

September 2011

REFRESH & RENEW



“Summertime and the livin is easy.”

A relaxing image of sitting under a tree or fishing from the bank, but it didn't apply to St. Luke UMC this summer. We have been moving along obtaining estimates of repairs to the building, restoration of the stained glass windows, and keeping the momentum of Mission & Vision going forward. While the summer sun has been blistering many of us, we are making progress toward missional clarity, financial stability, and a vision for the future.

I hope that when you read this you commit yourself to attend the meeting with Rev. Dan Dick, Director of Connectional Ministries, who will be here at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 15 to help us to fully understand the implications of the various paths we may pursue. We want the entire body of Christ who are St. Luke to have an active voice and awareness of the possibilities.

Currently, we have several teams forming to strengthen the life of the church community:

Worship Team to enable improved organization and sharing of tasks that make worship work;
Children's Ministry will be led on an interim basis by Betsy Rogers to get the Sunday School off to a good start. The starting date for Sunday School will be September 18.

Alternate/Contemporary Worship Team to explore ways to revive a different worship experience;

Nominations Team is being restored to enable clear communication regarding purpose, mission, role and responsibilities to the congregation.

Connections Team will reconvene in early September. It is designed to do two things: first, simply seek relationship with others in the church, and second, plan stewardship activities. Please consider joining us for a meeting. You might enjoy it!

We all need to think and share our ideas and feelings about how we do what we do at St. Luke. And, why.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve Hanusa

Joys & Concerns~

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Art Carr, Jull Welti, Pat Lubbers, Emmie and Larry Martin.

Military personnel: Lindsay Kissinger, Amanda Voechting and Marya Wolff.

Laurie Ribbens Landgraf's husband David died as a result of car and bicycle accident while riding his bicycle near Bloomer, WI on August 8th. Wilber, Julia and their three daughters were members at St. Luke for decades.

Rejoice with these families:

Weddings:

Rebecca (Becky) & Dwight Riphenburg joyfully announce the marriage of their son, Shane to Jacqueline Rehagan on Saturday, August 6th, 2011. The ceremony was held at St. Elizabeth & Seton Parish in Milwaukee. Jacqueline's parents are Barbara & Jim Rehagan of New Berlin.

Congratulations on the births of:

Gavin Richard Scheibl ,parents are Samantha Pool and Robert Scheibl. Gavin was born on August 3, 2011.

Violet Adele Kemmis ,parents are Colin & Erin Kemmis and Grandparents are Tim & Holly Kemmis. Violet was born on July 31.

We welcome Kaitlyn and Lola to our church family through baptism:

Kaitlyn Rose Duehring was baptized on August 6th. Parents are Mike & Kara Duehring and Great Grandmother is Germaine Fox.

Lola Renee Dentz was baptized on August 21. Parents are Jeremiah & Julie. Grandparents are Rick & Renee Leicht and Henry & Nancy Dentz.

FYI: We will be receiving new members on September 18 at the 9:00 am Worship Service.

ST. LUKE YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS ***RACE to NOWHERE***
Hard-Hitting Education Documentary Exposes the Educational Crisis in America
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH 4:00PM SANCTUARY
NO COST PLEASE JOIN US!!!

RACE TO NOWHERE has become a national grassroots phenomenon. Educators, parents and students are embracing this documentary. Vicki Abeles, first-time filmmaker and concerned mother aims her camera at the culture of hollow achievement and pressure to perform that has invaded America's schools. It is destroying our children's love of learning and feeding an epidemic of unprepared, disengaged and unhealthy students. www.racetonowhere.com

This remarkable new film shines a light on the price our kids pay for this "race to nowhere." Cheating is commonplace, stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant and ironically, young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired.

Featuring the heartbreaking stories of young people who have been pushed to the brink and educators who are burned out and worried that students aren't developing the skills needed for the global economy, ***RACE TO NOWHERE*** points to the silent epidemic running rampant in our schools.

RACE TO NOWHERE is a call to families, educators, experts and policy makers to examine current assumptions on how to best prepare the youth of America to become the healthy, bright, contributing and leading citizens in the 21st century.

St. Luke's Youth Ministry team believes this is an important topic for all of us in the community, not just those with school age children. The future of our youth will affect us all and we all need to become educated on how best to help the youth in our society.

Please invite your friends and other parents and teachers to share this experience. There will be time for discussion after viewing the film.





Sunday, October 2, 2011

ST. LUKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
623 ONTARIO AVENUE 458-3461

This pizza sale is a major fundraiser to help support our 27th mission trip with Appalachia Service Project. ASP is a home repair ministry affiliated with the United Methodist Church. High school youth and adult leaders work for a week in Central Appalachia to make homes warmer, safer and drier.

The pizzas are fresh and homemade under quality control guidelines.

Orders are due in the church office by Sunday, SEPT 25, 2011

Payment is due at pick up

Sunday, October 2, 2011

from 5:00-6:45pm

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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NAME _____ PHONE # _____

**When ordering pizzas in groups of 3, you may mix & match those of the same Price.

**9" pizzas are sold ONLY in groups of 3

	# ORDERED	COST
12" Cheese (\$5.00/3 @ \$14.00)	_____	_____
12" Pepperoni (\$5.50/3 @ \$16.00)	_____	_____
12" Sausage (\$6.00/3 @ \$17.00)	_____	_____
12" Sausage/Pepperoni (\$6.50/3 @ \$18.00)	_____	_____
12" Sausage/Mushroom (\$6.50/3 @ \$18.00)	_____	_____
12" Sausage/Mushroom/Onion (\$6.50/3 @ \$18.00)	_____	_____
12" Canadian Bacon (\$6.50/3 @ \$18.00)	_____	_____
12" Vegetarian (\$6.50/3 @ \$18.00)	_____	_____
12" Supreme (\$8.00/3 @ \$22.00)	_____	_____
9" Cheese (3 @ \$11.00)	_____	_____
9" Pepperoni (3 @ \$12.00)	_____	_____
9" Sausage (3 @ \$13.00)	_____	_____
9" Canadian Bacon (3 @ \$13.00)	_____	_____
9" Vegetarian (3 @ \$14.00)	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

Payment enclosed _____ Pay @ pick-up _____

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT ST.LUKE

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE SET

1ST Rehearsal: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST

1ST Singing: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th
7:00-8:00 PM in the Parlor

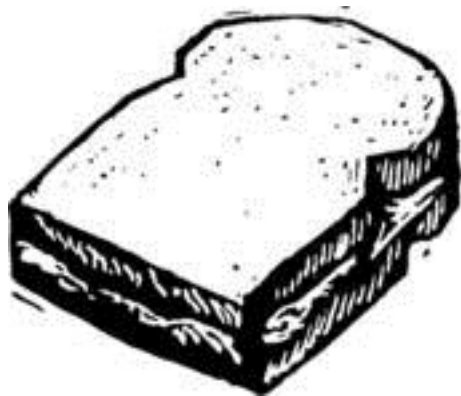
The Sanctuary Choir welcomes new members of ALL ages. Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights and the Choir sings regularly at 9:00 AM. Please add your voice to the choir this year. Directed by Ann Hoppert Keller.

ST. LUKE RINGERS START FALL REHEARSALS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:00-7:00 PM

Isn't this the time for you to play handbells? St. Luke Ringers is a wonderful opportunity to praise God in worship. Training is available if you are interested but have never been a bell player before. St. Luke Ringers play monthly. Contact Director Sarah Moe if you are interested in playing. There is a critical need for ringers to be sure that this group continues. Join today!!!



SANDWICH CLUB

SAVE THE DATE : SEPTEMBER 16TH
ITALIAN NIGHT AT THE ENSORS.
MORES DETAILS WILL BE IN THE
BULLETIN!

**Join the Disaster Response Team
Wisconsin Conference – United Methodist Church**

You can become a part of this trained response ministry team!

The Conference's Disaster Response Team is available on-call to respond to Wisconsin disasters and work in the Relief and Recovery phases of a disaster.

Volunteering means a commitment to training, attending at least one meeting per year, offering leadership within a team and be able to serve when called for 1-7 days (you may decline a particular call.) The team consists of leaders and back-up personnel for the functions listed below. *Please check all functions in which you have an interest.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Childcare	<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Response Team
<input type="checkbox"/> Case Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Disaster	<input type="checkbox"/> Logistics
<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer in Mission
<input type="checkbox"/> District Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Contact person	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Long Term Recovery

Name: _____ Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Home/work phone: _____
Circuit Number _____

Please return this form to Wisconsin Conference, UMC, PO Box 620, Sun Prairie, WI 53590
For more information, contact Deborah Thompson, Missions Coordinator at 1-888-240-7328, or



Join Our Wisconsin Mission Celebration in 2011:

Connecting the Church in Mission

October 23rd

Eau Claire Chapel Heights UMC @ 4:00 p.m.

October 24th

Appleton St. James UMC @ 5:30 p.m.

October 25th

Elm Grove community UMC @ 5:30 p.m.

October 26th

Madison Asbury UMC @ 5:30 p.m.

Keynote Speakers:

Thomas Kemper,

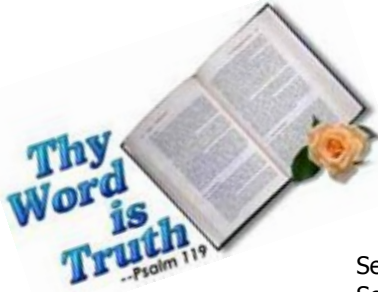
General Secretary, The General Board of Global Ministries

Special Guests:

Missionaries from Cameroon

Missionary in Residence from NCJ Conference

Representative from East Angola conference



Read the Bible in one year. God's Word is full of promises, encouragement and guidance for you. This reading plan gives you a simple structure for reading through the Bible!

Every month we will continue to give you the verses to read through!

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| Sep 1: Ezek 9-12 | Sep 16: Dan 4-6 |
| Sep 2: Ezek 13-15 | Sep 17: Dan 7-9 |
| Sep 3: Ezek 16-17 | Sep 18: Dan 10-12 |
| Sep 4: Ezek 18-20 | Sep 19: Hos 1-7 |
| Sep 5: Ezek 21-22 | Sep 20: Hos 8-14 |
| Sep 6: Ezek 23-24 | Sep 21: Joel |
| Sep 7: Ezek 25-27 | Sep 22: Amos 1-5 |
| Sep 8: Ezek 28-30 | Sep 23: Amos 6-9 |
| Sep 9: Ezek 31-33 | Sep 24: Oba-Jonah |
| Sep 10: Ezek 34-36 | Sep 25: Micah |
| Sep 11: Ezek 37-39 | Sep 26: Nahum |
| Sep 12: Ezek 40-42 | Sep 27: Hab-Zeph |
| Sep 13: Ezek 43-45 | Sep 28: Haggai |
| Sep 14: Ezek 46-48 | Sep 29: Zech 1-7 |
| Sep 15: Dan 1-3 | Sep 30: Zech 8-14 |

hymnals and bibles



Large print hymnals are needed. If you are willing to buy one or two write a check and send it to our treasurer at 623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081. @24.00 for the red hymnal and \$20.00 for "The Faith We Sing"

We also need a large print Bible for our library. It comes in a set of 4 and costs \$100.00



Do you like to have some time to help clean closets or cupboards in the church basements? Help is needed! Contact Jackie Felde, Donna Webb, Peggy Mehre, Mary Kiehl, John Webb, Art Kiehl or Max McColley. They have started working on the clean-up but more hands are needed. Next clean dates is: Monday, August 29 at 8:30-4:00 or Wednesday, August 31 at 11:00-4:00. Come and go as it fits your schedule.