
The Lifeline

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Shawnee, Kansas

May 2009

Small Groups: A Reality at St. Luke's!

As I'm sure you know, Deacon Shawn has been talking up a new small group ministry for several months. However, a response that I've heard several times is "But we already have small groups!" To an extent this is exactly correct. In fact, we at St. Luke's have been blessed to have many ongoing and healthy groups: the Book Club, the Dinner Club, the Youth Group, the Choir, the Garden Stewards, the Altar Guild, to name but a few.

However, most of the groups I've mentioned above are geared mostly towards fellowship and service. The purpose of a small group ministry is to organize other groups *that encourage and foster interpersonal and spiritual transformation*. It's fair to say that small group ministry looks to Romans 12:1-2 for inspiration: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, *but be transformed by the renewal of your mind*, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." With this in mind, I can tell you that we have four such small groups, described below.

Music Small Group

Do you have an interest in participating in a small group on contemporary Christian music? We are looking to form a small group who meets to reach out to God through contemporary Christian music. If you are interested in listening to, praying with, and/or performing with contemporary Christian music, please sign up on the list posted on the Church bulletin board. We are meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. Our next gathering will be May 13 at the home of Tom & Rose Schrempp (8307

Acuff Lane, Lenexa, 492-0882), but we may rotate future meetings to other locations. You don't have to sing or play an instrument to participate. If you would like to visit about the concept, contact Tom Schrempp (492-0883 or h2odude@everestkc.net).

Tuesday Evening Group

Join our group to watch a short, thought provoking film from Rob Bell's *Nooma* series and enjoy some conversation and prayer while we explore our relationship with God and deepen our faith. We will be meeting in the parish hall beginning Tuesday, May 12 from 6-7:30 PM. Contact Peggy Cook (cook.family.olathe@sbcglobal.net) or Melissa Neufeld (bookwormm@sbcglobal.net) with any questions or for more information.

Saturday Bible Study

We will begin meeting May 23, 1:00-2:30pm at Russell & Pat Jones' home (5826 Oakview St. – across from Broken Arrow Elementary). The plan is to begin by studying Galatians and Ephesians. The second meeting is June 13. See Pat or Russell Jones for more information – 268-4787 or jones.p.w@att.net.

Wednesday Refresher

This group is in its second year, and we meet every Wednesday at Noon in the parish hall. Everyone brings a brown-bag lunch, and we spend time in fellowship, study and prayer. We've just started reading and discussing Rob Bell's book *Jesus Wants to Save Christians*. Everyone is welcome.



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Youth Group News!

Hey everybody!

It is May already! This is the last month of the year, and before we know it school will be out and it will be summer! Here is the plan for May!

May 3rd Youth Group at the regular time 5-6:30

May 10th Youth group recognition, please come to church at 10:15am to be recognized!! Past members are more than welcome!! No YG in the evening for Mother's day!

May 17th Last YG of the year party! 5-6:30pm, enjoy games and pizza as we celebrate together a great year of community

May 24th No YG

Fridays of fun will begin Friday, June 5th. Keep an eye to the Lifeline, your email, and the youth website for the schedule over the summer. Also, camp registration will be due before you know it! To register for camp visit:

www.episcopal-ks.org/youth

Peace,

Christina

Christina Waggoner, Youth Group Coordinator
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*If you do not receive e-mails from me, then I do not have your correct e-mail address.
Shoot me an e-mail if you would like to get e-mails about upcoming events!*

It's a good time to be a youth at The Luke!

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Please contact the parish secretary to add other names to this list.

Parish News 'n Events

Bishop Wolfe's Visitation

Bishop Wolfe will be visiting St. Luke's on Sunday, May 17. He will celebrate and preach at both services. He will undoubtedly wish to meet with the vestry between services in the parish hall. And at the second service, candidates for baptism, confirmation, reception, etc. will be presented to the bishop. A reception for the bishop and the candidates will take place in the parish hall following the second service. For anyone wishing to be baptized on this day, you need to contact Fr. Jim *right away*.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is being offered at St. Luke's June 1-5, 8:30-11:30 am. Look for a registration form in this Lifeline. Our stories this year will be the Parting of the Red Sea, Hannah, Jesus, and the Storm, Jesus heals a dying girl, A sick woman and a man who cannot walk. It will be a lot of fun to learn about all of these! This is for children ages pre-school (3) through elementary. Invite your friends!

Shawn's Ordination

We have received *official notice* from the diocese that Shawn will be ordained to the priesthood Saturday, June 6th, at Grace Cathedral in Topeka. The service begins at 10:30am, and a luncheon will be provided afterwards.

The Dinner Club

Join Cheryl & Gary Ball invite you to join them Monday, May 18 at 6:30pm. This month we are enjoying Hayward's Bar-B-Que, 11015 Antioch in Overland Park. A menu & sign-up will be posted shortly.

The Book Club

"The Known World" by Edward Jones is the title of May's book choice. We will meet here at the church on Friday, May 29 at 7 P.M. See Nancy Long.

Jr/Sr High Sunday School

We continue our study of the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel that was written, and the gospel that served as a basis for two of the other three gospels. One of the resources we're using is the Serendipity Study Bible, which we're confident will make our conversations lively and interesting. Everyone is invited to join us each Sunday at 9:15AM in the basement. contact Peggy Cook or Melissa Neufeld with questions or for information.

Community Food Pantry

In May, we are asked for *Milk-canned, dry, single serving*. And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each. They also need empty, cleaned 16-32oz water bottles.

Garden Day - 1st is A Success

The Garden of Memories is in good shape (weeded, mulched, with an application of weed preventer)... now enjoying a good rain.... THANKS to those of you who were able to help this past Saturday.

The consensus is that 9 am. on the third Saturday of each month (May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17) is a good time to help keep the gardens of the Church looking beautiful, **however**, any day is a good time. There are many gardens around the Church that require our attention. Don't hesitate to pick an area and give it your tender loving care...any day any time...Amen!

— Dan and Ginny Wheatcroft

The Welcoming Committee

Several members of our Welcoming Committee, including Fr. Jim, will be attending the Magnetic Church Conference, at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church (67th & Nall, Mission). The conference runs Friday, May 9, 6:30-10:00pm, and Saturday, May 10, 8:30am-4:00pm. Our hope is to gain more information about how we can make St. Luke's more attractive and "magnetic." We'll let you know how things go.

Sunday School News

Sunday School classes end for the school year May 10. Younger children are welcome to join the confirmation class for the rest of the school year. If you are not yet in sixth grade you cannot be confirmed but you will learn lots of things you will hear about later when it is your turn!

- Youth Confirmation Class: 9:15 in the library on Sunday. It is not too late to join the class. Who? Youth sixth grade and older.

- Two-year-olds Sunday School class at 9:15 is being suspended while we work out a better schedule for that age group. We hope to resume in the fall.

- Vacation Bible School: Coming June 1 through 5, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Our stories this year will be the Parting of the Red Sea, Hannah, Jesus, and the Storm, Jesus heals a dying girl, A sick woman and a man who cannot walk. It will be a lot of fun to learn about all of these! See the registration form included.

A Moment of Meditation ...

Submitted by Vincy Abraham

Read Proverbs 31:10-31

Proverbs 31 opens with warnings to King Lemuel from his mother. Verses 10-31 are an acrostic, each verse beginning with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Following along with that idea, compiled is “**An Acrostic on Motherhood**”.

Merciful – The virtuous woman showed compassion and kindness to her family, but also to others around her. (Verses 19-20)

Observant – Watching over the household is one of the most important parts of a mother’s job description. Listening is right up there with watching. This Mom was observant, and she was perceptive. (Verse 27)

Trustworthy – To trust is to rely firmly on the integrity and character of another person. Charles Swindoll explanation of integrity is “the distance between life and lip”. Do my husband and kids see a distance between what I say and how I act? When our children see trust modeled in their parents’ marriage, they have a great foundation for personal security. (Verse 11)

Helpful – The possibilities are endless. She can be helpful physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally. (Verse 12)

Energetic – The Proverbs 31 mother displayed vigorous activity. She found wool and flax and spun them. She bought imported foods. She got up early to prepare breakfast. She planted a vineyard. And the list goes on. Our example of excellence showed diligence in her sphere of influence first within her home and then within the community. (Verse 17)

Reverent Toward God – There’s certainly a contrast here between what’s temporary and what’s lasting. Reverence for God is at very foundation of this woman’s excellent life. Everything she is and everything she does is guided by her respect for God. (Verse 30)

Honored – Don’t we all like to be honored? Don’t we all like to see our children recognized, or to be recognized by others? How are we doing? Are we living before God that are worthy of our children’s respect? (Verse 28)

Orator of Wisdom – What a host of choices we make in our speech every day. The actual words, the tone of voice

we use, and timing is all significant in communicating to those around us. Not only does the woman of excellence run an orderly house, but also she has an orderly heart, which flows into orderly speech. If we moms want to unlock the door to wisdom in our speech, the key is in Proverbs 2:3-10. (Verse 26)

Of Noble Character – A noble woman exhibits the qualities of courage and generosity. Courage means facing fear with confidence. Regarding generosity, the virtuous woman was liberal with her giving in many ways – to her own family first and then to others. (Verse 10)

Dignified – Acc. to the American Heritage Dictionary, dignity is the state of being worthy of respect. The capable woman wins the respect and honor of her husband and children and those of the wider community, not least because her own commitment to God underlies this productive life of hers. (Verse 25)

According to Proverbs 31:10, the woman described in this acrostic is worth far more than jewels. She is hard to put a price tag on, she’s worth so much! As we consistently connect with God’s wisdom and strength, we will make healthy choices leading to becoming mothers of great value.

— compiled from “The Christian Mom’s Idea Book”
by Ellen Banks Elwell

Jimmy Dean, the country-western singer, does a number entitled “**I Owe You**”. Here are the lyrics of this song to his mother.

You know most people look through their wallets or their pocket books and way down at the bottom, past their credit cards and the baby pictures and green stamps, you can usually find a little ole dog-eared piece of poetry of some kind .

‘I was cleanin’ out my wallet the other day and I ran across a whole bunch of IOU’s some of ‘em 30 years overdue. And the funny thing is that all these IOU’s are owed to one person, and I just kinda thought that maybe now might be a pretty good time for an accounting ...

‘Mom? You listenin’?’

‘Mom, I owe you for so many things, a lot of different services, like Night Watchman for instance, for lyin’

awake nights listenin' for coughs, cries and creakin' floorboards, and me comin' in too late. Oh, you had the eye of an eagle, the roar of a lion, but ya always had a heart as big as a house.

'I owe you for services as a short order cook, chef, baker, for makin' sirloin outta hamburger, turkey outta tuna fish and big old strappin' boys outta leftovers ...

'I owe you for cleanin' services, for the daily scrubbin' of face and ears, all work done by hand, and for the frequent dustin' of a small boy's pants to try to make sure that he led a spotless life, and for washin' and ironin' that no laundry could ever do, for dryin' the tears of childhood, and for ironin' out the problems of growin' up ...

'I owe you for services as a bodyguard, for protectin' me from the terrors of thunderstorms and nightmares, and too many green apples ...

'And Lord knows I owe you for medical attention, for nursin' me through measles, mumps, bruises, bumps, splinters and spring fever. And let's not forget medical advice either. Oh no, important things like 'if you don't quit scratchin' that it ain't never gonna get well,' and 'if ya cross your eyes like that they're gonna stick like that' and probably the most important was, 'boy, you be sure you've got on clean underwear in case you're in an accident.'

'And I owe you for veterinarian services, for feedin' every lost dog that I dragged home at the end of a rope, for healin' the pains of puppy love ...

'And I owe you for entertainment, entertainment that kept the household goin' through some pretty tough times, for wonderful productions at Christmas, 4th of July, birthdays, and for somehow makin' 'make believe' come true on a very limited budget ...

'I own you for construction work, for buildin' kites, and confidence, and hopes and dreams and somehow ya made 'em all touch the sky, and for cementin' together a family, so that it could stand the worst kinds of shocks and blows, and for layin' down that good strong foundation to build a life on

'I owe you for carryin' charges, for carryin' me on your books for the necessities of life things that a growin' boy just gotta have. Things like a pair of high top boots with a little pocket on the side for a jack knife ...

'And one thing, Mom, I will never ever forget when there were only two pieces of apple pie and three hungry people, I noticed that you were always the one that suddenly decided that you really weren't hungry any how ...

'These are just a few of the things for which payment is long overdue. The person I owe 'em to worked very, very cheap. She managed simply by doin' without a whole lotta things that she needed herself ...

'My IOU's add up to much more than I could ever ever hope to repay. But you know the nicest thing about it all is that I know that she'll mark the whole bill 'paid in full' for just one kiss, and four little words ...

'Ma, I love you.'

Mother's Day should not be just one day a year.





Registration Form
Vacation Bible School

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
June 1-5, 2009



Child's name:

Parent/Guardian name:

Address:

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

Gender: M F

Home e-mail address:

Child's age: Date of birth: Last grade completed:

In case of emergency (when the parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:

Name:

Telephone:

Relationship to child:

Please list any allergies/medical needs the VBS staff should be aware of:

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Person responsible for picking up this child at the end of each VBS day

Name: Telephone number:

Special needs/circumstances:

Tell us anything special you'd like us to know about your child (use back side if you'd like):

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Signature of parent/guardian:

Please indicate if you would like to volunteer

Days available:

Other:

Remember in Your Prayers ...

Our Health & Strength Prayer List

Linda Ahrens & Family, Alan, Vanessa Allen, Bill Allen, Mika Allison, Gene Amos, Don & Blanche Anderson, Larry Andrews, Rob Arend, Alecia Arnold, Family of Asher Arcand, **Kathy Bagby, Julie Ball, Donna Ball**, Anita Bergman, The Thomas Bickle Family, **Bob**, Joan Boyd, **Amy Breidenthal**, Louise Bricker, **Terri Brown, Jeanette Burris**, Brian Busch, Caydence, Paul Chastain, **Laine Clements**, Amanda & Jason Coleman, Darrell Corson, Theophilus Cumberbatch, Diane Damro, **Virginia Davis**, Pat DeLong, Larry Denny, Christa Devonshire, Lily Dieter, Joanna Diviney, **Joan Duran**, Angela Evans, Theresa Fletchall, **Dr. Wayne Fowler, Sr.**, Jack Francis, Heidi Gentry, Marsha Gribble, Christie Gutierrez, John Habley, June Harlow, Barbara Hart, **Tom Hayselden**, Valeria Henderson, Sherry Holtman, Kathy & Zach Hudon, The Hoffman Family, Colleen Hurley, Tim Janicke, Merle Johnson, Katelyn, Gail Kent, Bob Kuemmerlein, **Elizabeth Laird, Fr. Arleigh & Betty Lou Lassiter**, Anne Liebst, Roger Liebst, Vic Lenoir, Jurie Lindley, John Long, Harold Luttrell, Steve Lynch

In the Armed Forces

Beth Behn, John Belshe, Jonas Brown, Brett Casey, Sean Connelley, Michael Cook, Nathan Craft, Peter & Nathan Durand, Amity Feliz, Brian Fiffer, Wayne Fuller, Charles Garcia, **Michael Green**, Evan Hall, **Harvey Hayselden**, Robert Heraldez, Josh Jonas, **Benjamin Karpinski**, James LaVine, Kurt Littlejohn, Greg Marsh, Greg McBride, Kelly Morris, Kyle Nosbisch, Sam Nosbisch, Rodney Martin, Daniel Ohlstein, **Barry Palmer**, Quentin Peach, David Rodgers, Matt Schiffel, Bill Simiser, Jayson Smith, Andrew Stemm, Bobby Stallings, **Chris Still**, Nathan Tacha, Alan Walker, Kevin Wright.

✠ In Memoriam ✠

No names have been submitted.

Homebound & Shut-In

June Harlow, Wanda Kirkham, Annette Redler

Family, Tom McAnerney, Alan McDonald, Tasha McDonald, Elizabeth McGranahan, Niki McKechnie, Karlee McQueen, Marcheschi Family, Maugham Family, Leo & Donna Mealman, Vickey Meyers, **Bruce Miller, Jeanne Miller**, Natalie Miller, Sid & Mary Morris, Chris Mueller, Jason Mueller, **Ellene Nash**, Colten Newman, John Owen, Christie Owens, Barb Parkhurst, Sandy Parsons, Lilly Passler's Great-Aunt, Lauren Perry, **Amy Pfannensteil**, Liz Pfeiffer, Milly Pfeilsticker, Jerre Plunkett, **Tom Prescott**, Deb Quintero, **Sarah Reese**, Chris Roesner, Ray Rowie (Roy), Bud & Frank Rowan, Sabrina, JJ, & Katie, Dwayne Sax, **Edith Sheahan**, Jimmy Shelton, Kirsta Sherman, Jason & Autumn Smart, Pat Smith, Steven Smith, **KT Speicher & Family**, Helen Stambaugh, Jim Stegeman, Ivan Straker, Nancy Stramel, Sherry Sullivant & family, Skylar Tatham, Ethel Thomas, Laura Tindel, Paisley Ann Trickey, Carl Van Winkle, Charles Verstaete, Mary Ann Wagner, Nellie Wangari, **Ginger Waters, Charles Werly**, Clancy Wiedel, Sherry Wilson, **Brad Wright, Wilbur Wright**.

May Anniversaries

Tim & Clareen Jones 2
Thomas & Heather Hayselden 5
Marlin & Nona Howard 19
Craig & Chris Knabel 30

May Birthdays

Andrew Knabel 2
Michael Knabel 2
Monica Clarke 6
Willie McCallum 9
Marlin Howard 10
Melissa Neufeld 11
Luke Wood 16
Ginny Wheatcroft 20
Erik Weaver 23
Russ Jones 25
Cheryl Parkhurst 29
Nancy Long 30

To add names to our prayer lists, please contact the parish secretary at 631-8597 or parish-secretary@stlukes.net. Since our health and strength prayer list is getting quite long, please check to see if the names you put on it are still requiring of our prayers. If not, please contact the parish secretary and request that the name be removed. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule: May 2009

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Altar Guild 8:00	V Clarke	D Wallower	B Carl	D Wallower	B Carl
Altar Guild 10:15	L Prescott B Carl	R Cantwell	C Uhrmacher	C Keller	B Carl
Acolytes 10:15	S Grandgenett T Wrede	Lexi Riddle Lily Riddle	E Cook P Kariuki	A & C Garton	G Rohrer E Sullivan
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Ushers 10:15	J Darnell M Jones	V Clarke C Burris	C Smith S Jarvis	J & B Carl	G & C Keller
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane	S & B Jarvis	M Jones
Lay Ministers 8:00	M Neufeld L/Ch	R Jones . . . L/Ch	U Prescott . L/Ch	C Werly . . L/Ch	V Clarke . . L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	C Burris . Ps/Ch B Carl . . . Cr/Ch C Uhrmacher L/I	V Clarke . Ps/Ch S Mann . . Cr/Ch R Payne . . . L/I	K Wood . Ps/Ch J Carl . . . Cr/Ch C Smith . . . L/I	M Neufeld Ps/Ch T Jones . . Cr/Ch B McGuinn . L/I	W Fowler Ps/Ch R Wrede . Cr/Ch C Speicher . L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitor	S Mann V Clarke	C Werly B McGuinn	B & J Carl	R & P Jones	M & N Neufeld
Counters	J & B Carl C Werly	J & C Speicher C Keller	J Darnell D Callaway C Ball	S Sullivan	J & B Carl C Werly
Coffee Hosts	Zone 4				
Lawn Mowers*	C Burris	T Grandgenett	M Howard G Ball	J Darnell	C Burris

Legend: D = Deacon
 L/Ch = Lector, Chalice (usually at 8 A.M. only)
 Ps/Ch = Psalm, Chalice
 Cr/Ch = Creed, Chalice
 L/I = Lector, Intercessors

* Lawn Mowers are scheduled to work anytime during the week following the Sunday on which they are scheduled.

If you cannot serve when scheduled, please try to find a replacement, or contact the parish office no later than the Friday that you are scheduled. We appreciate it very much!

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*Have you invited a friend to come to church with you. If not, what are you waiting for?
The personal invitation is the best way – bar none – to grow a congregation.*

A Humorous Comparison of Religious Theories

Capitalism: He who dies with the most toys wins.

Hare Krishna: He who plays with the most toys wins.

Catholicism: He who denies himself the most toys wins.

Anglican: They were our toys first.

Greek Orthodox: No, they were OURS first.

Polytheism: There are many toy makers.

Evolutionism: The toys made themselves.

Atheism: There is no toy maker.

Baptist: Once played, always played.

Church of Christ Scientist: We are the toys.

Baha'i: All toys are just fine with us.

Amish: Toys with batteries are surely a sin.

Taoism: The doll is as important as the dump truck.

Church of Christ: He whose toys make music loses.

Voodoo: Let me borrow that doll for a second.

Jehovah's Witnesses: He who sells the most toys door-to-door wins.

Pentecostalism: He whose toys can talk wins.

Existentialism: Toys are a figment of your imagination.

Confucianism: Once a toy is dipped in the water it is no longer dry.

Non-denominationalism: We don't care where the toys came from, let's just play with them.

Agnosticism: It is not possible to know whether toys make a bit of difference.

Mormonism: Every boy can have as many toys as he wants.

Judaism: I'm selling toys. You buying?

Church of Scientology: Toys 'R' Us.
