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News And Views



2012

Pastoral Perspective



He knew what was in store for him. The one for whom the world had waited, waited now for what he knew the world would do to him. He talked about it with his disciples, but they didn't want to hear it. "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after

three days he will rise. But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him." Mark 9:31-32

Jesus could not have said it more clearly. The deliverer was soon to be delivered. The disciples did not understand. They didn't get beyond the stabbing force of the word, "kill". They received no assurance from the promise that, "after three days he will rise". They didn't get what he was talking about at all. They were afraid to ask what it might mean. It's like when you are afraid to go to the doctor, even though you feel lousy, because you don't want to learn about what's happening with your body and what it might mean.

To overcome their anxiety, the disciples evidently attempted to fortify their spirits by arguing with one another about who was the greatest among them. If you are insecure or frightened about your position, the easiest way to bolster confidence is to compare yourself with others. You can always find someone with whom you compare fa-

vorably. The disciples' attempt to regain confidence was exposed by Jesus' question, "What were you discussing on the way?" They wouldn't tell him because they were ashamed. Their discussion had wandered into a very distant place from where he had suggested. I imagine Jesus had hoped they would reflect upon his upcoming death and resurrection. They were carrying on about greatness without reference to the cross.

Jesus did not condemn them. He responded to their desire to be seen as the greatest and redirected it. The desire to be seen as the greatest has accounted for all manner of evil when it is seen as being enthroned at the expense of others. There is a greatness, however, that lets a person's God-given ambition become not the master of life but a servant of it. It lets God's gifts be used as intended rather than for selfish gain. It comes about by letting ambition motivate willingness to be used to the glory of God.

And so Jesus challenges his disciples and us to willingness to serve. In willingness to serve is true greatness in God's eyes. God's gifts are then used to benefit others. This is greatness, not as the world measures it, but as God measures it. Let's be very careful here, though, so we don't get all fouled up and misunderstand what our Lord is saying. He isn't saying, "To the person who does the most good works goes the crown of greatness." Rather, he puts a child in the midst of his disciples, takes him in his arms and says, "Take one of these, they

are all around in the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely, the grieving and anyone who isn't so great in the eyes of the world, take one of these in your arms and show them my love. In that act you have allowed yourself to be truly great, not because you have done something spectacular that shows how wonderful you are, but because you have been a part of the work of the kingdom of God. And be motivated to do that again and again as the opportunity arises, which it will. And keep your focus always on me and not yourself. You will then unleash my power of love in their lives, which is far greater than anything you could give them. And you will also begin to understand the way of the cross.

Spreading, Serving and Sharing with You,
Pastor Carl



The Fall season is upon us and St Luke's is beginning new programs and activities that we all can become involved in.

The Sunday School has several offerings for adult Bible study on Sunday with an additional offering on Tuesday morning. Perhaps this is something that you lately hesitated to try or commit to. I encourage everyone to consider taking part and increasing your knowledge and experience the fellowship of learning together.

Thanks to the Evangelism Board and Education Board for the picnic a few weeks ago after church. Good food, good fellowship, and a chance to see what the children had done over the summer with different projects and activities. Through the generous support of church members, the children

auctioned off their art work and raised funds for a special donation of their choosing. Thank you to all those who worked with the children over the summer on Sunday mornings. Your devotion and assistance have helped our children enjoy their experience at St. Luke's.

An important part of the picnic was the man behind the grill. Thanks to Ed Ireton for cooking up the hamburgers and hot dogs. Ed has also been a vital member of the Property Board and worked extra hard along with Kirsten to head up the mowing of the field and then trimming along the fence line. This is a big job and helps us keep the field from becoming too much of a fire hazard. Ed will also be heading up the breakfast and lunch for the Fall Festival. He's looking for some help in preparing and serving on Saturday, October 6th, so come on out and give him a hand. Thanks, Ed, for your hard work and support!

If it's like other years, the Fall Festival on October 6th will be a great event put on by our W-ELCA. This is a good time to get involved and meet new folks and share in the raising of funds for W-ELCA's many programs.

Your council is entering the budget cycle for 2013 and reviewing programs and fixed-expenses to develop the budget framework that will allow us to continue to fulfill our mission of spreading, serving and sharing. We will be looking to the congregation for time, talent, and financial commitments that will allow us to maintain our presence in the community. This includes having some new Council members and volunteer committee members to keep our programs running. Please think about how you can continue to support St Luke's in the upcoming year.

See you at the Fall Festival and in church!

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Bob Behr



Ready for Something Different?

Starting in October, Pastor Carl will be leading a 16 session Bible study on the Apostle Paul. We will begin each session looking at Scripture passages that clarify Paul's life, ministry and teaching. As we do that, we will consider questions that will help us consider our discipleship in light of these passages. Then we will view together a video segment by renowned SandStory artist, Joe Castillo. Through the medium of sand art, he will present the material we have been considering in a whole new way! We will end with further discussion in response to his presentation. I guarantee there has never been a Bible study quite like this. Sessions will be held on Sundays at 9:15 AM and Tuesdays at 10:15 AM in Room 3 of the Education Wing. Please sign up in the church entryway or call the church office (421-5039) to register.



The Greatest Story: Paul Starting October 7th and 9th

In this 16-session Bible study, we will journey with the Apostle Paul, from his conversion on the road to Damascus to his missionary journeys and letters to the early Church. We will gain a greater understanding of the key people, places, and events of the New Testament narrative about the early Christian Church while building community and deepening faith. We will use the Bible in each session. The multimedia format will encourage us to engage directly with the texts and one another. Pastor Carl will lead the group. Sessions will be held on Sundays at 9:15 AM and Tuesdays at 10:15 AM in Room 3 starting October 7th and 9th. Sign up in the church entryway for this exciting adventure!



Work Day August 24,2012

I want to personally thank each and everyone that participated in the August 24, 2012 workday. A total of 15 dedicated souls made the work day a huge success and allowed a number of items to be completed by 11am. Items that were completed consisted of the following: washing down all the walls and ceilings in the Schultz Hall north bathroom which now is ready for painting, patching holes in Schultz Hall, cleaning the carpets in Schultz Hall, cleaning trash and debris from the flower beds around the perimeter of the church, weed whacking and removing debris along the property perimeter fence to remove the potential for fire, and cleaning debris from the courtyard interior. The following individuals participated: Eric Linblade, Charles Yakabe, Bob Behr, Ken and Debi Lentsch, Bruse Kiser, Ed and Kristen Ireton, Clarence Korhonen, Larry Dockter, Kelly Boyer, Jerry and Carol Carney and Carole and Mack Vance. If I missed anyone let me know. It makes a big difference when many hands show up in that a lot can get accomplished in the span of a few hours making it enjoyable for all. I hope to see many if not all of you at the next work day scheduled for Saturday December 1st at 9am.

The property boards goal is to maintain the appearance and function of St. Luke's for the enjoyment of all who use our facilities. The board has a priority listing of projects it is engaged in with the support of the council and available funding. I welcome input and suggestions and again express my thanks to the wonderful support provided at the August 24th workday.

Property Board Chairperson - Clarence Korhonen



New members will be received on Sunday October 7. Have you been considering membership, but haven't been sure? You are most welcome to join us. We are a loving church family with a strong mission. We'd love to have you be a full partner in our ministry. Please contact Pastor Carl with questions and for more information on what a difference congregational membership makes.



What a beautiful day we had for our Annual September Congregational Picnic/BBQ, Sunday School Art Auction and Bake Sale! We were blessed with great weather, food and fellowship. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the beginning of our fall Sunday School and adult Bible study classes. Several persons told me how much they enjoyed the day.

Thank you to my faithful board members, Pauline Arndt and Thelma Williams, and everyone who helped in anyway to make this day possible. We especially thank Ed Ireton who did an amazing job on the BBQ—he kept everything running smoothly so there were plenty of hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone. Special thanks to Bob Behr, Larry Dockter, Clarence Korhonen and Ron Webb for coming on the day before to set up the pop-ups and the tables so we could enjoy our beautiful new courtyard.



Reformation Sunday

This month we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday, October 28. Everyone is invited to be a part of our annual Heritage Congregational Potluck, following the 10:30 worship service, to mark the occasion. This is your opportunity to share that favorite recipe representing your heritage or bring a family favorite. As in the past, we look forward to lots of delicious food and a wonderful time of sharing.

We will have a table to display family keepsakes so we encourage you to bring those special items you would like to share.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex on the first Sunday in October to help us know how many to set up for and, of course, we would appreciate extra help with set-up and decorating on Saturday, October 27, as well as kitchen help and clean-up on Reformation Sunday.

In loving service,

Pat Webb, Evangelism Chair



Long-time St. Luke's congregation member Agnes "Aggie" Wood passed away on Friday, September 14, 2012, at the age of 97. Please give thanks for her life among us and for her new life in heaven. Please pray for Aggie's family and friends as they celebrate her life and lovingly support one another. Services will be on October 1 at Sacramento Memorial Lawn at 10:30 am. A reception will follow at St. Luke's.



The Silent Art Auction and Bake Sale on September 8th was a HUGE success! Thank you so very much for your generous support!

The Sunday school kids raised \$556.50 for a charity that they will select before the end of the month.

I would like to thank Debbie Porter and Julie Ireton for overseeing the children and all of their summer-time art activities for this special event.

I would also like to thank each and every person who donated delicious baked goods and every talented individual who lovingly and unselfishly made items and donated them to the auction:

Kirsten Ireton	Debbie Silverberg
Julie Ireton	Debbie Porter
Pat Lehman	Pat Webb
Dorothy Haney	Ofelia Ojeda
Connie Reule	Thelma Williams

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday school will be filled with some amazing riches for your children. Kirsten has planned lessons that will feed their minds and hearts with the word of our Lord.

If you are interest in helping with Sunday school, providing snacks, or working with Kirsten and the children on the Christmas show, please contact Kirsten Ireton.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school will resume on October 7th. Please consider joining this class every Sunday starting at 9:15AM. You will experience a rich, in depth study of the bible, which will allow you to savor each written word - book by book.

Gods App Bible Study

You may be asking why in the world a bible study class is named that!! Well, it's derived from the word of God, which is the bible. The second word is the shortened version frequently referenced today for application. App. The dictionary says that application

is the act of applying; an act of putting to use; an act of administering.

Every Sunday at 9AM in room 4, we dig in and study the verses Pastor Carl will reference during the 10:30 service. If you have ever wished that you had more time to discuss Pastor Carl's sermon, ask questions, ponder answers – please join us. We will learn how to apply scripture to our lives, on a daily basis, in very practical ways. We have faith – which is an amazing blessing; but action – action requires us to participate in a world that may not participate with us.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Respectfully Submitted by: Missy Jensen



- August saw more expense than income, which brought our year to date net down.
- We saw an increase in contributors in August, but only had \$113 over our budgeted offering income for the month!
- Property completed the asphalt concrete seam. A safe will be purchased and installed. The Schultz Hall restrooms are clean and ready for to be painted. The contractor that put in a bid to paint the kitchen cabinets has fallen through. Council approved \$3500 from the Property Board Special funds to hire a new painter to paint, the Schultz Hall, Kitchen, and Schultz Hall Restrooms.
- The Annual picnic and Art Auction was successful. The next Evangelism event is the Annual Heritage Potluck on Reformation Sunday, October 28th.
- Council approved \$700 from the discretionary fund for this year's Stewardship Program that will be administered by our Stewardship Committee, Ron Webb and Karen Behr.
- **Board budgets are due to the Finance Board by Monday, October 8th.**

Mark your calendars for the Congregational Annual Meeting on December 9, 2012.



October 1	Fred Sommer
October 2	Micayla Shower
October 3	Ferd Boschee
October 3	Hannelore Marchuk
October 4	Howard Triebwasser
October 6	Harry Weston
October 7	Gail Weber
October 7	Thelma Williams
October 8	Vivian Blazic
October 8	Ron Franklin
October 8	Jeffrey Kiser
October 8	Ofelia Ojeda
October 19	Duane Kiser
October 19	Katie Ramsey
October 20	Jorge Escobar
October 21	Astrid Lynn
October 21	Joan Mooney
October 21	Susan Myers
October 22	Ben Ireton
October 28	Christina Hisamoto

October 7	<i>The Reule Family — In Memory of The Birthday of Our Precious Betty Jo Don Miller In Memory of Wife Wilma</i>
October 14	<i>Larry & Deanna Dockter To Rejoice in Katie Ramsey's Birthday</i>
	Ken & Debi Lentsch For Chris's Birthday
October 21	<i>Ron & Pat Webb For Anniversary</i>
	<i>The Ireton Family For Ben's 18th Birthday</i>
	<i>Mary Harris In Memory of Son Gilbert's Birthday</i>
October 28	

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

Oct. 7 Daniel Encinas
Oct. 14 Katy Etchison
Oct. 21 Selena Connell
Oct. 28 Joshua Bell

Altar Care

8:15 AM Cheryl Franklin
10:30 AM

Communion Servers

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

Counters

Oct. 7 Walter Arndt, John Johnsen
Oct. 14 Don Schell, Bob Behr
Oct. 21 Nancy Minning, Connie Reule
Oct. 28 Holly Hoppman, Marlene Kiser

Greeters

Oct. 7
Oct. 14 Bernie Johansen
Oct. 21 Mary Harris
Oct. 28

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 Ken Lentsch, Craig Eckels

Prayer Leaders

Oct. 7 Elise Mihanovich
Oct. 14 Karen Behr
Oct. 21 Marlene Kiser
Oct. 28 Pat Webb

Psalm Leaders

Oct. 7 Derrick Mihanovich
Oct. 14 Micayla Shower
Oct. 21 Elizabeth Wilson
Oct. 28 Amber Mansfield

Readers 8:15 AM

Oct. 7 Maribel Herrera
Oct. 14 Ron Webb
Oct. 21 Eric Linblade
Oct. 28 Kristine Felgenhauer

Readers 10:30 AM

Oct. 7 Bob Behr
Oct. 14 Tracy Etchison
Oct. 21 David Saxby
Oct. 28 Judy Saxby

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

Refreshments

Oct. 7 Larry & Deanna Dockter
Oct. 14 Ken & Debi Lentsch
Oct. 21 Jerry & Carol Carney
Oct. 28 Annual Heritage Potluck

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

Visitor Greeters

Oct. 7 Thelma Williams
Oct. 14 Pat Webb
Oct. 21 Pauline Arndt
Oct. 28 Bertha Dahl

Welcome Leaders

Oct. 7 Peggy Moser
Oct. 14 Pat Webb
Oct. 21 Chet Madison
Oct. 28 Carolyn Andrews



Art Created By
Our
Sunday School Children

Missy Jensen
Keeping Busy
At The
Sunday School Art Auction



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