

# St. Luke News

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Photo taken by Kristi Hildebrand at Camp Mowana, Mansfield, Ohio 02/12/11

## God's Amazing Progression of Grace

At dawn Jesus appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" <sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." John 8:2-11

**If you are reading through the New Testament with us this year, you will be reading John 8:2-11 during March.** For many years this has been what I call my "ground note" Bible passage. By that I mean this account gives foundation to my understanding of God. It is the passage that I most often think back to when I am attempting to keep my theology in line with the teachings of the Bible. It puts my understanding of the Christian faith all together for me. I encourage you to identify a Bible passage that does the same for you. What Bible passage means the most to you as you hold on to the truth of Jesus? Identify one and live in it.

**I have been living in John 8:2-11 since I was in high school.** I can't remember what clicked this in for me. I simply know that, since those days, I have so often rested on this account. My final certification paper in seminary was based on John 8:2-11. I remembered being distressed when I first read the footnote that accompanies John 8 in most Bibles: "*The earliest and most reliable manuscripts and other ancient witnesses to not have John 7:53-8:11.*" What! I thought to myself, "Oh great, I've pick an account that may not have even taken place." Then I learned that because the earliest copies we have of the New Testament do not have this account, more credence is given to its validity. Because the grace that is taught in this passage is so radical, the earliest copiers of the New Testament struggled to keep it in the Bible. They were living in a culture of great sexual rebellion against the values of God. The fear was that John 8:2-11 might "send the wrong message." The Holy Spirit moved the Church to finally include this event because it really did happen and it illustrates the gospel of Jesus Christ so radically.

**In this event, Jesus demonstrates God's amazing progression of grace.** Jesus **first** defends the woman with his life and rescues the woman. They really wanted Jesus, so what would have prevented the crowd from stoning Jesus when he knelt down to write on the ground? Jesus then clearly stated, "I do not condemn you." Only after defending her with his life, rescuing her from certain death, and stating his unconditional acceptance of her, did Jesus then extend his grace farther by calling her to leave her life of sin. Jesus helping her to leave her life of sin would bring real freedom for her. Jesus did not first take her aside and say something like, "If you promise to shape up, then I'll get you out of this mess." It seems we too often want to change around God's amazing progression of grace: "**if** we do or say this, **then** we will be saved." This is not Biblical truth! Our Lord's amazing progression of grace brings into clarity the truth that "*while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" (Romans 5:8) How I thank God for this!

**Remember this day** that long before you even thought of repenting and morally shaping up your life, Jesus did everything that is necessary for you to be free from your sin and spend eternity in paradise. On the cross Jesus defended you with his life, rescued you from death, and declared that he does not condemn you. Then, *and only then*, did Jesus call you to leave the sin that is keeping you in bondage and be free. Live in this amazing progression of God's grace!

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**MARCH 9, 7:00 PM**

## **LENT SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAYS 7:00 PM**

**MARCH 16, 23, 30**

**AND**

**APRIL 6 & 13**

## **LENTEN DINNERS**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM**

**MARCH 16, 23, 30 AND**

**APRIL 6 & 13**

The Encourage Team is asking small groups and combinations of individuals to consider sponsoring and preparing light dinners that would precede the Lenten services on Wednesdays, March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 & 13. The dinners would begin at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer for one of these Lenten Dinners, please call Sandy or Steve Howard at 476-8839.



# **Pancake Dinner**

**SHROVE TUESDAY**

**MARCH 8, 5-7:00 PM**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

The Men's Bible Study small group will be hosting a Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday, March 8th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be accepted at the door which will benefit Gracehaven\*. Please bring your family for dinner and to support Gracehaven.

**What is Shrove Tuesday?** The day before Ash Wednesday is called *Shrove Tuesday*. It is also called Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday). Shrove Tuesday comes from the custom in earlier days of people making their confession and being "shriven" (shrive means to "confession one's sins") just before Lent began. However, Shrove Tuesday instead assumed the character of a final feast. Shrove Tuesday had to do with using up the forbidden foods before the Lenten fast. Fats, butter, and eggs therefore were used for donuts and pancakes, so the day before Ash Wednesday became a day of over-eating and fun -making. That is how the tradition of Pancake Suppers began.

\*Gracehaven provides hope and healing for girls who have been forced into commercial sexual exploitation. Currently there are about 1,000 youths in Ohio between 12 and 17 being sexually exploited.

## Upcoming Events

### CANCER THRIVERS

#### First Meeting Thursday March 3, 7-8:30 pm

Our first meeting was delayed due to bad weather. We will begin meeting Thursday March 3 in the St. Luke Library. This group is open to ALL whose lives have been impacted by cancer. Please invite others who you think might be interested in this small group.

*Do you agree – or disagree:* Healing is not curing people of “something” but rather helping them find the wholeness in their lives which the Creator intended. *Do you agree or disagree:* Wholeness or well-being must include a balance of body, mind, and spirit. **Come to our meeting and let's share our thoughts.**

A Prayer for us: Restoring God, your Son Jesus brought the gift of healing and wholeness. Bring your healing presence now to all who are in any distress. In your great mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

In Christ's service, Sister Sally



### AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO "Unleash God's Love"

Join us **Thursday, March 17**, in serving at the **Lutheran Food Pantry**. Hours are 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

We will meet at the church at 9:30 am and go as a team. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Call Carol Meidell with any questions, 614-891-1726.

## March Calendar

### Schedule of Events

03/08	Pancake Dinner	5-7:00 pm
03/12	Middle School Tubing Trip	10:00 am
03/16	Lent Dinner	6:00 pm
	Lent Service	7:00 pm
03/17	Food Pantry Service	
03/18-19	Leadership Retreat	
03/23	Lent Dinner	6:00 pm
	Lent Service	7:00 pm
03/25	Family Movie Night	7:00 pm
03/30	Lent Dinner	6:00 pm
	Lent Service	7:00 pm

Visit us at  
[stlukecolumbus.com](http://stlukecolumbus.com)

### Weekly

Accelerate—MS Youth Group	Tuesdays 6:30 pm
<i>Will not meet 03/29 (Spring Break)</i>	
Cancer Thrivers Small Group	Thursdays 7:00 pm
<i>1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays</i>	
Chancel Choir Practice	Weds 7:30 pm
Dartball	Thursdays 7:30 pm
Financial Peace University	Thursdays 6:30 pm
Joyful Ringers (bells) Practice	Weds 6:15 pm
Men's Bible Study	Fridays 6:45 am
Men's Bible Study	Mondays 6:30 pm
<i>1st &amp; 3rd Mondays</i>	
Parents of Teens Sunday School	Sundays 11:00 am
Prayer Group	Fridays 4:00 pm
Quilt Tying	Thursdays 7:30 pm
<i>1st &amp; 3rd Thursdays</i>	
Sixth Grade Catechism	Thursdays 4:30 pm
S.N.L.—HS Youth Group	Sundays 6:30 pm
<i>Will not meet 03/27 (Spring Break)</i>	
Sunday School K-6	Sundays 9:45 am
Sunday School 7-12	Sundays 11:00 am
Women's Bible Study	Tuesdays
	9:00 am & 7:00 pm
Worship & Praise Band Practice	Thursdays 7:30 pm

# ST LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS



**Friday April 8th**  
**St. Luke Lutheran Church**  
**Concert start 7:00 pm**  
**Doors open 6:30 pm**  
**Tickets**  
**\$8 in advance**  
**\$12 at the door**

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for more information [www.stlukeccolumbus.com](http://www.stlukeccolumbus.com)

## LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Weekend for Couples

March 11-13, 2011

Our Guest Inn B&B—Port Clinton OH

April 29-May 1—Springhill Suites, Solon OH

For more information, contact Duffy & Nan  
 Guthrie at 440-599-9090 or [nguthrie@suite224.net](mailto:nguthrie@suite224.net) or register online at  
[www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org).

## Middle School Tubing Trip

### Mad River Mountain

Tubing down Mad River Mountain  
 Two Chutes that are 450 feet long



**Saturday March 12—10:00 a.m.**

Cost \$25.00

To sign up or for more information, contact  
 Greg Osborne 614-530-3356

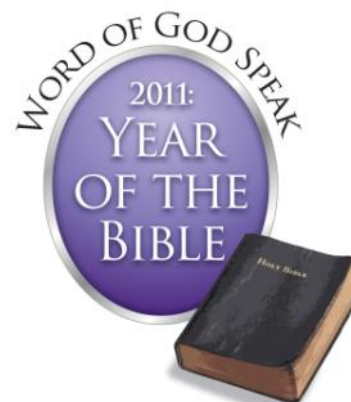
## March Birthdays

03/01	Williams, Homer	03/05	Melick, Greg	03/10	Hann, Linda	03/17	Burk, Martha	03/22	Conley, Pat
03/02	Zavislak, Kim		Wolfe, Sallion		Penix, Ashley		Tonnesen, Janice	03/23	Franks, Anne
	Behn, Ally		Jewell, Eddie	03/11	Pershing, Sarah		Cline, Tabby	03/24	Mehl, Nadine
	Theisen, Patrick		French, Henry		Hagedorn, Debbie		Mathis, Kyle		Smith, Patrick
03/03	Huffman, Don	03/07	Garbin, Judy	03/12	Lewis, Lori	03/18	Lann, Jackie		Dillard, Tayla
03/03	Benjamin, Viji		Eiler, Jodi		Poulton, Sydney		Klamfoth, Kurt	03/25	Bogan, Mike
	Perry, Rosie		Mathis, Addie	03/13	Marinzel, Rich	03/19	Nygren, Gordon	03/26	Myers, Ward
	Pearson, Jennifer		Bally, Bryan	03/14	Warren, Laura		Dennison, Kathie	03/27	Hilliard, Joseph
03/04	Kline, Renae		Rook, Michael		Scott, Gabriella	03/21	Murray, Amy		Melick, Sam
	Kline, Geoff		Martz, Paulina	03/15	Miller, Marilyn		Clouse, *Cara	03/29	Harvey, Christina
	Brewer, Erin		Byington, Blake		Durbin, Debi		Jaruta, Tony	03/30	Murray, Brandon
	Kanz, Cory				Hildebrand, Kristi		Vance, Sandy		
							Wickboldt, Mandy		

## March 2011 Bible Readings

Column 1: Reading through New Testament & Psalms in one year (5-7 minutes each day)

Columns 1 & 2: Reading through the whole Bible in one year (15-20 minutes each day)



Day of Week	Date	Column 1 New Testament and Psalms	Column 2 Old Testament
Tuesday	3-1	John 3:22-36	Leviticus 21-22
Wednesday	3-2	John 4:1-42	Leviticus 23-24
Thursday	3-3	John 4:43-54	Leviticus 25
Friday	3-4	John 5:1-18	Leviticus 26
Saturday	3-5	John 5:19-47	Leviticus 27
Sunday	3-6	Worship	Numbers 1
Monday	3-7	John 6:1-21	Numbers 2
Tuesday	3-8	John 6:22-71	Numbers 3
Wednesday	3-9	John 7:1-31	Numbers 4
Thursday	3-10	John 7:32-52	Numbers 5-6
Friday	3-11	John 8:1-30	Numbers 7
Saturday	3-12	John 8:31-59	Numbers 8-9
Sunday	3-13	Worship	Numbers 10-11
Monday	3-14	John 9:1-34	Numbers 12-13
Tuesday	3-15	John 9:35-41	Numbers 14
Wednesday	3-16	John 10:1-21	Numbers 15
Thursday	3-17	John 10:22-42	Numbers 16
Friday	3-18	John 11:1-44	Numbers 17-18
Saturday	3-19	John 11:45-57	Numbers 19-20
Sunday	3-20	Worship	Numbers 21-22
Monday	3-21	John 12:1-11	Numbers 23-24
Tuesday	3-22	John 12:12-50	Numbers 25-26
Wednesday	3-23	John 13:1-20	Numbers 27-28
Thursday	3-24	John 13:21-38	Numbers 29-30
Friday	3-25	John 14:1-14	Numbers 31
Saturday	3-26	John 14:15-31	Numbers 32
Sunday	3-27	Worship	Numbers 33
Monday	3-28	John 15:1-17	Numbers 34-35
Tuesday	3-29	John 15:18-27	Numbers 36 – Deuteronomy 1
Wednesday	3-30	John 16:1-24	Deuteronomy 2-3
Thursday	3-31	John 16:25-33	Deuteronomy 4

### First week in April Bible Readings

Friday	4-1	John 17:1-19	Deuteronomy 5-6
Saturday	4-2	John 17:20-26	Deuteronomy 7-8
Sunday	4-3	Worship	Deuteronomy 9-10
Monday	4-4	John 18:1-11	Deuteronomy 11-12
Tuesday	4-5	John 18:12-40	Deuteronomy 13-14
Wednesday	4-6	John 19:1-16	Deuteronomy 15-17
Thursday	4-7	John 19:17-42	Deuteronomy 18-20

### Books of the Bible

#### Old Testament      New Testament

Genesis	Matthew
Exodus	Mark
Leviticus	Luke
Numbers	John
Deuteronomy	Acts
Joshua	Romans
Judges	1 Corinthians
Ruth	2 Corinthians
1 Samuel	Galatians
2 Samuel	Ephesians
1 Kings	Philippians
2 Kings	Colossians
1 Chronicles	1 Thessalonians
2 Chronicles	2 Thessalonians
Ezra	1 Timothy
Nehemiah	2 Timothy
Esther	Titus
Job	Philemon
Psalms	Hebrews
Proverbs	James
Ecclesiastes	1 Peter
Song of Songs	2 Peter
Isaiah	1 John
Jeremiah	2 John
Lamentations	3 John
Ezekiel	Jude
Daniel	Revelation
Hosea	
Joel	
Amos	
Obadiah	
Jonah	
Micah	
Nahum	
Habakkuk	
Zephaniah	
Haggai	
Zechariah	
Malachi	

St. Luke Newsletter publication deadline is the **15th** of each month.  
Please send all submissions to Terri Maxwell at [Maxwell-bays@gmail.com](mailto:Maxwell-bays@gmail.com) or drop them off at the Church office.

**Care Letters were sent to the following members & friends of St. Luke this past month:**

**Get well:** Aaron McCullough, Sam Merriman, Mary Jane Magee, Wib Kinsinger, Rose Wetherill

**Sympathy:** Family of Jan Burnley, Kaden Ochs-Pettiford and Laura Pettiford

**Wedding Congratulations:** Ben Wickboldt and Whitney Reiners

*Dear St. Luke family,  
You have truly been the hands and heart of Christ to me over these past weeks as I've recovered from surgery. Your care and thoughtfulness has touched me through your prayers, cards, calls, visits, gifts, and e-mail check-ins. I'm thankful for Pastor Steve's words of encouragement and prayers that invited God's healing Presence. I'm grateful to small group members and special friends who researched dietary restrictions and delivered nutritious meals, even in harsh weather. As my healing continues, I am blessed to be in God's care as it is expressed through this congregation.*

*Love to all of you,  
Cheryl DoBroka*

*Thank you very much to the Women who attended the Women's retreat from Helping Hands Free Clinic for the generous gifts of office supplies to operate the clinic. You are an inspiring group of Women and it was a pleasure to be able to know how faithful you are to God's ministry to His people. You are a blessing to Helping Hands.*

*Joyce Bourgault  
Executive Director  
Helping Hands Free Clinic*

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

8:30 Worship with Traditional Music  
9:45 Worship with Contemporary Music  
K-6 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship with Traditional Music  
7-12 Sunday School

**Nursery provided at all services.**

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*St. Luke Women's Retreat*  
*February 11-13, 2011*



*Yet, by doing good, he has given evidence of his existence. He gives you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He fills you with food and your lives with happiness. Acts 14:17*

***Surrounded by the beauty of God's handiwork in nature***, 39 women came together at Fleming Falls Retreat Center in Mansfield, Ohio, to begin a new adventure in serving Christ. Women of St. Luke and seven other area churches --friends old and new, mothers and daughters, daughters-in-law and sisters -- joined together for a weekend of renewal, fellowship and learning as we explored *Being a Vessel For His Honor*.

Through discussion of *The Debt*, by Angela Hunt, the Retreat study focused on hearing from God and being motivated by His desire to show love to a lost world. We explored ways to step out of our comfort zone, release limitations, and let God do His work through us.

Presentations by **Helping Hands Free Clinic** and **Gracehaven** representatives brought to light just a few of the many needs in our community, and presented opportunities to step out and be a vessel for God's honor. A big thank you to all those attending for the generous gift of office supplies for **Helping Hands Free Clinic**, and the monetary donations given to **Gracehaven** totaling \$463.00.

*Many women participated in tying quilts over the weekend.* Blessings were prayed over these blankets during the Sunday morning worship service, and they will be presented to residents of Broadview Health Center.

*We are all standing on the brink of a new adventure in Christ! Thanks be to God.*

## Council President's Letter

A co-worker recently talked me into taking a class 2 afternoons a week in the Wellness Center at work. Why I agreed to subject myself to a class called "Abs, Abs & Pilates" I'll never know. Five weeks into the class I still cannot do all the exercises, my muscles ache, and I feel a little foolish next to co-workers who have been doing this for a long time. There are days when I am tempted to stay at my desk and work or just head on home instead of going to class. It's then that I have to remind myself -- I am getting stronger and with more practice my abilities will continue to develop.

I've been thinking about how important it is to exercise our faith like we exercise our bodies. We need to read and study God's Word so we can be strong in our explanation and defense of salvation offered only through Christ. With practice our confidence will continue to grow and, in time, some will progress from being students to teachers of the faith. Without a doubt, our muscles will ache and we may be tempted to coast sometimes, but the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us will nudge us along to grow strong in our faith.

So like that co-worker who encouraged me to stretch outside my comfort zone, let me now encourage you ... read the Bible, sign up for a class or Bible study, join a small group, find a new way to participate in worship or volunteer to serve. As we exercise our faith it will grow and become stronger, equipping us to unleash God's love into a world who needs to know Him.

In Christ,

Cheryl Whatley  
whatleypc@sbcglobal.net  
614-868-5162

## Council Actions

- The management agreement with GEEC Preschool was reviewed and approved by Council.
- Employee handbook revisions regarding break periods and lunchtime policies were reviewed and will be approved, after staff review, at the March meeting.
- An overnight Leadership Retreat is planned for Friday, March 18 - Saturday, March 19 for Council, staff and Ministry Area leadership Teams. The goal of this retreat is to align and recharge our St. Luke ministries with our newly articulated vision: "We are a sanctuary where God's love is learned, lived, and unleashed."
- Approved fundraising requests by the Serve Team for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and an Easter candy sale, both to benefit Gracehaven. Also approved a request by the Encourage Team to sell tickets for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's luncheon to be held April 30, 2011.

*A complete copy of the Minutes of Council is on file in the church library.*

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### January 2011 Average Sunday Attendance : 303

	<u>Jan '11</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts	\$42,315	\$42,315
Expenses	<u>32,386</u>	<u>32,386</u>
	<u>\$ 9,929</u>	<u>\$ 9,929</u>

*A complete summary of the Financial Report is posted on the Give Bulletin Board.*

# M.A.L.T. News

Ministry Area Leadership Teams

To learn more about how you can become involved with the ministries God has uniquely shaped you for, contact our Ministry Connector, Donna Reinaker at 614-476-9725.

## Invite Ministry

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### Core Team Members

Kay Bally—Assimilation

Lori Larimer—Awareness

***A young man spoke passionately on the radio yesterday*** about a time when he wondered what it would be like when he got to Heaven. This gentleman had been trapped in a hotel lobby after the devastating earthquake hit Haiti just over a year ago. While trapped in the frightening darkness never knowing when they would die, he shared his faith with a Haitian man who did not know Christ. The Haitian gentleman gave his life to Christ before they were rescued. He was saved twice! Driving along, I started to think what it could be like when we get to Heaven.

***Perhaps it has been many years since you started a new job***, or maybe it has been very recently. The corporate trend in New Employee Orientation puts 30 or so strangers in a room with even more strangers who have been with the company long enough to have found their “area of expertise”. These “*subject matter experts*” spill out more information about the employer than any one head can possibly hold. The environment is usually not inviting -- with tables that hold between 4 and 10 people sitting so closely together that there is little room to breathe comfortably. The temperature in the room is usually cold enough to keep the “*newbies*” awake during the often boring insurance and benefits portions of the presentation. Free coffee is the only thing that keeps them awake and thawed. Eventually, the new employee is delivered to a workstation to begin a new career.

***Is it possible that Heaven*** could be like New Employee Orientation? Will we get there and wait our turn in line for an ID badge and a quick moment to greet the “*New Boss*”? Or will it be something so joyous and amazing that our jaws drop and we leap with joy? With assurance that God is our loving Father and the breathtaking definition of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb -- I expect it to be incredibly warm and personal! I imagine that we will be given the great gift of individual time and attention. We will be made to feel welcome beyond anything we can begin to imagine.

***There are many families seeking that very thing right now***. They are looking for a place that isn't like the cold, sterile corporate environment -- a place to call home until we are called to the greatest home we will ever know. They are in search of a place to learn about God's Word, a place to live out the joy that is shared through any number of service and social activities, and a place where we unleash our love through fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We, at St. Luke, are that sanctuary where God's love is learned, lived and unleashed.

***Every week, we have an opportunity to invite our friends and loved ones*** that do not have a church home to join us in this sanctuary. We have the ability to share the gift of individual, welcoming attention with each other and every one of them. This week, and in the coming months, as we continue to understand more about being a sanctuary, take the time to reach out and welcome each other with the joy that one day will be continuous. Let us be the “*subject matter experts*” as we act as the hands and feet of our loving God...the earthly hosts for the best New Employee Orientation ever.

## Learn Ministry

Ministry Leader  
Open

Team Members  
Brent Pettiford  
Faye Canner  
Judy Cerqua  
Greg Osborne

St. Luke Sunday  
School

Presents

**Family Movie  
Night**



**When:** March 25th at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Fellowship Hall

**Movie:** Despicable Me

**Wear your jammies,  
bring your pillow/blankets  
and join us for a fun night!**

Snacks will be available for  
purchase. All proceeds benefiting  
St. Luke Sunday School.

**VBS Registration Day**  
May 15th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Group's  
**PANDAMANIA**  
Where God is Wild about You!  
Psalm 139

Look for a Panda invasion during our 9:45 Church Service on May 15th.  
More details to follow in the April Newsletter!

**VBS Dates**  
Elementary VBS: June 26th - 30th 6:00 - 8:30 pm  
Preschool VBS: July 31st - August 4th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

## Encourage Ministry

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# Save the Date



## 2ND ANNUAL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON SATURDAY, APRIL 30 NOON ST. LUKE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Lunch will be provided by **Forever Special Catering** and musical entertainment by **Zion's Hill**. All females are encouraged to attend.

Tickets will go sale between worship services in April. For more information, please contact Sandy Howard at 476-8839.

## Give Ministry

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### Financial Infidelity by Dave Ramsey

*Which would hurt you more—hearing bad news from your spouse, or finding out that they lied to you about something? Neither one is fun, but the former is much better than the latter. That's what stinks about a new poll from Harris Interactive. It found that three in 10 Americans lie to their husband or wife about money. Deception ranged from hiding money or purchases to concealing a bank account. If this sounds like what is going on around your house, then the sooner you address it, the better. There are several reasons why a person might hide money, or bills, or an account from their partner:*

**Selfishness or Lack of Commitment:** Just like when you run a three-legged race, you can't win unless you're moving in the same direction at the same time. If a person wants to spend money that's not in the budget and then cover it up, then that equals spoiled brat. That hinders the progress that the team can make, and the person who does it is a giant baby. Grow up and work together with your husband or wife!

**Addiction:** Whether it's drugs, online porn or something else that compels you to spend, you might be hiding money to support your out-of-control habit. Addictions are perhaps the worst marriage destroyer next to abuse, and when you hide money as a result, that just makes a bad situation worse.

**Fear:** This can work both ways. A person might conceal money because they either fear what their other half will do with the money if they find it (like a shopping spree), or they are afraid of a spouse who's abusive. Both of those are unhealthy. If someone is undisciplined and spends what and when they want, you need marriage counseling. If a partner is abusive, then get some assistance from a family member or your church. But hiding money doesn't fix anything.

When a lie is told, trust is broken. And if a person is untruthful in one area of life, where else are they fibbing? It creates a mess in a marriage that is not easily fixable. Money is an important subject, but it is far too trivial to break up a relationship that promised 'til death do you part. Staying honest with your husband or wife is the best way to keep your relationship strong and lasting. They may not be happy if there's an ugly truth, but that can be worked on. How happy will they be with a lie?

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## SOUPER BOWL A GREAT SUCCESS



Thank you for your generosity on Super Bowl Sunday as we collected donations for the *Lutheran Social Services Choice Food Pantry*.

**We had a total of \$700 contributed and it will be matched with \$350 by Thrivent for a total of \$1050!**

The need is great and this donation will help the Food Pantry purchase much food to provide for its clients.

## Prayer Ministry

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## *Remember in Your Prayers:*

The Family of Jan Burnley • Bill and Katie Caridas • Tabby Cline • Susan Crosby • Cheryl DoBroka • Alice Janutolo • Rella Kehl • Jerry Keller • Wib Kinsinger • Krista Lust • Mary Jane Magee • Florine Miller • Dolores Roscow • Elizabeth Schwalm • Jennifer Scott • Rose Wetherill • Judy Wilson

**Family and Friends on St. Luke Prayer List:** Alvin Baker and wife, Dorothy (Friend of Bob and Gary Link) • Randy Behnke (Brother of Diane King) • Millie Bennett (Mother of Jill Bennett) • Betty Bliss (Grandfather of Andrew and Austin Gault) • Kathy Bryan (Friend of Mindy Ingram) • Linda Busarow (Friend of Aaron McCullough) • Sue Farley and Family (Friends of Kari Brown) • Scott Foor and wife Marlane (Friends of Nancy and Lou Himmer) • Richard Gunderman (Father of Brenda Mathys) • Sam Hall's Family (Friend of Carrie Whatley) • Grandfather of Megan Higby • Ruth Ann Huddle (Friend of Al Harter) • Jackie's son (Maggie Lohr) • James (Friend of Bryan and Zhanna Stout) • Mary Kale (Daughter of Eleanor Wentzel) • Edward Keating (Father of Elizabeth Schwalm) • Alex Kip (Friend of Meredith Heilmann) • Connie Lehman (Mother of Jake Lehman) • Peggy Lintern (Friend of Steve and Katie Brown) • Randy Mackenzie (Cousin of Donna Reinaker) • Susan McCoy and her family (Co-worker of Rosie Perry) • Sam Merriman • Kay Moore's Family • The Family of Bill Monahan (Uncle of Daniel Monahan) • Chris Mosses (Michelle Lewis) • Eileen Neary (Sister of Patrick Neary) • Veronica Neary (Mother of Patrick Neary) • Murvine Nelson (Adopted Mother of Larry Moore) • The Family of Joey Ochs (Father of Kaden Ochs-Pettiford) • The Family of Walter Pierce (Friend of Dan and Sue Reed) • Joe Poland (husband of Ginny Poland) • Jan Popp (Mother of Sandy Howard) • Ryan Powell (Grandson of Gary and Judy Garbin) • Judy Raines (Aunt of Trisha Wood) • Raymond (Brother of Joy Myers) • Meg Reidler (GEEC Preschool Teacher) • Ray and Tavion Sims (Friend of Nancy Pagliaro) • Kathy Singer (Sister of Don Karn) • Nick Stadler (Friend of Kari Brown) • Kerry Stroemer (Son of Jean Stroemer) • Marvin Sutcliff (Friend of Mariah Rousseau) • Shawn Taylor (Brother of Kay Moore) • Nancy Tentler (Friend of Margaret Leppert) • Rosalie Thompson (Mother of Francie Coner) • Hattie Thoms (Friend of Kay Moore) • Bill Toney (Family friend of Nathan and Carrie Robinson) • Evon Ulrich (Grandfather of Christopher Webster) • Ray VanSyckle (Brother of Pam Bair) • The Family of Lyle Wallace (Brother-in-law of Jean Damman) • The Family of Bill Zientek (Friend of Bob and Caroline Woodruff)

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