

# SAINT LUKE'S LETTER

## A Word from Pastor Dave:

Dear friends in Christ,

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God."  
Ephesians 2:8*



Last evening, we concluded our Spring book study on "Principles of Lutheran Theology". We were discussing the Lutheran understanding of "Law and Gospel"--that the Law in Holy Scripture shows us our sin and our need for a Savior, whereupon the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus' atoning sacrifice on the cross sets us free. And what do we do with our Gospel freedom? We strive to live in accordance with God's Law--not to save ourselves, not to earn our own salvation, but because we have been saved--for obedience and living a godly, Christ-like life. To a world that struggles with depression, despair, and alienation, the freedom we receive through the death and resurrection of Jesus is truly a gift from God! In the Church, we hear that we are loved, and so redeemed by the God who created us, and sent His Son to live with us forever!

As we discussed the nature of Law and Gospel, and the freedom we have in Jesus Christ, one of the participants said something to the effect, "You'd think the world would be flocking to church, eager to hear the good news!"

***This week, give some thought to that one person who is in need--and consider whether God might be calling you to reach out to them--with the good news of Jesus Christ, and His saving death and resurrection!***

You would think that, wouldn't you? Because people wrestle with sin and guilt, embarrassment and shame, being loved and accepted by God for Jesus' sake would surely be a welcome message--a truly "GOOD" word! Our world, and all people would be much more healthy and whole, if they could hear the good news of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. And why then aren't people flocking to church? Why do people distance themselves from Christianity, and from Christ?

Part of the reason has to be that the world outside the Body of Christ has never heard the truth of God's Word. Many continue to think that being a Christian means giving up anything fun in life. Many see Christianity as full of rules and restrictions which would inhibit them, and keep them from doing what they want in life. And sure, the Laws and commandments of God are intended to provide structure and boundaries in life so that our lives are not chaos, but ordered, as God created human life to be ordered and healthy. But in the Gospel, there is freedom. In the Gospel, we don't strive to live according to God's will because we have to, or because we will be struck down if we don't. Rather, because we have been saved by God in Jesus Christ, we are free to live godly lives joyfully, willingly. We are not "down-in-the-mouth" as Christians. We don't walk around day by day frustrated, burdened, restricted by our Christian faith. We live our lives full of joy and hope, because Christ loves us and lives in us and with us! **Christians are--or should be--the most happy, light-hearted people on the face of the earth!**

One of our members mentioned recently that she noticed that in spite of the fact that we say, after the Eucharistic Prayer and the Fraction, the Breaking of the Bread, "Happy are those who come to His supper", many don't look very happy as they come forward. Well, that may be true. It is

certainly a more somber, reverent time in the liturgy. Better that, than people chatting and laughing at the communion rail. And yet, because we receive our Lord's real presence in the Sacrament of the Altar--because God gives Himself to us, let us be full of the joy and hope that is in us! Let us visibly manifest the good news that we are saved, not by what we do or don't do, but by the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross! **Let us live our lives in such a way that the presence of Christ in us is reflected in our bodies, our lifestyle, yes, our happiness!**

Maybe then we would be more of a witness to the world. Maybe then others outside the church would come to realize that Christians are not weighed down by the demands of the Law, but freed in Christ, going willingly to love and serve God and our neighbor.

**I encourage you to think this week about your faith in God that is a gift, and how that gift sets you free from worry, anxiety, burden and feelings of inadequacy.** Consider the freedom that we have in Christ Jesus--the freedom from feeling we're always having to prove ourselves to God, always trying to measure up. And then, consider whether you know someone who might benefit from hearing this good news, that we are saved by grace, through faith. Do you know someone who is

troubled? Do you know someone who feels they are a failure? Do you know someone who needs to hear about, and receive truly unconditional love? Could you tell them about the love of God? Could you invite them to

come hear the good news some Sunday morning? Could you offer them the chance to receive the Living Bread come down from heaven to give life to the world and to them?

While Lutherans are not usually comfortable with such sharing and inviting, it might become easier when you think, not about sharing the good news in abstract terms, but about one person you know who might be helped, strengthened, uplifted, and yes, set free by the Gospel. **This week, give some thought to that one person who is in need--and consider whether God might be calling you to reach out to them--with the good news of Jesus Christ, and His saving death and resurrection!**

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

## Weekly Events...

**Worship Services**  
**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

All services are identical with traditional liturgical worship and Holy Communion. Children's Church is offered at 10:30 a.m. for children 2nd grade and younger. Sunday School and Sunday Adult Class will resume again in the fall.

**Morning Bible Study**  
**Tuesday, 10:30—11:30 a.m.**

This group, led by Pastor Dave, is studying the book of Genesis, 10:30—11:30 a.m. They meet in the Melancthon Room; all are welcome to attend.

**Midweek Holy Communion**  
**Wednesday, 7:15 a.m.**

Realizing some of our members must work on Sunday mornings, and others would appreciate an opportunity for midweek Holy Communion, we will offer mid-week Eucharist each Wednesday morning, 7:15 a.m. The service will last no more than 30 minutes so that most worshipers can be on their way by 7:45 a.m. Midweek Eucharist will be offered every Wednesday, so count on it! And come be nourished in the middle of your week!

## Monthly Events...

**Ladies' Coffee Hour**  
**Saturday, July 3rd**

Join the ladies of Saint Luke's for coffee at Panera on North Academy. They meet at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship; friends are welcome. Call the church office, 598-4397, with any questions.

**Council & Staff BBQ**  
**Tuesday, July 20th**

Our annual BBQ will be at the home of Chris and Lori Mattingly 12662 Timberglen Terrace. Arrive between 6 and 6:30 p.m.; we will plan to eat at 6:30 p.m. If needed we will have a very brief council meeting, but if nothing pressing is required, we will simply have food and fellowship. Please RSVP to the church office, 598-4397, or [saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org](mailto:saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org) indicating what side dish and/or dessert you plan to bring. Contact Chris, 268-6774 (home) or 213-0014 (cell) with any questions you may have.

## Bits & Pieces...

### From the Social Ministry Team

Six members of the Social Ministry Team visited the Salvation Army on June 16th for a presentation on their program and a tour of their facilities. The Salvation Army has been established in Colorado Springs for nearly 125 years and has multiple programs of social ministry to meet a wide variety of needs.

The most well-known is the emergency shelter program; the R. J. Montgomery New Hope Center and Clinic. It provides a warm place to sleep, meals, and showers with a capacity of 210 per night. In 2009, it served 2,939 people and served 73,318 meals. The latest addition is a medical clinic providing medical and dental needs in cooperation with the Peak Vista Medical program. Family Services assists approximately 200 families per month with emergency food, rent, and utilities assistance.

Fresh Start is a transitional housing and self-sufficiency program for families with children. Families must commit to a two year program to develop skills to live independently and successfully in the community. Thirteen apartments are available in this program. New Beginnings is a similar program for singles. It has housing available for 15.

The Red Shield After School Program partners with Care and Share to provide healthy snacks and meals, a craft room, computer lab, gym, and counseling for after school children who have no place to go. Transportation is provided from schools to the Children's Discovery Center on Yuma Street. The center is licensed for care of 44 children and includes a fulltime day camp in the summer.

Additional programs include extensive feeding programs for homeless, elderly, and children and includes a mobile feeding operation called the Soup Run. They also operate emergency disaster services aimed at supporting the volunteers and workers involved in relief efforts.

The Salvation Army has over 11,000 volunteers in El Paso County and is one of the most impressive operations we visited. Salvation Army homeless shelter will be our Giving Tree recipient for July & August.

Yours in Christ,  
Dick Petersen

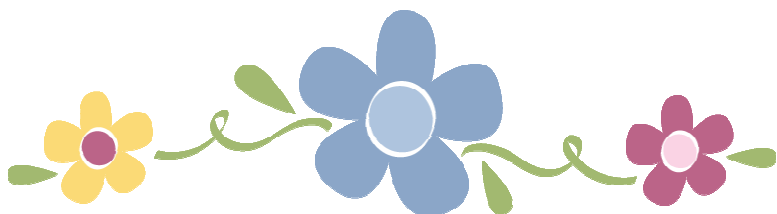
### Financial Update

#### Year-to-Date through May 31, 2010

As we approach mid-year, it's a good time to review our congregational financial position--and the outlook is good! Congregational giving is about \$600+ ahead, and income over expenses is \$1676! Giving to the capital appeal (Growing in Faith) fund is also on track to help us meet our new mortgage.

As most are aware, several of our households are struggling with unemployment, and one or two will be moving away from Colorado Springs (and Saint Luke's) to find work. Please pray for those who are unemployed and struggling financially, not only within our congregation, but across the country.

At the same time, thanks for your faithful stewardship! It's a miracle that we're running in the black, and are financially stable in the midst of the ongoing economic downturn. It's truly a tribute to God's love, grace and support, and the dedication of our members!



## Bits & Pieces...

### National Hymn Sing Prelude Sunday, July 4th

We will offer a National Hymn Sing opportunity on Sunday, July 4th, (and Saturday, July 3rd) 15 minutes before the worship service normally begins. This is a fitting way to celebrate Independence Day.

### Children's Center Family Fun Fest Friday, July 9th

This great event held jointly between our church and our Children's Center will be 5:00—8:00 p.m. It features live music, games, a huge bounce-house in Luther Hall, food, and a live radio feed publicizing our Children's Center ministry. Continual tours of the Children's Center will be given with \$100 off tuition for any family who registers a child for full-time care in the Center the night of the event. Plan to come to this fun evening and invite friends, neighbors, and co-workers with small children needing childcare in order to spread the word about our wonderful center.

### Elitch Gardens Amusement Park Saturday, July 17th

All middle & high school youth, and friends are invited to go to Elitches Amusement Park in Denver. Tickets are \$20 per person and payment is due July 7th. Sign up on the sheet in the Atrium, or call the church office, 598-4397. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m.

### Handbell Choir Tuesday, July 27th

Handbell director, Annette Roinestad, will be holding a music reading workshop, 6:30—7:30 p.m., for those who are interested in ringing handbells. This workshop is designed for members of Saint Luke's who would like to learn or remember how to read music. Topics will include musical notation and rhythm skills. The workshop will be open to 10 members, look for a sign up sheet to be posted in the Atrium beginning Sunday, July 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Annette at 708-476-4522.

### Giving Tree Recipient

Our Giving Tree Recipient for the months of July and August will be the New Hope Center emergency shelter program of the Salvation Army. Immediate needs are floor sleeping mats, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner. Other needs are chapstick, underwear (all sizes male & female), undershirts (all sizes) toothbrushes (adult size), toothpaste, and laundry soap. Place all donations in the baskets on the Giving Tree table located in the Atrium.

### Thanks from Kathy Heller

Kathy Heller would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who remembered her and her family with prayers, cards, letters, and phone calls upon the recent death of her father, Bob Ohl. Your kind words provide a great source of comfort during this difficult time.

### Deaconess Kathy on Sabbatical

Deaconess Kathy will be taking a much-deserved sabbatical this summer, June 11th—August 31st. Please refrain from contacting Deaconess Kathy during this time in order for her to truly have a break.

For prayer requests to be placed on the prayer chain, contact Teresa Watt (598-6760 or [tdwatt@msn.com](mailto:tdwatt@msn.com)). If Teresa is out of town, contact Terri Moore at the church office, [saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org](mailto:saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org), or 598-4397.

For changes to the Master Server schedule or for scheduling concerns in the up-coming month, contact Terri Moore at the church office.

For pastoral needs, contact Pastor Dave at 650-8171.

### Children's Church Offered Only at Late Worship During Summer Months

Please note that during the summer months, we will offer Children's Church only during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. In the past, Children's Church was only offered at the later service as the majority of our parish children attended that service. This is not a permanent change, but will be reassessed as we approach the fall.

### Food Missing

Please be aware that all food in the church kitchens, cupboards, refrigerators, freezers, pantry, etc. is intended for a specific purpose—generally to feed the children in the Children's Center. Food is ordered based on a 6-week menu, with nothing extra built in. This keeps cost down. *Do not help yourself to anything unless it is out for public consumption!*

### Seeking Children's Ministry Staff Person

Saint Luke's is actively seeking a person to fill our new Children's Ministry staff position which will focus on both children and family ministry within Saint Luke's. This position will be half-time with flexible hours. This person should evidence strong Christian faith and be committed to children and family ministry. For more information or to apply, email [saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org](mailto:saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org) or call 598-4397.

### Regarding Termination of our Affiliation with the ELCA

At this time, there is no new news to report related to our relationship with the ELCA. After our second vote to terminate, the Rocky Mountain Synod Council deferred action to release us, pending resolution of the request for us to repay mission funds provided our congregation from 1971-1989. We have requested documentation of agreements that might have been signed through those years binding us to such repayment, and as yet, we have only received one valid document, from 1987. We have proposed repayment of the funds received that year, in the amount of \$6000, upon our release from the ELCA. We are awaiting response from the ELCA regarding our proposal, and are in continual communication with the appropriate ELCA church-wide offices regarding this issue.

# July 2010 Master Server Schedule

DATE	7/4/2010	7/11/2010	7/18/2010	7/25/2010	8/1/2010	8/8/2010
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Darlene Arnold	Jan Butler	Lee Cross	Jennifer Lighthall	Elizabeth Lawson	Margaret Loucks
<b>(BOTH)</b>	Margaret Loucks	Lee Cross	Jennifer Lighthall	Elizabeth Lawson	Margaret Loucks	Darlene Arnold
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<b>8:00</b>						
<b>A. MINISTER</b>	Carmen Moore	Dick Petersen	Dave Baese	Miriam Glock	Jenna Humble	Judy Lehman
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Natalie Moore	Tory Moore	Ali Howe	Jenna Humble	Nathan Howe	Carmen Moore
<b>COMM. ASST.</b>	Jason Moore	Teresa Watt	Becky Hureau	Jason Moore	Dave Baese	Teresa Watt
	Teresa Watt	Becky Hureau	Jason Moore	Dave Baese	Teresa Watt	Jason Moore
			Carmen Moore		Becky Hureau	
<b>NURSERY</b>	Tory Moore	Jessica Schafer	Lexi Heller	Nathan Howe	Ali Howe	Natalie Moore
<b>USHERS</b>	Dick Currey	Duane Lighthall	Brian Heller	Duane Lighthall	Drew Schafer	Dave Watt
	Dave Watt	Steve Ohlrich	Brett Smith	Tory Moore	Chuck Collins	Duane Lighthall
	Drew Schafer	Art Schwall	Tory Moore	Steve Ohlrich	Brett Smith	Brian Heller
<b>GREETERS</b>	Christine Bucher	Lee Cross	Dianne & Steve	Brett & LaDonna	Dave & Teresa	Dave & Kathy
	Jim Rothwell	Lexi Heller	Ohlrich	Smith	Watt	Fundarek
<b>10:30</b>						
<b>A. MINISTER</b>	Alan Abramson	Kathleen Kleinhuizen	Linda Lentzkow	Russ Logan	Kathleen Kleinhuizen	Judy Lehman
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Jeff Ekstrum	Hilary High	Christopher Byrd	Kalsey Hartley	Hilary High	Miranda Ortega
<b>COMM. ASST.</b>	Marletta Hudgins	Dee Lambert	Marletta Hudgins	Dee Lambert	Melody Logan	Meghan Simler
	Linda Lentzkow	Russ Logan	Kathleen Kleinhuizen	Linda Lentzkow	Marletta Hudgins	Kathleen Kleinhuizen
						Russ Logan
<b>NURSERY</b>	Christopher Byrd	Kalsey Hartley	Christina Abramson	Hilary High	Jordan Kipps	Caitlin Simler
<b>USHERS</b>	Warren Kipps	Warren Kipps	Andrew Byrd	Chuck Collins	Frank Rosenberg	Derrick Bignell
	Chuck Collins	Christopher Byrd	Daniel Biondi	Warren Kipps	Bill Worsham	Andrew Byrd
	Andrew Byrd	Paul Lambert	Greg Biondi	Paul Lambert	Christopher Byrd	Greg Biondi
<b>GREETERS</b>	Frank Rosenberg	Pat Bauer	Marletta Hudgins	Julie & Steve	Frank Rosenberg	Pat Bauer
	Darlene Arnold	Kathy Biondi	Kip Kleinhuizen	Klimm	Darlene Arnold	Kathy Biondi
<b>CHILDREN'S</b>	The	Kathy Biondi	The	The	Kathy Biondi	The
<b>CHURCH</b>	Logans	Jordan Kipps	Byrds	Logans	Kalsey Hartley	Byrds

# July 2010

## July Happenings:

**July 9:** Children's Center Family Fun Fest, 5:00—8:00 p.m.

**July 17:** Elitches Youth Trip, 8:30 a.m.

**July 20:** Parish Council & Staff BBQ, 6:30 p.m.



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