



Saint Luke's Letter

A Word from our Pastor:

This month I have asked Pastor Dave Baese to write our newsletter article. For the past four months Pastor Baese has been working faithfully and diligently to reform and improve the way we do social ministry at Saint Luke's. His leadership in this area has been invaluable to both me and the congregation. The following article is a summary of the new ministry approach we are taking as we strive to serve our neighbor with the "mind and heart of Jesus."

In Christ,

Pastor Jash

GO IN PEACE. SERVE THE LORD.

These words with which we end our worship services are the words that connect our worship of our Lord to our service of our Lord through service to our neighbors in our Lord's Name. In the nine years Ellen and I have been members of Saint Luke's, I have observed this connection and service to our Lord and neighbors in many excellent ways. I have observed children being loved, nurtured, and cared for both by their parents and at our child care center. I have observed vulnerable and elderly parents being lovingly and patiently cared for by their adult children and grandchildren. I have experienced friends and members of our congregation being loved, served, comforted, and cared for during times of uncertainty, loss, and grief. I have counted generous support from members of Saint Luke's to Lutheran Family Services, Lutheran World Relief, Habitat for Humanity, Mosaic Homes, Ecumenical Social Ministries, Pike's Peak Hospice, Northern Churches Care, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, and many other charitable service organizations. This "going in peace and serving the Lord," is how Jesus incarnates himself into the world for ministry through us, his redeemed and beloved servants.

I have been particularly involved in our service to Jesus for the past few months through our well-supplied Saint Luke's Food Bank. The greatest value of any service is

that in serving our neighbors we experience and train ourselves in having the mind and heart of Jesus. Placing some non-perishable groceries or personal care items on a regular basis into the basket in the narthex of the church is a good discipline to remind and prepare ourselves to receive the mind and heart of Jesus. Your donations are put to good use through Pastor Hansen, and now through regular food and financial contributions to Mercy's Gate, formerly known as Northern Churches Care.

Mercy's Gate is a cooperative of 56 churches supported by governmental agencies such as the USDA, the IRS, Colorado Springs Utilities; businesses such as Costco and Panera, and community service organizations such as United Way, and the Empty Stocking Fund. Through Mercy's Gate we are able to provide not just food, but rent and housing assistance, utilities assistance, free low income tax preparation, financial counseling, USDA commodities, nursing advice and help with the cost of medications, and legal advice to our neighbors in need.

Mercy's Gate is another of the many opportunities through which we are called to go in peace and serve our Lord.

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If any of you have an interest in helping sort, stock, and deliver to Mercy's Gate from our Food Bank I would welcome your help. The training is easy, the work is not time consuming, and many of you would probably be better at running the Food Bank than I am. You can always inquire and talk to me at church on Sundays, or after the Wednesday morning Eucharist. Food contributions, advice, and labor will always be welcomed with a joyful "THANKS BE TO GOD!"

Rev. David Baese

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 both Sunday morning services for children 2nd grade and younger. Sunday School & Adult Class meet at 9:30 a.m.

*There will be a Sunday School End of Year Carnival on May 20th.
There will not be Adult Class that day.*

Monday Night Book Study Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Led by Pastor Josh, this group meets weekly at the church in Luther Hall. They are studying the book Preaching Christ in a Pluralistic Age, a collection of sermons and lectures by Dr. Carl Braaten. Each lesson stands alone; all are welcome. The final night is May 21st.

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

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

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 worshippers 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!

Handbell Choir Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

This group meets for weekly rehearsal, 6:00—7:30 p.m. All those interested in ringing handbells are welcome. Contact director Steve Lambert, 331-8700, for more information.

Choir Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Vocal Choir meets in the Sanctuary. All, high school age and older, are welcome to raise their voice in song under the leadership of Steve Lentzkow. Contact Steve or Linda Lentzkow, 484-0310, for more information.

Monthly Events...

Ladies' Coffee Hour Saturday, May 5th

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.

Advisory Team Tuesday, May 8th

Children's Center Advisory Team will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the church. Contact Pastor Josh, 375-8615, with any questions.

Christ Kidz Wednesday, May 9th

All children and youth, Kindergarten—6th grade are welcome to meet at the church, 5:30—6:45 p.m. Led by Karen Hansen, the evening will begin with a simple supper. They then read a Bible story and have fun activities related to the object lesson. Bring a friend!

Finance Team Thursday, May 10th

Finance Team will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

Parish Council Tuesday, May 15th

Parish Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Melancthon Room. Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Faith Study Thursday, May 31st

This group, led by Deaconess Kathy, has finished Thessalonians and will be having an end of year celebration! Bring an appetizer to share at the church at 6:00 p.m.; all are welcome. Contact Deaconess Kathy, 593-0665, with questions. Women's Faith Study will resume in September.



Bits & Pieces...

New Member Luncheon Sunday, May 6th

All who have joined Saint Luke's in the past year are invited to a luncheon following the late service. You should receive an invitation in the mail. Contact Deaconess Kathy, 593-0665, with any questions.

Strive Friday, May 18th

Do you strive to keep Christ first in your daily life, or do you keep Him in the "Sunday Box"? The truth is we all struggle with this. So, how can we "Strive" to make Him first? This small group ministry of young adults and those with young children meets monthly at the church, at 6:15 p.m., for a meal followed by a time of prayer, teaching, conversation, group building, and worship, sharing stories and supporting one another in this journey of faith. The evening will conclude with worship, using Holden Evening Prayer, in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome and childcare will be provided. Watch the parish e-letter and the bulletin for the April date. Contact Pastor Josh, 375-8615, for more information.

Sunday School Carnival May 20th

The last day of Sunday School for children and youth will be May 20th. There will be an end-of-year celebration during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 a.m. on this day with carnival type games and ice cream sundaes. Come join in the celebration! There will not be Sunday Adult class this day.

Youth Jam Sunday, May 20th

All Middle & High Schoolers are invited to play miniature golf at Adventure Miniature Golf (near I-25 & Woodmen, 6550 Corporate Drive) at 2:00 p.m. Bring \$5 for a game of mini-golf and additional money for any snacks you'd like. Sign up on the sheet in the Atrium; bring a friend!

Youth Mission Trip News From Trip Leader Dave Fundarek

When asked which commandment was most important, Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

On Sunday morning, June 10th, five of Saint Luke's youth will depart on a one-week mission trip sponsored by YouthWorks, a multi-denominational ministry that will give our youth the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ and to see God move in a new way. The mission trip to Wind River Reservation near Lander, Wyoming will open their eyes to both situations and relationships in a different community and allow them to serve side by side with their peers, learn from leaders, and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Our youth will assist in meal preparations, participate in personal devotion time, and work in one of two service opportunities—Kids Club (similar to vacation Bible school for 5-10 year olds) or Community Work Projects (painting, yard work, and cleanup focusing on the elderly in the community). Evening activities will include fun and cultural events as well as worship, games, skits, and discussion. Please keep these youth in your prayers for safe travel and a positive, spiritual experience.

Update on the Call Process From Lay Vicar Marty Slivka

We are in the beginning stages of the call process to call a new pastor here at Saint Luke's. As a result of Pastor Dave taking a call at our new North American Lutheran Church as the Ministry Director we are without a permanent pastor for the first time in 25 years. Pastor Josh is serving as our interim pastor until such time that we call a new pastor. We have truly been blessed to have Pastor Josh step in on such short notice as many churches that lose their pastors often have a difficult time even finding an interim pastor.

The initial stages of the process involve researching our church history to discover who we are, why we worship as we do and to develop where we believe the Lord is leading Saint Luke's in the future. Once completed and documented this research will serve as a guideline to inform prospective candidate pastors about our history, demographics and Lutheran worship style. A candidate should have no trouble discerning what our congregation expects of a Pastor at this time in the life of the church. Thanks to all the volunteers who have already been doing the research and compilation of data. This portion of the process may take many months to complete but is essential to establishing a good baseline for Saint Luke's ministry.

In the summer/fall, at the culmination of the collection and documentation phase, we will form a call committee who will be responsible for interviewing prospective candidates and making a selection recommendation.

We pray to God for his guidance and wisdom during this call process to select a new pastor for His Church here at Saint Luke's. I would ask all of our members to keep this process in your daily prayers as we move forward.

Shredded Paper

The Children's Center is home to three guinea pigs! The bedding in their cages is paper that has gone through a shredder. If you have a paper shredder at home please consider donating your shredded paper to the Children's Center; they will greatly appreciate it. Please make sure there is no plastic (from credit cards or CDs) mixed in.

Friendly Reminder Please use the North Entrance

We ask that all non-Children's Center visitors use the north entrance to the church, Monday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—noon. For the most part our teachers don't know our members and we do not want to put them in the position of making decisions as to whether or not a person should be let in to the building. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Children's Center on the Web

The Children's Center has a new website with a whole new look; check it out at www.stlukeskids.org. Additionally tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers about our wonderful Children's Center. They are currently enrolling for summer camp. Another effective way to get the word out is to 'like' us on Facebook.

From our Nurse Missionary...

Dear Friends:

April 13, 2012

Spring has come to Shanxi, the trees and bushes are blossoming in vivid pinks, yellow purple, and the leaves are green. This is such a nice time of the year as it is warm and sunny. There have not been any dust storms yet, but they will come as they are common in late April and May.



We are currently starting a new series of support groups for patients with Diabetes and Hypertension. The Yuci CDC wants to come and see how we do the classes and have other centers come and watch too so they can learn participatory teaching. But this small group method is quite new to us, so we are feeling pressure to be a model when it is the first time we have done it!

Xiao Wang, the public health intern who started work in March, has learned that her score on the graduate school exam is not enough for the school she wanted to attend, so now she is going to leave to travel to other schools to try to find one who will take her. This is a disappointment for me as she has been so helpful and we were supposed to start doing the Metabolic Syndrome Study next week. Please pray for her to safely travel to the schools and that she'll find the right teacher. Pray that we'll find another intern to take her place. We need more workers for all our projects and are finding it hard to hire qualified staff. We were talking with a CHC leader in Taiyuan and she is having trouble finding nurses for her center too.

We have heard from the funding agency and it seems likely we will get the funding for the Diabetes prevention project if I answer two questions in enough detail to satisfy them. Please pray for staffing and wisdom for managing this project, and for the University of Texas professors who are developing the material and will come to do the training.

Pray for the Evergreen retreat which is April 20 to 22, the topic is on Transitions. Pray it will be a real time of team building and encouragement. (Since I have been on the planning committee, I do hope it will be a huge success and there will be no crises or accidents or illnesses!).

Pray for the transitions in the next 2 months as Mark Strand and family return to the US in June and Jonathan and Carol Lee return to the US in July. Then I'll be taking over as acting-China Director. I am also so thankful for Jonathan, the current China Director and finance manager, as he has been so good at clearing up issues and administrative problems so when I take over he'll have already solved a lot of problems. I thank God for the support of Xiaoqin, the local Yuci Regional Director, and Jinzhi, the administrative assistant. Without their help, I'll be lost!

It is a continuing joy and encouragement to study the gospel of Luke with 4 women co-workers. Their questions and insights make me see the gospel anew. We just finished Chapter 11, and it has renewed our persistence at prayer. **So please help us be persistent in prayer for more staff!**

I had this letter ready to go when I heard from my sister that she was taking my father to the hospital because he had a bad headache for 3 days; a CT revealed a bleed and he is being transferred to a larger hospital for treatment. Please pray for him!

Thanks for your support and prayers,

Judy Perry

Donations for the Youth Mission Trip

As you read elsewhere in this newsletter, some of our youth are heading to Wind River Reservation near Lander, WY for a mission trip in June. Part of their mission work that week will be leading Kids Club, similar to Vacation Bible School, for children ages 5-10 years. Following is a list of supplies that may be helpful to bring. If you would like to donate any of these items in support of our youth going on the mission trip, please bring them to the church and place in the appropriately marked basket on the Giving Tree table.

Craft Basics

Beads (pony beads or other larger beads – no seed beads please)
 Construction paper
 Colored cardstock
 Plain white paper
 Feathers
 Glitter
 Wiggly eyes
 Cotton balls
 Craft sticks
 Washable markers
 Crayons
 Colored pencils
 Pencils
 Lunch bags
 Paper plates
 Pipe cleaners
 Tissue paper
 Straws
 Water color and craft paints
 Finger paints
 Paint brushes
 Children's scissors
 Sponges
 Yarn
 String
 Clothes pins
 Tape
 Glue sticks
 Bottled glue

Game/Activity Supplies

Legos
 Assorted balls (basketballs, soccer balls, kick balls, soft footballs)
 Frisbees
 Sidewalk chalk
 Parachute
 Balloons
 Bubbles
 Play-Doh
 Jump ropes
 Board games (age-appropriate)
 Toys for water day: water balloons, water bomb balls, sprinklers, etc.
 (please do *not* bring water guns)

Snack Items

Please bring non-perishable items so extras can be saved for use another week. The preference is to offer kid-friendly snacks that are not high in sugar, do not contain nuts and are pre-packed or otherwise easy to distribute, such as:
 Animal crackers
 Fruit snacks
 Pretzels
 Raisins
 Granola bars
 Crackers



Innkeeper Dinner Silent Auction

Please help the Friends of Lutheran Family Services with donations to their annual Innkeeper Dinner fundraiser and Silent Auction. Donation suggestions are on the table in the Atrium. This year the Innkeeper Dinner will be at the Falcon Stadium Press Box, USAFA, on September 25th. We are asking for support from individuals, pastors and small groups: Bible Study, Youth, Coffee, Breakfast, Circles, Choirs, Seniors. ***We have found that baskets valued at \$75 or less sell best.*** We also need "connections" to possible corporate or individual sponsors, larger travel packages, special jewelry, etc. Can you, or an acquaintance, help us?

Tour de Tikes 5k Fun Run/Walk and Children's Bike Parade

Save the Date: June 9, 2012

Lutheran Family Services is hosting this family event at Cottonwood Creek Park. Help LFS serve the vulnerable in our community and show your support by walking or running alongside LFS foster children and their families. This event is not only a fundraiser, but a Lutheran Family Services Foster Family Appreciation Day. **Individual registrations or teams are encouraged to sign up – A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST CREATIVE INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM COSTUME.** If you'd like to participate with friends, family, or a group from church, consider wearing something creative to set your group apart such as colorful hats, boas, socks, costumes or anything unique. For more information contact Rebecca Hamilton-Lyons at 719-314-0232 or Rebecca.Hamilton-Lyons@lfsrm.org.

May 2012 Master Server Schedule

DATE	5/6/2012	5/13/2012	5/20/2012	5/27/2012	6/3/2012
SACRISTAN (BOTH)	Jan Butler Lee Cross WHITE	Lee Cross Jennifer Lighthall WHITE	Jennifer Lighthall Margaret Loucks WHITE	Margaret Loucks Katie Schwall RED	Katie Schwall Darlene Arnold WHITE
8:00					
A. MINISTER	Carmen Moore	Dick Petersen	Tom Clark	Miriam Glock	Jenna Humble
CRUCIFER	Jenna Humble	Judy Lehman	Carmen Moore	Tom Clark	Carmen Moore
ACOLYTE	Judy Lehman Brandon Peterson	Carmen Moore Alex Watt	Natalie Moore Ali Howe	Nate Howe Jenna Humble	Judy Lehman Brandon Peterson
COMM. ASST.			Barb McDonough		
NURSERY	Nate Howe	Natalie Moore	Brandon Peterson	Montana Rice	Alex Watt
USHERS	Daniel Santiago, Jr. Brett Smith Kirk Vsetecka	Dave Watt Dick Currey Jason Moore	Steve Ohlrich Drew Schafer Daniel Santiago, Jr.	Art Schwall Brett Smith Kirk Vsetecka	Dave Watt Dick Currey Jason Moore
GREETERS	Steve & Dianne Ohlrich	Jim Rothwell Daniel Santiago, Jr.	Brett & LaDonna Smith	Dave & Teresa Watt	Christine Bucher Lee Cross
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Lauriebeth Peterson	Kirk & Tracy Vsetecka	Dave & Teresa Watt	Dawn Dieter	Lauriebeth Peterson
10:30					
A. MINISTER	Russ Logan	Dick Petersen	Dave Baese	Mike Hamrick	Kathleen Kleinhuizen
CRUCIFER	Mike Hamrick	Garrett Hovet	Mike Hamrick	Matthew Klimm	Garrett Hovet
ACOLYTE	Cole Ortega Miranda Ortega	Matthew Klimm Gabriel Bignell	Anna High Kalsey Hartley	McKayla Hovet Gabriel Bignell	Cole Ortega Miranda Ortega
COMM. ASST.	Peggy Byrd	Christopher Byrd	Linda Hovet	Kathleen Kleinhuizen	Dee Lambert
NURSERY	Caitlin Simler	Kalsey Hartley	Christopher Byrd	Kalsey Hartley	McKayla Hovet
USHERS	Greg Biondi Warren Kipps Chuck Collins	Warren Kipps Frank Rosenberg Paul Lambert	Derrick Bignell Greg Biondi Warren Kipps	Paul Lambert Chuck Collins Christopher Byrd	Warren Kipps Bill Worsham Frank Rosenberg
GREETERS	Pat Bauer Kathy Biondi	Kip Kleinhuizen Julie Klimm	Nicole Ortega Frank Rosenberg	Nicole Spruill Pat Bauer	Dick & Sue Ahlquist
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Nicole Ortega McKayla Hovet	The Bignells	Sheila Hartley Miranda Ortega	Joni Hamrick Caitlin Simler	Melody Logan Kalsey Hartley

May 2012

May Happenings:

May 3: Mission Support Task Force, 6:15 p.m.

May 5: Ladies' Coffee, Panera, 8:00 a.m.

May 6: New Member Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.

May 8: Advisory Team, 5:15 p.m.

May 9: Christ Kidz, 5:30 p.m.

May 10: Finance Team, 6:00 p.m.

May 12: Youth Mission Trip Meeting,
9:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

May 15: Executive Committee, 6:30 p.m.

May 15: Parish Council, 7:00 p.m.

May 18: Strive, 6:15 p.m.

May 20: Sunday School Year End Carnival, 9:30 a.m.

May 20: Youth Jam, 2:00 p.m.

May 31: Women's Faith Study End-of-Year
Celebration, 6:00 p.m.



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