
The Lifeline

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

September 2008

Ministry Fair 2008!

Build a Better Sunday (Sundae)

Everyone is cordially invited to our 2008 Ministry Fair, which will be held on Sunday, September 14, between the services and during the coffee hour. After you've been to worship, come to the parish hall and help yourself to a bowl of ice cream. And then, make your Sunday (Sundae) even better by adding the toppings of your choice – sampling from the many available from the display tables for our various ministry groups. But not only will this be your chance to make for yourself a wonderful Sunday (Sundae), it will also be your chance to be reminded of all of the ministries going on here at St. Luke's, and maybe even sign up for a few you haven't yet participated in.

Note to ministry leaders: this is a great way to explain, promote and recruit for your group. Setup will be on Saturday, September 13, and you'll need to enlist people to sit with your display between services and after the second service. Please contact Debbie Fowler (268-4916; dhfowler@stlukes.net) with questions, or to reserve a space for your group before Sunday, September 7. The Ministry Fair Committee will make signs for each group and arrange and cover the tables.

Sunday School News

Sunday school classes for all ages will begin in earnest on Sunday, September 14, 9:15–10:00AM. Christine Uhrmacher and Mary Hayselden will be overseeing the Godly Play class, for Pre-K thru third grade; Russ & Pat Jones and Jim Carl will be overseeing the fourth thru sixth graders; and Peggy Cook and Melissa Neufeld will be overseeing the seventh thru twelfth graders. And, as always, Shawn Streepy has oversight of the adult Sunday class. Thank you teachers!

A few changes in the leadership of our Sunday school program should be noted. First, Rose Wrede has stepped down as the facilitator of our Godly Play class, after many years of hard work and dedication. It was Rose who brought Godly Play to St. Luke's, and I will always be grateful for her many, many contributions. Also, Peggy Cook has stepped down as director of our youth Sunday school program, also after several years hard work and dedication, and is being replaced by Pat Jones. Thank you, Peggy, for all your good work, and thank you Pat for taking on the mantle of this important ministry.

Sunday Evening Worship Resumes

After enjoying a hiatus during the summer, our Sunday evening worship service resumes on September 14, but it will have a different look to it. For one thing, while Shawn's format for evening worship will be kept mostly intact, the Holy Eucharist will be appended to it. This will make the five o'clock service a viable alternative to the morning services. And then, and this is especially if we can get a cadre of volunteers, I would like to be able to offer a light meal in the parish hall afterwards; and I'm thinking of something on the order of a simple meal of soup, salad, and bread. We'll see how that develops.

Sadly, however, Steve and Alison Paddock recently felt led to start attending another parish, so we won't have them to lead the music during this service. But we've appreciated all they did for our five o'clock worship service, and pray for them to have a fruitful ministry wherever they are led. However, I've had some very productive meetings with Vicki Penny and Shawn Streepy, and am very excited about the possibility of enlisting the talents of the rest of the five o'clock musicians in an effort to provide music for this service that is both contemporary and contemplative.

Pizza Planning Party for Acolytes

Everyone interested in becoming an acolyte (and current acolytes interested in remaining on the acolyte roster) is invited to come to the church on Saturday, September 13, 10AM–NOON. New members will begin to learn the duties of an acolyte, and existing members will have an opportunity to refresh their skills. If you have questions, please contact Emily Cook (768-6632; emilycook17@sbcglobal.net).

Small Group Ministry Meeting

Please check the back page for the article on this important ministry. Thank you.

May God's grace and peace be with you all!

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Youth Group News!

Hey everyone! Can you believe that summer is already over and that classes have started? Wow, what a quick and fun summer. Well, now that school is back in session youth group is starting back up again! If you are in grades 6-12 you are welcome to join us downstairs on Sunday nights from 5-6:30pm. It is a whole lot of fun, and friends are totally welcome ANYTIME!

Here are the upcoming events:

9/14 Tentative adult/youth mentor dinner date

9/19 FALL FESTIVAL grades 6-12 welcome- see me for registration!

10/12 Random acts of Kindness

10/26 Pumpkin Carving/ Halloween Party!

Please put these larger events in your calendar! We would love to have you there!

Meet Our Youth of the Month!!!

Name: Emily Cook

Age: 15

School: Olathe South High School

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Food: Garlic Bread

Favorite Activity: Reading

School Activities: Newspaper, Marching Band (drumline- Snare Drummer)

Favorite Youth Event: Happening, because it was the first time I realized how much God loves us and I love to watch others experience that realization as well.

Keep posted to the lifeline to see a new youth or youths every month! Also, check out our website: www.xanga.com/stlukesyouthgroup for more info. Or E-mail me at youth@stlukes.net. It's going to be a great year!

Christina

Christina Waggoner

Youth Group Leader

***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!

Contacting Our Newest College Freshmen

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Contact the parish secretary (parish-secretary@stlukes.net) to add other names to this list.

Parish News 'n Events

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets in the parish hall every Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:00. After a hiatus studying the Sermon on the Mount in conjunction with the Summer Sermon Series on the Sermon on the Mount, we are currently meeting with all of the Sunday School classes to watch a discuss the BBC production of the novel "Prince Caspian" by the beloved Christian author C.S. Lewis. "Prince Caspian" tells the story of Narnia after the adventures portrayed in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Even if you have missed the first two Sundays, you can still join us and enjoy both the video presentation and the discussion. After we complete the discussion of "Prince Caspian" on September 7, we will break for one week for the Ministry Fair on September 14. Then on September 21, we will resume our program of "Building Disciples Through Bible Study." This is a program of intentionally developing and strengthening both Christian faith and faithful living through a program of Bible study, prayer and reflection. It features a video presentation by a leading Biblical scholar. There is also a workbook and copies of the pages containing the topics and the Bible readings are made available each week for the following week's presentation. When we broke for the Sermon on the Mount series, Israel had been destroyed by the Babylonians and God's people had been exiled far away from their homes. If you would like to know how the Jewish people kept their identity and their faith while living as strangers in a strange land, and what this means for us today in contemporary America, and continue to follow the history as well as the poetry of the Old Testament, please plan to join us for Adult Education.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Shawn Streepy at church, at 913 631-8548, or at shawn@stlukes.net. Thank you.
– Shawn Streepy

Our Gardens Need Your Green Thumb

Bring your gardening tools and join Ginger Waters on the 2nd Monday (Sept 8) or Ginny & Dan Wheatcroft on the 4th Saturday (Sept. 27) of each month through October. We start at 9AM and you'll be on your way home before the summer sun sets in!

St. Luke's Book Club

The Book Club next meets at the church on Friday, October 3rd at 7PM. We'll be discussing *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote. Everyone is invited ... even if you haven't read the book.

Help Wanted at Food Pantry

St. Paul's Church needs your help in their community food pantry every Saturday, 11AM 'til 2PM to stock shelves, register clients, and pass out food. However, *they are asking if the members of St. Luke's* would be willing to commit to staffing the pantry every fifth Saturday. The next date is November 30. If you have any questions, or want to volunteer, please contact Fr. Jim.

Jiffy Corn Muffin Harvest

The Outreach committee is sponsoring a Jiffy Corn Muffin Harvest drive to benefit St Paul's food pantry and Crosslines. Our goal is to collect 500 boxes by Sunday Oct 26th. To make it more interesting, should the parish double the goal and collect 1000 boxes, Fr Jim will shave his beard. The harvest barn is located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for all your support. See Mary Hayselden for more information.

Breakfast at St. Paul's

Help us prepare and serve breakfast to the poor on Sept. 27. Meet us at St. Luke's at 8am, or at St. Paul's (18th & Washington) at 8:30am

VBS Wrap-up

The last word on VBS 2008-we had twenty-some kids and even more youth and adult helpers. The really exciting part was that most of the kids do not attend S. Luke's or even have relatives here. I was a real outreach to the community for Thanks again to everyone who helped us. The final count of vitamins for Haiti - 4,750! (More than 2007)

Happy Birthday to You!

After the second service on September 14, we will honor those parishioners who have birthdays this month.

Wednesday Refresher

Join us for our midweek gatherings from 12-1 PM in the parish hall for a brown-bag lunch, conversation, lesson and prayers. Contact Fr. Jim if you have questions.

Community Food Pantry

In September we are asked for Napkins, Paper Towels, & Toilet Paper. And, as always, Best Choice labels with the bar code included can be redeemed by the pantry for 3¢ each.

Kansas City, Haiti and the Millennium Development Goals

On Monday evenings from September 29 – October 20, 2008, the Healthy Mothers-Healthy Babies Foundation, sponsors of Maison de Naissance in Haiti, will sponsor a four-part series at four Parishes in the West Missouri Diocese with a focus on the realities of living in Haiti – the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Stories of hope and success will be presented by a host of Kansas City metro area individuals successfully implementing solutions to improve the social injustices inherent to living in extreme poverty. The four-part series, reinforcing the Millennium Development Goals, will begin each Monday evening at 7:00pm, at the following parishes: Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Hayden Hall, on 9/29/2008, St. Peter's Episcopal Church on 10/6/2008, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on 10/13/2008, and Church of the Redeemer on 10/20/2008. Admission is free. Reservations are not required. People of all faiths are welcome.

Remember in Your Prayers ...

For Health & Strength

Our Agape Family • Alan • Vanessa Allen • Bill Allen • Mika Allison • Gene Amos • Don & Blanche Anderson • Larry Andrews • Rob Arend • Ted Barrett • The Rev. Donald W. Beers • The Thomas Bickle Family • Joan Boyd • Amanda & Jason Coleman • Charlotte Davis • Pat DeLong • Joanna Diviney • Angela Evans • Theresa Fletchall • Heidi Gentry • Jennifer Gordon • Marsha Gribble • The Brad & Tammy Gridley Family • Christie Gutierrez • John Habley • June Harlow • Tom Hayselden • Toni Hernandez • Sherry Holtman • Kathy & Zach Hudon • The Hoffman Family • Colleen Hurley • Tim Janicke • Merle Johnson • Katelyn • Shane Karr • AJ Kennedy • Gail Kent • Whitney Krebs • Bob Kuemmerlein • The Kurtz Family • Betty Lou Lassiter • Anne Liebst • Vic Lenoir • Steve Lynch Family • Tom McAnerney • Alan McDonald • Tasha McDonald • The McElwee Family • Elizabeth McGranahan • Charles McGuinn • Niki McKechnie • Karlee McQueen • Marcheschi Family • Maria & Andrew • Beau Minx • Sid Morris • Chris Mueller • Melissa Neufeld's uncle • John Owen • Barb Parkhurst • Lauren Perry • Amy Pfannensteil • Liz Pfeiffer • Milly Pfeilsticker Jerre Plunkett • Deb Quintero • Ron & Joyce • Frank Rowan • Bob Ryan • Scott Saunders • Dwayne Sax • Jimmy Shelton • Krista Sherman • Jason & Autumn Smart • The Speicher Family • Pat Smith • Helen Stambaugh • Betty Steely • Bill Super • Ethel Thomas • Laura Tindel • John Urnes • Christina Waggoner • Molly Weaver • Dan Wheatcroft • Bud & Evelyn Wrede

AND ESPECIALLY

Caren Grandgenett • Art Woodman • Milly Pfeilsticker • Amy Pfannensteil • Bob • Julie Ball • Ricky Holtman • Sarah Reese • KT Speicher & Family • Jeanette Burris • Terry Ball • June Tate • Amy Breidenthal • Ron Romberg Family

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; in Jesus' name. Amen.

September Birthdays

Deborah Hall	1
Brandon Jarvis	1
Grace Rohrer	1
Kevin Kelley	2
Gloria Kelley	2
Bill Thompson	3
Frankie Woodman	4
Jim Cook	6
Natasha Mueller-Hickler	7
Coda Pfeiffer	9
Dru Breidenthal	14
Joyce Langtry	14
Rosetta Cantwell	15
Ruth Knabel	18
Kay Allen	19
LouAnn Capps	19
Justin Jordan	19
Marla McCain	22
Scott Parkhurst	23
Kathy Bagby	23
Emily Cook	26
Dustin Vickers	27
Terrell Mann	29

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant ___ as s/he begins another year. Grant that s/he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life. Amen.

September Anniversaries

Tom & Rose Schrempp	1
Jim & Pat Gray	6
Art & Frankie	15
Craig & Jeanette Burris	15
John & Judy Hoffman	18
John & Eli Taylor	22
Urban & Lona Prescott	24
Scott & Cheryl Parkhurst	29

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, ___ and ___, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace. Amen.

In Memoriam

Lynn Corbin

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Homebound & Shut-In

Wanda Kirkham, Annette Redler,

Look with mercy, O God, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and the willingness to accept their help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the Armed Forces

Beth Behn • John Belshe • Jonas Brown • Brett Casey • Sean Connelley • Michael Cook • Nathan Craft • Peter & Nathan Durand • Ben Dible • Amity Feliz • Brian Fiffer • Wayne Fuller • Charles Garcia • Harvey Hayselden • Robert Heraldez • Josh Jonas • Benjamin Karpinski • James LaVine • Kurt Littlejohn • Greg Marsh • Greg McBride • 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.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Amen.

Prayer List "Housekeeping"

• To add or remove names from the Health & Strength prayer list, please contact the parish office, either by phone at 631-8597, or by e-mail at parish-secretary@stlukes.net

• If your birthday or anniversary is not on this list, please contact the parish office so that we can correct this unfortunate error. Our hope and goal is to include everyone.

Ministry Schedule: September 2008

	Sept. 7	Sept. 14	Sept. 21	Sept. 28
Altar Guild 8:00	D Wallower	B Carl	B Carl	V Clarke
Altar Guild 10:15	V Clarke	C Uhrmacher	C Keller	R Cantwell
Acolytes 10:15	E Cook	G Rohrer	L Riddle	E Wrede
Ushers 8:00	S Holmberg	L Still	S Holmberg	L Still
Ushers 10:15	J Darnell M Jones	C Burris C Keller	B Jarvis S Jarvis	J Carl B Carl
Greeters 8:00	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg	S Holmberg
Greeters 10:15	D Breidenthal	D Fowler	D Kissane	S & C Jarvis
Lay Ministers 8:00	S Streepy D V Clarke L/Ch	S Streepy D U Prescott.. L/Ch	S Streepy D C Werly L/Ch	S Streepy D J Carl L/Ch
Lay Ministers 10:15	S Streepy D R Wrede Ps/Ch T Gordon Cr/Ch P Jones L/I	S Streepy D C Burris Ps/Ch B Carl Cr/Ch C Speicher L/I	S Streepy D K Wood Ps/Ch V Clarke Cr/Ch K Wymer L/I	S Streepy D M Neufeld ... Ps/Ch T Jones Cr/Ch B McGuinn L/I
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	S Mann C Werly	R Jones P Jones	J Carl B Carl	T Hayselden N Hayselden
Counters	J & C Speicher C Keller	J Darnell D Callaway	D Kahn, R Knabel S. Sullivan	J & B Carl D Wallower
Godly Play	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lawn Mowers (The week of or on Saturday)	G Avery	C Burris	J Darnell	T Grandgenett
Coffee Hosts	Zone 1	Zone 1	Zone 1	Zone 1

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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It has been long known that the most effective way to grow a congregation is simply to invite a friend to come to church with you.

So what are you waiting for?

Small Group Ministry Meeting!

There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 21, 2008, at noon in the basement to discuss organizing and initiating a Small Group Ministry at St. Luke's. Small Group Ministries are groups of approximately ten people who meet either weekly or biweekly for companionship - in other words, koinonia, which is the Greek word meaning both fellowship and communion - study and prayer. The purpose of a Small Group Ministry is to learn how to apply God's Word to our daily lives. There are countless testimonies that a Small Group Ministry can change lives better than any other ministry in the local church. Small Groups are intentional: they are designed to help the members grow in their faith and walk; they are also confidential - they provide a safe place to share life's burdens and challenges; and they are transformative - they facilitate growth and a deeper faith.

Even more important, Small Groups are the best incubators for new Christians, for those people with little or no Christian experience. And when you look around, you realize that this is most people. Think of a pie-chart with a thin slice missing: like it or not, that thin slice represents church-attending Christians in our society. We tend to focus our evangelical efforts on the people in that thin slice, saying, if you already worship, then come join our excellent liturgical worship. But the truth is that most of our brothers and sisters do not know Jesus. Despite this, I believe that the search for Jesus, that their hearts long for him. And who did God send to respond to their deepest longing? That's right: God sent us. We can best minister to these searchers through Small Groups.

Finally, Small Group Ministries are important because we can all grow deeper in our faith. The Lord never intended for us to be tepid Christians, but to enjoy everlasting life. As Saint Paul wrote, we all may know the hope to which God has called us, we all may know the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and we all may know God's incomparably great power for those who believe. And as refreshing and as beautiful as our liturgical worship may be, we all realize that we are not going to reach those depths of hope and glory and power in just one hour each Sunday morning. Small Groups provide the opportunity to go deep in our faith and our Christian lives. If you are interested in learning more please join me for the meeting September 21, 2008, at noon in the basement.

– Shawn Streepy
