to see so many on Easter Sunday and partake in the breakfast, Easter egg hunt, and worship. Wouldn't it be great to have a full church every Sunday? Thanks to all who made our Easter celebration special (a special thanks to the Easter Bunny who put smiles on a lot of faces).

We continue to have opportunities to get involved in the mission of St Luke's. Education, property work day, worship assistants and altar care, refreshments after 10:30 service, greeters, and Fireworks booth are just a few that come to mind. I encourage everyone to take part in some way and make our outreach with service to the community and spreading the Word more effective.

My everyday work has been extremely busy of late with lots of travel out of the local area. This has caused my efforts to launch a future planning initiative for St Luke's to be put on-hold. It is still my desire to give serious consideration to looking ahead and determining where we might be in the next five years or so. Hopefully there will be time in the next few months to begin this effort.

See you in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, April 17th, 2012

Blumhardt Fund: Total expended so far: \$92,074.96
Total remaining: \$14,548.09

Completed projects this month include: downspouts, outlet for sound system, and switches for the Schultz Hall Addition.

Projects in progress: Signage for all buildings, Parking lot sealing, Courtyard.

Luau is May 19th – need sign-ups for helping with games and cooking along with setup and cleanup.

Mother's Day Luncheon is on Saturday, May 12th.

Bunco is June 2nd, get your tickets! We still need 6 card tables.

Next meeting will be May 15, 2012 at 7pm.

Submitted by Holly Hoppman, Council Secretary



There are not enough words to thank Carol Carney and Ron Webb for the wonderful job they did as co-chairs in organizing our annual Easter Breakfast.

Their dedication and the support of everyone who helped in any way to make this a very special time of fellowship are so appreciated. The free-will offering covered all of the expenses—we are so blessed to have such a loving and generous church family.

With the arrival of warmer weather, our after service refreshments will be served in the breezeway so be sure to stop by after worship to say hello and have a cup of coffee. You may even decide that you would like to be a server. We can always use more people so be sure to let me or a member of the Evangelism Board know if you would like to help.

Next month we will be hosting our annual Father's Day pie and ice cream social on Sunday, June 17th. A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the narthex if you would like to bring a pie to share.

In Christian love,

*Pat Webb
Chair*



The St. Luke's Women of the ELCA cordially invites you to the **Mother's Day Celebration** on Saturday, May 12th, 2012 at 11:30 am. Please join us for friendship and sharing as we

celebrate all women this Mother's Day. You are encouraged to bring your friends to this wonderful event. A sign-up sheet is in the church entry way, so please RSVP there or with Kirsten Ireton at 296-5907. If you would like to share sandwiches or a salad you may sign-up, but it is not required, just appreciated. We will also be collecting donations for St. John's Shelter for Women & Children, so should you feel called, you may bring your donations of bras & undergarments to the luncheon.



W-ELCA also wants to remind you to mark your calendars for **Mega BUNCO** on Saturday, June 2nd. Doors will open at 5:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm

and BUNCO at 7:00pm. Tickets are only \$15 and proceeds benefit the W-ELCA Benevolence Fund. A wonderful pasta dinner will be served, followed by a rousing game of BUNCO for all! Tickets are limited to the first 100 players and we are sure to sell out this year. And don't forget the great raffle prizes we always have. See Peggy Moser or Kirsten Ireton for information.

Kirsten Ireton
W-ELCA President



Congratulations to Nich and Wendy Van Dyke at the birth of their daughter, Mac Kenzi Ann on April 11, 2012. She is the great-granddaughter of Shirley Prouty and Ken Lentsch.



Our deepest sympathy is with the family of Debbie Franklin, daughter of Mildred Franklin and sister of Cheryl Franklin. Debbie was received into her heavenly home on February 11, 2012.



Our prayers are with the family of Louise Smith who was received into her heavenly home on April 8, 2012.



We hope that everyone enjoyed the Easter Breakfast as much as we enjoyed being co-chair of such an incredible time of fellowship in celebration of the risen Christ. The generosity of the congregation, both monetarily,

and by the willingness to help prepare in advance, and work the day of the event was truly overwhelming and we can't thank you enough. You all did so much to make our job such a pleasure - can't mention every thing everyone did but -

We thank Kelly Boyer, Deanna Dockter, Dorothy Haney, Karen Linfor and Pat Webb for setting up and decorating Shultz Hall. We thank the Saturday morning Kitchen Crew, Ben Briel, Missy Jensen, Ken Light, Clarence Korhonen and David Saxby. The Sunday morning Kitchen Crew, Ben Briel (professional French toast cook), Deanna Dockter, (it was all about the sausage), and Pat Hamilton (Pat said it was only her second time in the kitchen, didn't take her long to figure it all out)! How about the servers? They stayed right to the end and served every last customer, Ken and Debi Lentsch,

Mack and Carole Vance! Ken Light – you were the greatest – all those dishes were done in no time! A special thank you, once again, to Jack and Micki Fenske for supplying and preparing all the scrambled eggs. Appreciate all those that stayed and cleaned up and Bruce Kiser and Steven Mihanovich for coming back and giving us a hand!

Below please find the Overnight French Toast Recipe that many of you asked for:

- ¼ cup (1/2 stick) butter, room temperature
- 12 - ¾ inch thick French bread slices.
- 6 eggs.
- 1 ½ cups milk
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons of maple syrup
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- ½ tsp. salt
- Powdered sugar.

Spread butter over bottom of heavy large baking pan with 1" high sides. Arrange bread slices in pan. Beat eggs, milk, sugar, syrup, vanilla and salt to blend in large bowl. Pour mixture over bread. Turn bread slices to coat. Cover with plastic refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 400 degree F. Remove plastic, bake French toast 10 minutes. Turn bread over and continue baking until just golden, about 4 minutes longer. Transfer cooked toast to plates and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Enjoy!

*Carol Carney
Ron Webb*



From Our Worship & Music Board

The Altar Guild needs your help! This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the Lord by preparing the altar and other sanctuary locations for worship each week and putting everything away after service.

This takes very little time each Sunday and is a very important ministry at St. Luke's.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex for your use – please contact Karen Linfor or anyone on the Worship & Music Board if you are interested in helping out in this area.

Thank you!

*Serving Him,
Karen Linfor
Worship & Music Chairperson*



The Board of Worship and Music would like to recognize all who have served in the Military and those who are currently serving. You can find our Military forms in the Narthex. When you have filled out the form place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office. We are hoping to keep this banner up to date for future generations. Thank you for your help with this.

St. Luke's Music Ministry invites you to
An Evening in Paradise

May 19th, 2012
Hula

Doors open at 5pm

Tickets: \$15.00

for fellowship and activities Children ages 4-12: \$5.00

Dinner at 6:15pm

3 & under are free

Dinner will include:



Kalua Pork

Huli Huli Chicken

Mac & Potato Salad

Crab Rangoons

RICE, RICE, RICE

And more!

Activities include:

Aloha Shirt Contest

Frog Fling

Gecko Toss

Pineapple Bowling

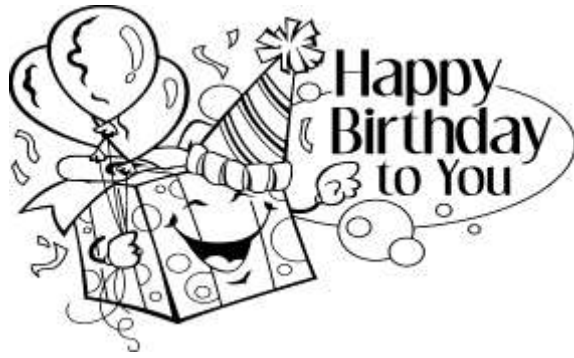
Hula Hoop Contest

And more!



Performances from St. Luke's Choir

Proceeds will be used to support our music ministry.



May 2	Genie Sommer
May 8	Jennifer Petersen
May 9	Katie Iniguez
May 12	Scott Falwell
May 16	Tracy Etchison
May 17	Debi Lentsch
May 18	Bob Guilbeau
May 18	Brenda Sulzman
May 18	Alison Thomas
May 19	Samantha Basquez
May 25	Ginny Almeida
May 26	Nancy Minning
May 30	Carol Carney
May 30	Dorothy Haney
May 31	Duane Reule

May 6	<i>Jerry & Carol Carney To Celebrate Daughter Melanie's Birthday John & Tracy Etchison For Grand Daughter Evelyn's 2nd Birthday</i>
May 13	<i>Ken Lentsch In Celebration of Debi's Birthday Shirley Prouty For Daughter Kathee Herscowitz's Birthday Al & Irene Boschee In Memory of Loved Ones Hannelore, Inga & Victor - In Loving Memory Of our Mom, Hedwig Marchuk</i>
May 20	<i>Larry & Deanna Dockter In Memory of Grandmother's</i>
May 27	<i>Reule Family Cherishing The Fond Memory of Our Very Dear Betty Jo</i>

If you have a birthday this month and your name is not on this list, please call the church office so we can update our files.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes

May 6 Daniel Encinas, Joshua Bell
May 13 Katy Etchison
May 20 Katie Light, Selena Connell
May 27 Elise Mihanovich

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM

Communion Servers

Al Boschee, Ken Lentsch,
Karen Linfor

If you are unable to serve as acolyte, altar care or communion server as scheduled, please call the church office at 421-5039.

Counters

May 6 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
May 13 Don Schell, Bob Behr
May 20 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
May 27 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

May 6
May 13 Larry & Deanna Dockter
May 20
May 27

If you would like to be a greeter, please call Pat Hamilton at 682-3818.

Head Ushers

8:15 AM Ron Franklin
10:30 AM

Prayer Leaders

May 6 Larry Dockter
May 13 Barbara Manlapig
May 20 Ken Lentsch
May 27 Walt Arndt

Psalm Leaders

May 6 Katie Light
May 13 Amber Mansfield
May 20 Micayla Shower
May 27 Derrick Mihanovich

Readers 8:15 AM

May 6 Ron Webb
May 13 Eric Linblade
May 20 Maribel Herrera
May 27 Christiana Wilson

Readers 10:30 AM

May 6 Tracy Etchison
May 13 Ruth Heaton
May 20 Jason Havey
May 27 Samantha Basquez

If you are unable to serve as prayer leader, psalm leader or reader as scheduled, please call Nick Manlapig at 383-9376.

Refreshments

May 6 Ed & Kirsten Ireton, Lynn Gavia
May 13 Carole & Mack Vance
May 20 Paul Maki & Chona Sison
May 27 Larry & Deanna Dockter

If you would like to help provide and or serve refreshments, please call Pat Webb at 685-6345.

Visitor Greeters

May 6 Pauline Arndt
May 13 Carolyn Andrews
May 20 Bertha Dahl
May 27 Pat Webb

Welcome Leaders

May 6 Peggy Moser
May 13 Pat Webb
May 20 Chet Madison
May 27 Carolyn Andrews

**Thanks
for
Serving!**



May 13, 2012



May 28, 2012



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