

# SAINT LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Co-workers in the Gospel,

This August Deaconess Kathy and I went with two other delegates (Jim Rothwell and Teresa Watt) to the annual NALC Convocation held in Denver. During opening worship, we sang a hymn called "He Will Hold Me Fast" by Matt Merker. The brief story of the inspiration for writing the text was the following:

*"From the first time we heard this song written, we felt it was a unique jewel that would be a comfort and encouragement to God's people as we live out faith in these difficult times, whether in suffering, persecution or death."*

Over the past five years at Saint Luke's, I have been very intentional about preaching and teaching this same message—the message that we need to be equipped to live a faith that works in real life. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ in our post-Christian world is challenging. It has never been clearer to me that at this point in time the evil one is working overtime to attack the faithful. We need daily reminders of encouragement that our God ultimately defeated evil. We need to know that there is power in the Holy Spirit that will hold us fast forever in God's arms.

I was so inspired by this song and its message, that after much prayer, I believe God is leading us at Saint Luke's to explore this theme in our fall worship, preaching, and stewardship. I look forward to seeing you in September as I present more details of what this will look like in our parish life.

In Christ who holds us fast,  
Pastor Josh

\*\*For more information on the song, you can visit this website:  
<https://www.gettymusic.com/he-will-hold-me-fast/>

### **FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, September 2nd**, will be our last combined service Sunday. We will **worship at 9:30 am with a picnic to follow**. Chicken and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please plan on joining us then!

**Beginning Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, we return to our regular schedule: **Worship services at 8:00 and 10:30 am and Adult Study between services**.

All **Youth (6th grade and older)** are invited to Pikes Perk for Heavenly Roast **beginning September 16<sup>th</sup>** - meet in the atrium at **9:15 am** for transportation.

# FALL MINISTRY PROGRAMS

## EDUCATION MINISTRY PROGRAMS

**Children's Church:** Children's Church, for all children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger, is offered during the Sunday 10:30 am worship service. Children leave at the beginning of the first lesson and return during the sharing of the peace. The curriculum, "Whirl", is a lectionary-based program that has scripture-based lessons with engaging animations that help kids relate the Bible to their lives. Every "Whirl" lesson follows a four-part sequence: Welcome, Hear, Respond, and Launch (WHRL!). Each week, kids and leaders start their time together by identifying where they are in the church year and watching an animated video to set up the lesson. Next, they dive into the Whirl Story Bible together, respond to the scripture lesson with creative leaflet activities, and circle up to review the lesson and pray before being sent out. Please look for the pamphlet that comes home with your child(ren) as there are additional activities you can do together as a family during the week.

**Christ Kidz:** Christ Kidz is for all children 3-years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and meets at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. This year the group will be split into two groups, 3-year olds through kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The curriculum, "Holy Moly," includes ten units that can be covered in two years, spanning the Old Testament and New Testament. Every Holy Moly lesson follows a four-part sequence: Discover, Relate, Connect, and Create. Each week, kids watch an animated Bible story video, talk about the story, read their Bible Storybook or Bible, and do a creative leaflet activity. The children will also be fed supper.

**MOPS KIDS:** MOPS KIDS is for all children who come with their moms to MOPS/MomsNEXT. This year the children will have a chance to explore the curriculum, "What's In the Bible," which is from the creators of Veggie Tales. The curriculum comes with a series of videos and activities to help children learn what's in the Bible.. Kids will watch a short video, engage in an activity geared to reinforce the story and together create a visual reminder of the stories and characters of the Bible they have learned so far. The children will also be fed supper.

**Confirmation:** Confirmation is for all youth 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade (or older if not yet confirmed). They meet with Pastor Josh at 5:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. This year they will be using a book called "A Liturgical Catechism." By looking at the liturgy of our worship service they will learn about Baptism and the Creeds this fall and the Lord's Prayer, prayer in general, and Holy Communion in the spring. If you have any questions about confirmation, please contact Pastor Josh or Deaconess Kathy.

**Youth Group:** Youth Group, for all youth 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. This fall they will continue using the curriculum, "re: form Ancestors." This curriculum introduces unlikely people who are called by God to do amazing things. It then encourages youth to see the similarities between themselves and their faith ancestors. Every "re: form Ancestors" session follows a three-part sequence: Encounter, Engage, and Respond. In each session, youth gather to watch a hilarious animated video, tap their creativity for activities that involve doodling, connecting and learning together.

# FALL MINISTRY PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

## MOPS/MomsNEXT

"Never let the fire go out... When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes." Romans 12:11-13

The words of Saint Paul above are the backbone of this year's MOPS/MomsNEXT theme- Find Your Fire. We will be transformed by the fire of God and renew our spark in fellowship with one another.

Join us for our first meeting **on September 11<sup>th</sup>** and come find your fire! We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month (unless otherwise noted) at 5:30 pm. MOPS/MomsNEXT at St Luke's only costs \$40 for the whole year, which also includes your MOPS/MomsNEXT International membership. If you need financial assistance, please let us know! We will make this affordable and available to every mom.

Childcare is also included; your kids will be learning about Jesus from the Frolic curriculum. We will have a potluck style dinner at each meeting and will often have fun crafts, watch inspirational videos, and have great conversation. Please come and make some new mom friends!

Contact Katie McCune with any questions or to register for the 2018-2019 MOPS year at St Luke's. 719-209-647 or [katie.mccune092708@gmail.com](mailto:katie.mccune092708@gmail.com)



You will see a new face on the MOPS/MomsNEXT team this year! Katie McCune will be helping to coordinate monthly meetings. She's a stay-at-home wife to Jake and mom to Noah (6), Bree (4), and Eden (1). When she isn't busy, Katie enjoys reading, spending quiet time with God, drinking coffee, eating chocolate, hanging out with her little family, and dating her husband of almost 10 years.

## MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Consider enhancing our worship time through your musical talents:

**HAND BELLS:** We're always looking for new ringers. You do not need to know how to ring - we'll teach you. Rehearsal times are **Mondays at 6:00 pm starting September 17<sup>th</sup>**. If you have questions, please contact Steve Lambert at 331-8700.

**ADULT CHOIR:** All those high school age or older are invited to sing in the choir. We rehearse on **Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary**. If you have questions, please call Keith Lundquist, our Director of Music, at 328-0627.

# FALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

## WEEKLY EUCHARIST

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be the last service at **9:30 am**. **Sunday morning** worship services will return to our regular schedule of **8:00 and 10:30 am on September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Our services are traditional with music, sermon and Holy Communion. Nursery is available for both services. Children's Church is available during the 10:30 am service only.

**Tuesdays at Noon** there is a spoken service with a homily and Eucharist.

**Wednesday at 7:30 am** there is a spoken service with a divine reading and Holy Communion.

## HEAVENLY ROAST

**(AKA Coffee Time for Youth on Sunday Mornings)**

All middle and high school youth are invited for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and fellowship at Pikes Perk (Vickers and Academy) **beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am**. Meet in the atrium to carpool.

## M.E.S.H. Monday: Experience, Strength, & Hope/NFG

This fellowship group is for those affected by someone else's addiction. They meet **Monday evenings at 7:30 pm**. Contact Melody at 660-6545 if you have questions.

## TUESDAY ACTIVITIES

Weekly Tuesday activities:

- **10:45 am** -- Bible Study
- **12:00 pm** -- Spoken worship service with Holy Communion
- **12:30 pm** -- Lunch at church on **September 11<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome to join us!

## "WE GATHER" WEDNESDAYS

Starting **Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** the schedule is as follows:

- **5:30 pm** – Christ Kidz (5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger) – supper included
- **5:30 pm** – Confirmation (6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade) – supper included
- **6:30 pm** – Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- **6:30 pm** – Adult Study, Nursery available

# FALL ACTIVITIES

## WOMEN'S COFFEE

Women's Coffee is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at **8:00 am** at Panera's on North Academy. This month we meet on **September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us for a time of conversation and fellowship.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SECURITY

The church council has determined that we need to be more proactive in our security on Sunday mornings, particularly when it comes to the downstairs door which is often left unattended. Therefore, a greeter will be downstairs 20 minutes prior to both services until 10 minutes after the service starts. A greeter will also be downstairs between 9:20 am and 9:40 am for those coming to Adult Class or Heavenly Roast. If you arrive between those times, there is a buzzer inside between the two doors that you can ring, and someone will let you in. In the event that no one hears the buzzer, you will need to walk around to the main upstairs door of the church building. We extend our apologies for the inconvenience this may cause. Because of the current culture in our nation, we believe these new security measures are vital for the safety of our congregation, particularly our children.

If you would be willing to help greet during any of these times, please let Deaconess Kathy know. While greeting has always been an important ministry of welcoming, it now becomes an equally important ministry of protection as well.



## A NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you to all who participated in our Diaper Drive for KPC Respite Care. With your donations, along with the help of Thrivent Action Dollars, we were able to donate 2879 diapers, 2636 wipes, 8 cans of formula and some miscellaneous cups, baby food jars, spoons and bibs

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont'd)

## NEW PRAYER REQUEST PROCESS

As believers in Jesus Christ, we know that we can lift anything and anyone up to God in prayer. God wants us to pray for each other, and He has promised to hear our prayers and to answer them...in His way and in His timing. At Saint Luke's, we offer a variety of ways to request prayer for yourselves, for your loved ones, and for any concerns on your heart. Starting in September, we are modifying our prayer request procedure to provide more time for prayers at home and to ensure that everyone feels welcome to submit prayers during our worship services.

If you have **urgent or immediate** prayer requests, please continue to fill out the prayer request form found in your worship service bulletins. You can indicate whether you want these requests prayed for during that service and/or if you'd like our Saint Luke's Prayer Chain to pray for those needs. Our ushers will continue to collect these prayer request forms during the hymn immediately following the sermon, and these needs will be prayed for aloud during our worship services. It is powerful and meaningful to hear our prayer requests prayed aloud as we worship together as a church family. If you haven't requested prayer during worship services before, consider adding your urgent and immediate needs to our prayer time during services.

If you have **ongoing or permanent** prayer requests, please email Deaconess Kathy at [saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org](mailto:saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org), or leave a note on her desk. She will compile these ongoing requests and include them in a new Prayer Requests insert in your worship service bulletin. While all of these ongoing needs will not be specifically prayed for aloud during our worship services, the insert will make it easy for you to take these needs home so that you can pray for them during your individual prayer time throughout the week. In addition, we will incorporate a moment of silence during our worship service prayer time so that we can each pray silently for any prayer request on our hearts. Please note that if you have prayers currently on the permanent prayer list, you will need to resubmit them to Deaconess Kathy.

Jesus commands us to "love one another" (John 13:34), and praying for each other is an active way to show that love for each other. Even if we have trouble finding the right words to express our prayer request, we know that the Holy Spirit will intercede for us, with just the right words (Romans 8:26). It truly is a joy and a privilege to join with each other as we pray for God's intervention in our lives. As a way to nurture your faith, think about making it a practice to pray intentionally and frequently for our Saint Luke's family—by praying individually at home with the Prayer Requests insert for ongoing needs as well as by praying together for urgent and immediate needs during our worship services.

# CHILDREN'S CENTER REPORT

## SAINT LUKE'S CHILDREN'S CENTER

School days, school days good old fashion school days, reading and writing and arithmetic all those things that make you smart! We started our new school year on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Our fun begins with the 3<sup>rd</sup> off for Labor Day and then read a book day, and pajama day. Our pictures will be taken on the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>. Then our famous delicious International Pot Luck supper on the 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm. Please join us and bring a favorite heritage food to share. This is a great time for fellowship. Have a great end of summer and fall.

Diane Van Horn  
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## **SAVE THE DATE: 25<sup>TH</sup> LFS INNKEEPER DINNER**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Lutheran Family Services Annual Innkeeper Dinner will be on **Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 pm**, at the Marriott Hotel, 5580 Tech Center Drive. This event will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of LFS. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

The Friends of Lutheran Family Services are looking for baskets or gift certificates (values between \$20 to \$100 work best) for the silent auction that is held during the event. If you are willing to donate, please pick up a flyer in the atrium for further information. Items need to be received no later than September 18<sup>th</sup>. Karen Hansen, a member of The Friends of LFS, is also looking for bottles of wine, valued at \$20 or more, for the "Wine Pull" that is also part of the evening.

### EDITOR'S NOTES

Please contact Judy Lehman (719-272-1918) if you have any suggestions for the newsletter.

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**SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>: Final  
9:30 am Worship Service  
Picnic Following  
SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>: Return to  
8:00 & 10:30 am Worship  
Services**

### **Church Staff**

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