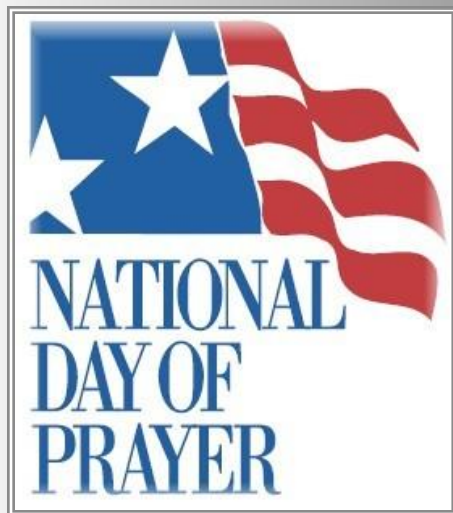


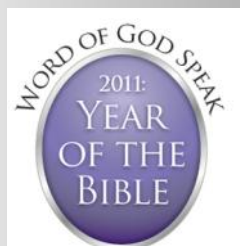
St. Luke News

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Personal Evangelism and The Roman Road

I grew up in a Lutheran congregation that encouraged us to share our faith with others. Personal evangelism was taught openly. I was inspired by missionaries that shared stories of leading people in other countries to faith in Jesus. The adult leaders of our youth group were authentically evangelical. I witnessed classmates coming to faith in Jesus through our youth group. I shared my faith with some of my friends. As part of the Kennedy Evangelism Explosion, I went with my father on an evangelism call and listened to him share the gospel with a young couple in their living room. I was trained with local teams of believers from various churches to lead people to faith during a Billy Graham crusade and through evangelical films like The Cross and the Switchblade.

You would think that, with all that background and my subsequent seminary training, I would have been very comfortable leading someone to faith as a young pastor. I was not. The first time God put me in the middle of the miracle of someone coming to faith was almost comical. A person came into my office for counseling because of an ongoing conflict with someone she loved. As the conversation unfolded, I began to hear this prompting inside of me telling me to lead her to faith in Jesus. I knew that it was the Holy Spirit. I kept pushing God's voice away because I was nervous. The conversation continued to move towards what the Holy Spirit was now screaming in my mind. Finally, I submitted and hesitantly and nervously led her down what some have called "The Roman Road to Salvation." I was so freaked out by the whole experience that after she prayed a prayer of surrender to Jesus, I quickly ended the conversation and encouraged her to leave. I was not certain what had just happened. I did not follow up. Months later on a retreat that I was leading, the young woman shared with the group that she had come to faith in Jesus during that conversation in my office. I looked across at her and said, "Really?" That experience and similar events which shortly followed dramatically changed my ministry. The seeds of personal evangelism that had been planted in me as a young person growing up in that Lutheran congregation finally started to bear fruit in me.

If you are reading through the New Testament with us, you will be reading Romans during May. The book of Romans is Paul's systematic theology of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the book of Acts, you learned how dedicated Paul was to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people. His actions recorded in Acts reflect what he wrote to the believers in Corinth, *"I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel."* 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 It is no surprise that when Paul wrote his systematic theology, the path to salvation would have been clearly outlined. This is called "The Roman Road to Salvation". I share this with you to encourage you and give you one way to let God's transforming Word guide you as you lead someone to faith. I have seen this work!

- God created all and it was very good. Romans 1:20 (based on Genesis 1-2) *"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so we are without excuse."*
- We all have rebelled against God and His values. Because of this, we are separated from God. Romans 3:23 *"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*
- Because of our rebellion against God, we die and experience death-like hardships in our lives. Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death."*
- God continues to so love us that He sent Jesus to reconcile us to Himself. Romans 5:8-10 *"God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!"*
- Through faith in Jesus, we are forgiven and receive eternal life. Romans 10:9 *"When you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."*



VBS Registration Day

May 15th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration Day is almost here! Please join us at the 9:45 am Service for a Special Children's Church that will include the children leading us in song, a children's sermon, and more. This event is for everyone so please plan to attend! The Potluck luncheon starts at 11:00 am. The Potluck sign-up sheet is located at Welcome Place Center. Contact Sara Dietrich at 418-0286 for more info regarding the Potluck.

★ *This event will happen Rain or Shine!*

Registration Day will include....

Face Painting & Tattoos

Games

Crafts

Panda Pictures

Bounce Houses

Lunch & more!



VBS Dates

Elementary VBS: June 26th - 30th 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Preschool VBS: July 31st - August 4th 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events



Lutheran
Social
Services
of
Central
Ohio

Food Pantry Service
Wednesday May 25
10 am—3:30 pm

Volunteers needed. We meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and go as a team. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. You may call Carol Meidell with any questions: 614-891-1726.

This is a great way to unleash God's love by serving those in our community who are hungry!

Organ Recital

Saturday, June 12 4:00 pm

Our organist Ann Keesey will give her second annual organ recital. Also featured on the recital will be her husband, John Keesey, who will join her in some duets. Among the selections Ann will be performing are "The Gigue Fugue" by J. S. Bach, and "Sonata VI" by Felix Mendelssohn. Mark your calendars. All are welcome.

Community National Day of Prayer

On May 5 at 7:00 pm join with your community at the Rotary Stage at Creekside in Gahanna for a time of prayer for our country, our community, and our schools.

An offering will be received to support the Gahanna Free Summer Lunch Club. In case of inclement weather the service will be held at Mifflin Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Join St. Luke's Co-ed Softball Team!

Games are played Sunday afternoons at St. James Lutheran Church (IS-70 & Hilliard- Rome).

Games begin May 15 and end the first week of August. Whether you are a softball veteran or a newbie looking for fun and fellowship, we would love to have you on our team!



A Sign-up will be posted on the board beside the nursery. Contact Tim Bally at 614-939-4701 or tbally0147@gmail.com.

DR. CRAIG S. KEENER READING THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW IN ITS ANCIENT JEWISH SETTING MAY 20-22, 2011

Beth Messiah Congregation
4950 Morse Road
Columbus OH 43230

Dr. Keener (PhD, Duke University) is professor of New Testament at Palmer Seminary in Wynnwood, Pennsylvania. He is renowned for his masterful handling of both ancient Jewish and Greco-Roman sources, and for his understanding of the Jewish heritage and essence of the faith.

He is the author of 14 books and numerous articles, including the *IVP Bible Background Commentary*, the Baker Academic two-volume *Gospel of John: A Commentary*, *The Historical Jesus of the Gospels*, and *The Gospel of Matthew: A socio-Rhetorical Commentary*.

April Birthdays

05/01 Marinzel, Debi Currington, Joy 05/02 Brown, Pr. Steve Gault, Drew Nalawadi, Zachary 05/03 Allen, Bertie Brown, Nate Wood, Faith Roberts, Nathan 05/05 King, Kiana 05/06 Theisen, Becky 05/07 Douglas, Will Vance, Caleb 05/08 Miller, Pat Retzke, Jason Damman, Mason 05/09 Crosby, Susan	05/09 Schwalm, Elizabeth Keene, Michele Roscow, Heather Neary, Sean Young, Hailey 05/10 Brown, Jane Janutolo, Kristin 05/11 Basford, Dave Stout, Kristie Fraser, Andrew Mauger, Heather 05/14 Roeder, Doris 05/15 Kanz, Christy Reetz, Katherine 05/17 Cory, Lynn 05/19 McCullough, Aaron 05/20 McDonald, Aaron	05/20 Suthan, Esther Zavislak, Jon McCullough, Charlotte Wickboldt, Matt 05/21 Kitsmiller, Juli Robinson, Charles Hutchison, Maxwell 05/22 Amato, Pam D'Alessandro, Nicole Mikusa, Nicole 05/23 Mathys, John Whatley, Carrie Kauser, Chase Boltz, Noelle Lira, Jack 05/24 Martz, Cathy Smart, Shawn	05/24 Wakley, Brent 05/26 Eiler, Amanda 05/27 Mautz, Irene Radke, Dyanne Moore, Kay Lewis, Bill Lewis, Chris Jaruta, Jordan 05/28 Link, Robert Rose, Sue Couser, Kristin Mikusa, Justin Byington, Bryce 05/31 Pierce, Irene Penix, Brent Schwalm, Adam Malling, Claire
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May Calendar

Schedule of Events

05/01	WELCA Spring Gathering	2:00 pm
05/03	MALT Meeting	6:30 pm
05/05	National Day of Prayer	
05/08	8th Grade Confirmation	11:00 am
05/09	Church Council Meeting	7:00 pm
05/15	VBS Registration Day & Potluck Lunch	11:00 am
05/15	Co-Ed Softball—First Game	TBA
05/17	Accelerate MS End of the Year Bash	6:30 pm
05/22	SNL HS End of School Year Bash	6:00 pm
05/25	Food Pantry Service	9:30 am

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Weekly

Accelerate—MS Youth Group	Tuesdays 6:30 pm
Cancer Thrivers Small Group.....	Thursdays 7:00 pm
<i>1st & 3rd Thursdays</i>	
Chancel Choir Practice	Weds 7:30 pm
Financial Peace University	Thursdays 6:30 pm
Joyful Ringers Practice	Weds 6:15 pm
Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Fridays 6:45 am
Men's Bible Study	Mondays 7:00 pm
Parents of Teens Sunday School	Sundays 11:00 am
Praise Team Practice	Thursdays 7:30 pm
Prayer Group.....	Fridays 4:00 pm
Quilt Tying	Thursdays 7:30 pm
<i>1st & 3rd Thursdays</i>	
Sixth Grade Catechism.....	Thursdays 4:30 pm
S.N.L.—HS Youth Group	Sundays 6:30 pm
Sunday School K-6	Sundays 9:45 am
Sunday School 7-12	Sundays 11:00 am
Women's Bible Study.....	Tuesdays
<i>9:00 am & 7:00 pm</i>	



Greg Osborne, Youth Pastor

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Graduate Pictures & Info Needed



Are you or someone in your family graduating this spring . . . from high school, college, etc?

Whether you're 18 or 80, Greg needs pictures of graduating students, along with information regarding the graduate's future plans. Please turn this information in to Greg by June 5.

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation for our 8th grade students will take place at the 11:00am Worship on May 8th. The students will be giving the sermon at that worship service. Following are this year's confirmation students:

Kari Brown - daughter of Steve and Katie Brown

Andrew Lewis - son of John and Lori Lewis

Rebecca Whatley - daughter of Paul and Cheryl Whatley

Sydnee Williams - niece of Sarah and Brock Dietrich

Abigail Zaino - daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Zaino

Student Ministries

Summer Trip Dates

Catechism Camp @ Camp Luther June 14-17
(for students who have completed 6th & 7th grades)

If You Really Knew Me

The Famous 8th Grade Trip July 11-15
(for students who have completed 8th grade)

*A Week of Adventure Camping full of fun & learning.
This trip fills up fast, so sign up soon!*

High School Summer Camp July 24-30
@ Panama City, Florida

(for students who have completed 9th-12th grades)
*Laguna Beach Christian Resorts
Four days of Christian fun and learning
by the beach!*



We don't want anyone to miss out on Camp due to money!
Scholarship are available for all camps. Talk to Greg!

**For more information, contact Youth Pastor
Greg Osborne 614-530-3356.**



Central Ohio Conference Spring Gathering

The women of St. Luke Lutheran Church are cordially invited to attend the annual “Spring Gathering” of the WELCA – Columbus Ohio Conference area. Our “Spring Gathering” will take place on May 1, 2011 at Christ Lutheran Church, 2314 E. Main Street in Bexley (Columbus), Ohio, located across the street from Capital University. Registration will begin at 1:30 pm and our gathering will start at 2:00 pm and end at 4:00pm. The theme is “Grace, Hope & Joy”. Our featured speakers are Pastor Karen Asmus-Alsnauer and Pastor Marie Duquette, who have put together a very interesting program especially for us.

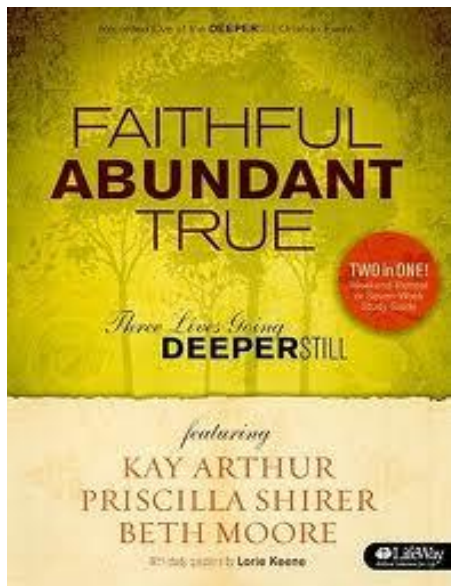
We will be collecting “In-Kind Gifts” and they will be split evenly between First English Lutheran Church’s Outreach Program here in Columbus and **Oesterlen Services for Youth** near Dayton, Ohio. The items desperately needed are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, and white socks. The freewill offering collected will be split between First English Lutheran Church and LWR Clean Water Project.

Please note that parking is in the rear of the church and you must enter the church’s parking lot off of Sherwood Road. If you have any questions, please call Janet Dixon at (614) 475-2772.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our “Spring Gathering” !

*WELCA’s Mission Statement
To Mobilize Women to Act Boldly on Their Faith in Jesus Christ*

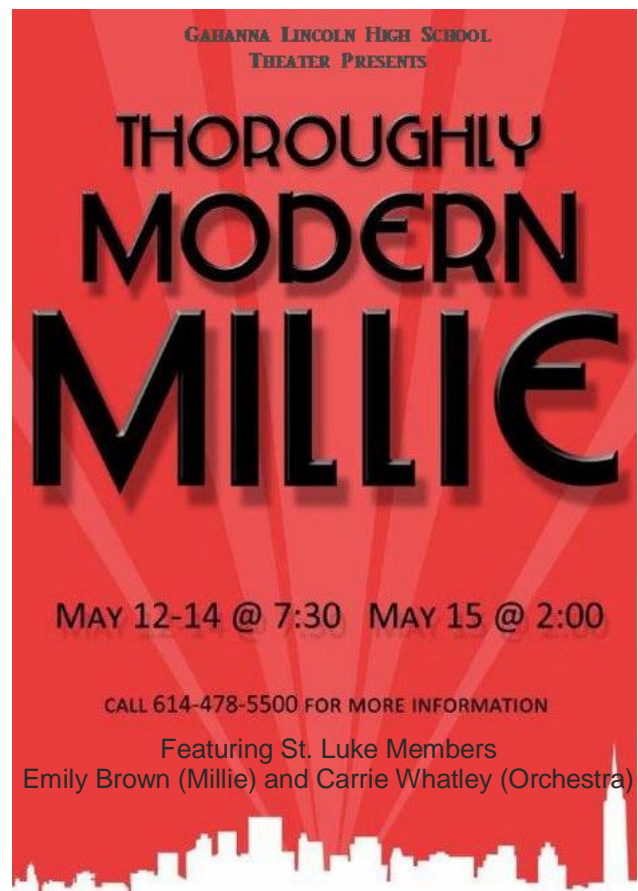
Women’s Bible Study Tuesdays April 26—May 7



9:00 am Fellowship Hall
Or

7:00 pm Classroom 110

Stlukecolumbus.com → Women’s Ministries
Email: womensministries@stlukecolumbus.com



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
Parents of Teens Sunday School

Nursery provided at all services.

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St. Luke Newsletter

Publication Deadline: 15th of each Month
Send submissions to Terri Maxwell
Maxwellbays@gmail.com

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

Get Well to:

- Susan Prosek
- Tim Riley
- Lindsey Whitson
- Logan Melick
- Lou Himmer

Sympathy to:

- Dan Volkema & Family for the passing of his mother
- Dolores Kinsinger for the passing of her husband, Wib



Congratulations to:

- Jonathon & Patience Shado for the birth of their daughter, Sarah
- Nate & Tiffany Busch for the birth of their daughter, Lorelei Margaret Busch

Dear St. Luke Family,

Thank you so much for all the kindness you have shown to Wib and I during his long illness. Your prayers and all the love and support you've shown since his passing have been greatly appreciated and a constant comfort.

*Love in Christ,
Dolores Kinsinger*

March 2011 Average Sunday Attendance : 280

	March '11	YTD
Receipts	\$41,803	\$119,564
Expenses	<u>45,115</u>	<u>110,440</u>
Income	<u>\$ (3,312)</u>	<u>\$ 9,124</u>

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

Council President's Letter

Dear St. Luke Brothers and Sisters,

Last month I communicated that I would provide you with an update on the March retreat. About 20 Council, Staff and Ministry Team leaders traveled to Camp Mowana to focus on how St. Luke will make disciples. The initial question we asked was this: "Is there in place at St. Luke a clearly articulated, widely understood and intentional process for making disciples?" The opinion of the group was that we do not currently have this at St. Luke. We then asked the question, "Can our vision statement Learn, Live and Unleash be the steps in a disciple making process?" We felt it could represent a disciple making process, and began to confirm this assumption by trying to align our programs to these steps.

We only had several hours together to start this dialog and there is still much to do. We need to finish aligning our programs and evaluating each of our ministries in the context of Learn, Live and Unleash. In doing so, we expect to discover some opportunities to restructure our resources (how we use people's time, dollars, the building, etc.) to better support the disciple making process. A subset of the larger team will be moving forward with this work and developing a longer term plan for St. Luke. From time to time this group will convene the larger group to review progress, collect feedback, and discuss if and how St. Luke will implement any recommendations.

Please continue to pray for St. Luke – that our worship, programs and ministries glorify God and, through the Holy Spirit, have a transforming impact on those who serve and are being served.

In Christ's service, Cheryl Whatley

Council Actions April 2011

- Council continued discussions on the ELCA Statements of 2009.
- A working group composed of Council members, staff, and MALT was charged with moving forward with work from the recent leadership retreat. They will report back to all members of Council, staff and MALTs.
- Employee handbook revisions regarding personal leave of absence and timekeeping were reviewed and approved.
- Discussed the job description, time line, and call committee for the position of Children's and Family Ministry Director. The job opening was posted on several websites with the application deadline at the end of April. Interviews will start as soon as several qualified applications have been received.
- Removed the name of 1 person from St. Luke membership at their request.
- Began preparation for a Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Dinner to be prepared by Council.
- Confirmed Bernie and Dean DeCiccio as St. Luke's delegates to the Synod Assembly in May.
- Agreed with the proposal of the MALT leadership to hold a Corn Roast in August instead of Celebrate St. Luke Sunday.
- Agreed with the proposal of the MALT leadership to commemorate the 20th anniversary of St. Luke on Sunday, July 3, 2011.

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

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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.

Serve Ministry

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Core Team Members

Carol Meidell

Sally Burk

Jan Dixon

Judy Cerqua

Krista Lust

Fabric Donations Needed

The Serve Committee is asking for donations of 4-yard pieces of cotton fabric to use as quilt backs. We currently have a need for anything *other than* white or cream. The quilt backs tend to get dirty quicker so colored fabric works best. We have had a wonderful response of donations of smaller amounts for the quilt fronts, and have many quilt tops ready

If you would like to help tie the quilts, we will meet at 7:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. If you would like any more information, please contact Nancy Pagliaro at npag@columbus.rr.com, or call 476-9773.



Songs for the Soul Benefit Concert

Friday, April 29th at 7:30pm
King Avenue United Methodist Church
299 King Ave, Columbus

Sunday, May 1st at 3:00pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
4686 East Walnut St, Westerville

An evening celebrating the gift of music and benefiting NNEMAP Food Pantry and Faith Mission. Come enjoy a vast array of styles including jazz, musical theatre, sacred, opera, and popular music selections. Featuring local, professional talent with Broadway, Opera Columbus and Regional Theatre credits, as well as celebrated jazz band Padula Oblongata! (Betty Comer's grand-daughter will be one of the performers!) Freewill offering/Donations greatly appreciated. If you can't attend but would like to donate, make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church and write "Songs for the Soul" in the memo line. Send donations to the church.

**Make-it / Bake-it Auction
and Bake Sale
Friday Night
November 18th!**



Details to follow soon, but start those projects now!

See Melanie Megias or Judy Cerqua to volunteer to help with this night of family fun.

Encourage Ministry

Ministry Leader

Open

Core Team Members

Steve Howard
Sandy Howard
614-476-8839



COLUMBUS CLIPPERS BASEBALL GAME

Please reserve your calendar for Sunday, July 17 at 5:05 PM. St. Luke has reserved 100 seats in Section 3, Rows 10-14 (down the right field line in the shade) for the baseball game at Huntington Park between the Clippers and Indianapolis.

Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale between services in May and June. For further information, contact Steve Howard at 614-476-8839.

Prayer Ministry

Ministry Leader

Gary Link

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Team Member

Chris Stuck

Remember in Your Prayers:

St. Luke Members: Regina Belcher • Katie Caridas • Tabby Cline • Susan Crosby • Erin Cullen and babies Noah and Evan • Jan Dixon • Ting (Isaac) Friend • Lou Himmer • John Jurca • Jerry Keller • Krista Lust • Logan Melick • Florine Miller • Susan Prosek • Tim Riley • Dennis Roeder • Dolores Roscow • Elizabeth Schwalm • Jennifer Scott • Lois Stewart • Rose Wetherill • Lindy Whitson

Family and Friends on St. Luke Prayer List: Adriane Adams (Co-worker of Nancy Pagliaro) • David Anderson (Brother of Jeannette Anderson) • George Anderson (Brother of Jean Stroemer) • Kim Bair (Daughter of Scott and Pam Bair) • Randy Behnke (Brother of Diane King) • Steve, Brooke and Ben Bowersox (Family of Angie Bowersox) • The Joe and Ann Brown (Friends of Larry and Kay Moore) • Linda Busarow (Friend of Aaron McCullough) • Phyllis Bush (Sister of Kay Moore) • Claudia • Valerie Coolidge (Friend of the Prosek, Neary, and Clay Families) • Wanda Corbett (Friend of Angie Bowersox) • Sue Farley and Family (Friends of Kari Brown) • Chrissy Frye (Daughter of Rick and Jennifer Scott) • Bill Hall (Brother-in-law of Tom and Susan Prosek) • The Harden Family (Friends of Patrick and Jenny Smith) • Sandy Henderson (Sister of Kay Moore) • Edward Keating (Father of Elizabeth Schwalm) • The Keener Family (Friends of the Whatley Family) • Alex Kip (Friend of Meredith Heilmann) • The Family of Cosette Klecka (Friend of Leann Graham) • Sandy Kruse (Daughter of Betty Comer) • Dorothy Langel (Friend of Lois Stewart) • Connie Lehman (Mother of Jake Lehman) • Cindy Lutz (Friend of Laura and Terry Warren) • Norma Mathis (Mother of Mark Mathis) • Daniel McGrath (Stepson of Janelle McGrath) • Sujen Pennington (Co-worker of Nancy Pagliaro) • Joe Poland (husband of Ginny Poland) • Loran Ramey (Friend of the Black Family) • Meg Reidler (GEEC Preschool Teacher) • Marjorie Reinaker (Mother of Rick Reinaker) • Carol Shannon (Mother of Paul and Debbie Hazell) • The Family of Dick Sharp (Neighbor of Margaret Leppert) • Kathy Singer (Sister of Don Karn) • St John Vianney Catholic Church, Hacienda Heights CA (Gretchen Heilmann) • Nick Stadler (Friend of Kari Brown) • Kerry Stroemer (Son of Jean Stroemer) • Jimmy Sweeney (Brother of Jessica Whatley) • Shawn Taylor (Brother of Kay Moore) • Rosalie Thompson (Mother of Francie Coner) • Bill Toney (Family friend of Nathan and Carrie Robinson) • Jim and Mary Trela (Parents of David Trela) • Christiana Tucolon • Geraldine Vance (Grandmother of Krista Lust) • Bonnie Wentzel (Sister of Kerry Clay) • Mia Westfall (Friend of Scott and Pam Bair)

St. Luke Homebound: Dick Bailey • Mike and Ethel Bogan • Mary Ellen Campbell • Ruth Huffman • Irene Mautz • Alberta Miller • Mary Wakley

St. Luke Family and Friends Serving Overseas: Chris Cave (Trisha Wood) • Barry Brinkley (Judy Cerqua) • Eric and Brady Pugh (Friends of Aaron McCullough) • Thomas Blackmon (Nephew of Karl and Sandy Kuespert) • Kyle Nance (Grandson of Lorene Nance) • Curtis Korby (Ginny Poland) • Michael Nance and family (Son of Lorene Nance)

Learn Ministry

Ministry Leader
Open

Team Members
Brent Pettiford
Faye Canner
Judy Cerqua
Greg Osborne

Summer Camp For Kids!!

When: June 19th - 24th

Where: Camp Mowana

Who: Grades K- 5

Cost: \$365 if you sign up online

(K-2 can sign up for half weeks, June 19-21
or June 22-24 for only \$180 online)



Greg Osborne (Youth Pastor) will be the chaplain during this fun week for kids in grades K- 5 at Camp Mowana in Mansfield, Ohio. We know sending your child to a summer camp can be a big step for families. Having a familiar face for your child will make that week go smoothly. If you are interested in more details please talk to Greg Osborne.



VBS REGISTRATION DAY POTLUCK SIGNUPS

We are doing a St. Luke Potluck (picnic style) for the kick-off of the Summer Children's Ministry Programs. The Potluck will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Sunday, May 15 following the 9:45 service. Everyone is invited so please sign up at the Welcome Place Center to support our fun-filled kickoff event. For more information, contact Sara Dietrich at 614-418-0286



NURSERY OPENING

Volunteer(s) Needed

The Church Nursery is looking for a fulltime person for the 8:30 am service, as well as subs for Tuesday mornings, special events, holidays and occasional Sundays. If you are interested, you can contact Tiffany Hayes, Nursery Director, at 614-378-2935 or hayestf@yahoo.com, or stop in and speak with her before the 8:30 or 9:45 service on Sunday morning.

Give Ministry

Ministry Leader

Aaron McCullough
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Would something look "off" with your budget if you spent half of your take-home pay on your car payment? We think so.

It's important to keep the right percentages with everything in your budget. If you pay too much for any line item, it will make the rest of your spending plan out of whack. When that happens, it can **throw off your goals**. If you eat out all the time, you won't have any money left for paying off debt.

The scary part about that is that in the present, you may think everything's fine. But once you get to the point in your life where a goal is set to happen, you might have to delay it. Here are two examples of why it's good to balance out your spending percentages:

Big Purchases (short term)

It's early in the year, so let's use Christmas. If you are out of debt and put a line into your budget right now labeled "Christmas savings," you'll be able to save a little at a time and not throw off your spending plan. If you wait until November to start saving, then you'll have to cut back on a bunch of stuff to hit your goal. In that case, having the wrong percentages will lull you to sleep and smash the November budget to pieces.

Retirement (long term)

If you are on Baby Step 4 (Saving for Retirement) and only putting 10% of your money into retirement instead of 15%, then you might not have enough money socked away for your golden years. Everything looks fine right now, but in truth you aren't building up a strong enough base to support yourself. So when you are older, you'll either need to live smaller than you'd like or keep working for a few more years.

Fill out our percentages worksheet and take a look at what you spend and where. If you find that too much money is going to one particular area, don't panic. Just fix it. If grocery spending is too much (for example), then that doesn't mean you can't eat. It means trim expenses and bring what you spend to a more manageable level. Start clipping coupons, buying in bulk, or cutting unnecessary items from your shopping list. Having a good plan, and balance in it, will get you everywhere you want to go.

Recommended Percentages Worksheet

I have used a compilation of several sources and my own experience to derive the suggested percentage guidelines. However, these are only recommended percentages and will change dramatically if you have a very high or very low income. For instance, if you have a very low income, your necessities percentages will be high. If you have a high income your necessities will be a lower percentage of income and hopefully savings (not debt) will be higher than recommended.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTUAL %</u>	<u>RECOMMENDED %</u>
CHARITABLE GIFTS	_____	10 – 15%
SAVING	_____	5 – 10%
HOUSING	_____	25 – 35%
UTILITIES	_____	5 – 10%
FOOD	_____	5 – 15%
TRANSPORTATION	_____	10 – 15%
CLOTHING	_____	2 – 7%
MEDICAL/HEALTH	_____	5 – 10%
PERSONAL	_____	5 – 10%
RECREATION	_____	5 – 10%
DEBTS	_____	5 – 10%

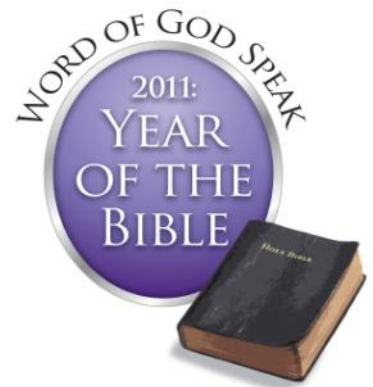
May 2011 Bible Readings

Word of God Speak: Year of The Bible

A Year of Reading and Teaching Through the Bible

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
Sunday	5-1	Worship	Judges 9
Monday	5-2	Acts 19	Judges 10-11
Tuesday	5-3	Acts 20-21	Judges 12-14
Wednesday	5-4	Acts 22-23	Judges 15-16
Thursday	5-5	Acts 24	Judges 17-18
Friday	5-6	Acts 25	Judges 19-20
Saturday	5-7	Acts 26	Judges 21 - Ruth 1
Sunday	5-8	Worship	Ruth 2-4
Monday	5-9	Acts 27	1 Samuel 1-2
Tuesday	5-10	Acts 28	1 Samuel 3-5
Wednesday	5-11	Romans 1-2	1 Samuel 6-8
Thursday	5-12	Romans 3-4	1 Samuel 9-10
Friday	5-13	Romans 5	1 Samuel 11-13
Saturday	5-14	Romans 6	1 Samuel 14
Sunday	5-15	Worship	1 Samuel 15-16
Monday	5-16	Romans 7	1 Samuel 17
Tuesday	5-17	Romans 8	1 Samuel 18-19
Wednesday	5-18	Romans 9-10	1 Samuel 20-21
Thursday	5-19	Romans 11	1 Samuel 22-23
Friday	5-20	Romans 12	1 Samuel 24-25
Saturday	5-21	Romans 13	1 Samuel 26-28
Sunday	5-22	Worship	1 Samuel 29-31
Monday	5-23	Romans 14	2 Samuel 1-2
Tuesday	5-24	Romans 15-16	2 Samuel 3-4
Wednesday	5-25	Psalms 1-2	2 Samuel 5-6
Thursday	5-26	Psalms 3-4	2 Samuel 7-9
Friday	5-27	Psalms 5-6	2 Samuel 10-11
Saturday	5-28	Psalms 7-8	2 Samuel 12-13
Sunday	5-29	Worship	2 Samuel 14-15
Monday	5-30	Psalms 9	2 Samuel 16-17
Tuesday	5-31	Psalms 10	2 Samuel 18-19

Books of the Bible

Old Testament

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther
Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Songs
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

New Testament

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

Worship Servant Schedule

Acolytes 8:30 11:00

05/01	Kiana King	Emery Briggs
05/08	Katherine Pirro	Cameron Fraser
05/15	Kristen Zink	Alexis Hutchison
05/22	Jeannette Anderson	Will King
05/29	Rebecca Whatley	Kari Brown

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please contact the service coordinator. Thank you.

8:30	Gary Page	614-475-5984
9:45	Aaron McCullough	614-940-2754
11:00	Irene Pierce	614-478-5114

Greeters 8:30 11:00 9:45 Welcome Center

05/01	Darlene Scott	Jan & Phil Dixon	Eric Gault & Mariah Rousseau
05/08	Dyanne & Tom Radke	Lois Stewart & Irene Pierce	Sue & Dan Reed
05/15	Jean & Greg Garman	Doris & Dennis Roeder	John & Pat Miller
05/22	Sam Burnley	Elizabeth & Rob Zaino	Brent & Sue Pettiford
05/29	Pam & Chuck Kluge		Betty Comer & Kelli Rudie

Ushers 8:30 11:00 9:45

05/01	Bob Patterson & Arnold Koehler	Lorraine Jackson, Al Harter	Paul Denny, Marilyn Malone
05/08	Charlotte & Gary Secrest	Andrew Wilch, Irene Pierce	Tim & Kay Bally, Ashley Penix
05/15	Jenny & Patrick Smith	Renee Lawshea, Steve Howard	Dean DeCicco, Dick & Lori Larimer
05/22	Nadine & Bob Mehl	Carol & Everett Meidell	Harry Bushwack, Connie McClintic, Tim, Ellen & Michael Rook
05/29	Mary Jane & Clyde Magee	Don Huffman, Pat Hagenlocker	Dean DeCicco, John & Pat Miller, Tim Steckelberg

Communion Assistants 8:30 11:00 9:45

05/01	Pam Amato, Sue Rose, Darlene Scott	Kathy Garvey, Bob Schwalm, Chris Stuck	Tom & Susan Prosek, Tim Steckelberg, Cara Denny, Pam Henderson, Lori Larimer, Greg Osborne, Russell Smith, Jeff Jurca
05/15	John DoBroka, Erin & Tim Riley	Phil & Jan Dixon, Kerry Clay, Elizabeth Zaino	Paul Whatley, Carrie Whatley, Will Douglas, Melanie Jurca, Emily Brown, Rosalie Perry, Brock Dietrich

Lay Readers 8:30 11:00 Nursery Staff (with volunteers)

05/01	Pam Amato	Jeff Jurca	8:30 Charlotte McCullough
05/08	Sandy Howard	Dorothy Schultz	9:45 Tiffany Hayes
05/15	Bernice Gruel	Jim Garvey	11:00 Sara Dietrich
05/22	Nadine Mehl	Chris Stuck	
05/29	Connie Kuhns	Julie Neary	

Communion Bread Worship Leader (11:00) Flowers

05/01	Charlotte Secrest	Bob Schwalm	Open
05/08	—	Gordon Nygren	Open
05/15	Laura Whistler	Elizabeth Zaino	Laura & Terry Warren
05/22	—	Aaron McCullough	Open

<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Sanctuary Service</u>
Pat Conley & Lorraine Jackson	Bob Patterson

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