

Our Vision
In order to be a thriving ministry in the
community, St. Luke will be a "Worship, Music
and Life Center."



The Spirit of St. Luke

A Proposal: An Investment in People and Growth!

At 11 am, July 20th, at the Special Congregational Meeting, the Church Council will propose uses for part of the \$84,500 proceeds of the sale of 7004 Harford Road. (Note: There will be ONE Sunday worship, at 10 am, on July 20th.)

Council is still working out the details of the full proposal, but wants to share as much as possible with you now. The areas under consideration are:

1. An Investment in Christian Education for all ages
2. An Investment in improving our financial ministry: A paid bookkeeper
3. An Investment in improving our communication: Purchasing a new copier

1. Christian Education for All Ages

Whereas, St. Luke's long range goals as approved by the congregation in 2007 include:

Education Long Term—2015

- † St. Luke will provide multiple Bible studies/ministries with various times and styles.
- † St. Luke will run a thriving children's ministry.
- † St. Luke will run a thriving youth ministry.
- † St. Luke will provide valuable adult programming.
- † St. Luke will run a thriving and enriching music program.

Whereas, St. Luke's MISSION is to share Good News of Jesus Christ with the church and the unchurched...in the light of God's word.

Whereas, St. Luke has been blessed to receive 25 new members this past year, Whereas, God has blessed us with anticipated proceeds from the sale of 7004 Harford Rd.,

Whereas, this Congregation approved \$30,000 towards the renovation of the kitchen and \$26,000 towards new sanctuary doors to welcome all people safely, The Council proposes an investment in people, which would be an intentional ministry for GROWTH with the following targets:

\$8,000 Investment in the "Walk Thru the Bible" Christian Revival Program

Covering a 2 year pilot program at \$4000/year. This would include a kick off revival workshop, a guest presenter (including housing and travel, \$2500 x 2yrs), publicity and Christian Education materials for 50 people or more (\$1500 x 2 yrs). Curriculum: Year 1—Old Testament, Year 2 - New Testament. (<http://www.walkthru.org>)



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July 2008

The newsletter of
St. Luke Lutheran
Church, an evangelical
community in Christ.

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Sandy Gonder, Worship
& Music

Our mission.
in a nutshell:

SHARE!

...the Good News

EQUIP!

...for ministry

ACCOMPLISH!

...God's purpose for our
church, family and community



Jessica Mathews,
from Parkville H.S.

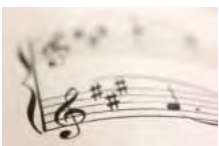
Tim Pilius,
from Parkville H.S.

Cathy Savoie,
from Forbush H.S.

Lindsay & Mitchell
Most
from 6th grade at
Redeemer School

And congratulations
to proud parents and
grandparents Don &
Terry Mathews, Dawn
& Linas Pilius, Norm
& Pat Houck, Pam
Savoie and Jerry &
Debbie Most, and
Rosalie and Jerry
Most.

Let us know who
is celebrating
graduation this
year so our
Church family
can join in giving
thanks to God
for the
graduates and
their families!



**Sunday Choir
Rehearsals**

will resume on
August 24th and
August 31st and the
choir will rejoice
worship on Sunday,
September 7th.

Proposal (continued from page 1)

\$20,000 Investment in a part-time Evangelism and Adult Ministries Leader

A \$10,000 a year, part time pilot position for two years. Evangelism is SPREADING the Good News. Pastor Lisa cannot do this by herself. We have invested in doors and accessibility! Now is the time to grow in ministries and programs for the community! This Adult Ministries position could start in the fall 2008 so we could do more to reach adults—members and non-members, neighbors and long commuters—to step into a ministry that feeds and engages. For instance, 10-20 hours a week for someone to coordinate everything from multiple adult classes to evangelism in the community.

\$10,400 Investment in a Director of Youth and a Director Children's Ministry.

\$5,200 for our Children's Ministry Director (\$2600 a year x 2 years at \$10/hr)

\$5,200 for our Youth Ministry Director (\$2600 a year x 2 years at \$10/hr)

A healthy church invests in children's ministry and youth ministry. Both of these positions are currently volunteer and require many more hours per week than we are proposing in salary.

Katy Lightner directs the children's ministry, including Children's church, Children's Message, Kids of the Kingdom and VBS each sum-

mer). Katy also works full-time.

Eric Haupt, our Youth Director works full time. We are thinking about weekly Youth ministry, camps, coordinating programs, Godspell I & II, and adding a High School youth group! That is three levels of week day ministry and retreats on top of our current program. Eric could apply this stipend towards finishing his education and continuing to seriously consider seminary!

**TOTAL for Education:
\$38,400 good thru 2010**

2. Improving St. Luke's Financial Ministry

\$3,000 for a paid bookkeeper in 2008

After the resignation of our Treasurer, Executive Council reviewed the tasks, time and skills required for the job and determined St. Luke had a need for a paid bookkeeper. Full Council approved the recommendation and three candidates were interviewed. **Chris Egner**, CPA, was selected.

Since this position was not budgeted for 2008, we are proposing this year's salary be paid from the proceeds of 7004 Harford Road. The bookkeeper will be paid a salary of \$100 per week to perform tasks that average five hours per week.

Chris has worked for Mt. Carmel School and Church and is familiar with financial software similar to that

which we use at St. Luke. Chris is Dennis Egner's brother and is married with two teens.

3. Improving St. Luke's Communication Tools

\$ Under consideration

Purchasing a new copier instead of renewing the expired lease on the copier we have is under consideration. We believe purchasing a copier, now that we have the funds, will be cheaper than leasing one. We have 3 proposals we are evaluating. Lease prices for black and white copying will almost double!

Pricing and evaluating the different options and maintenance agreements available has been quite a learning experience. No matter what Council ultimately recommends, buying or leasing, we hope to be able to include a number of automated functions, such as stapling and folding, which will free our Secretary and volunteers to do other work.



Mrs. Moore expects us to have a firm grip on our lessons. See. Rosin.

Motion to Amend 2008 Schnabel Estate Uses

Also at the July 20th Special Congregational Meeting, the Council will propose a revision to the uses for the 2008 Schnabel Estate distribution.

Each year we are blessed with a \$100,000 gift from the Schnabel estate.

Eric Haupt, our Youth Director, is answering a call to seminary, specifically to the Youth Certification School. For the details on

the program visit www.ymcertschool.org. This two-week youth certification program is highly regarded for training, professionalism and formal certification for any leader working with youth. The Council has approved Eric's application to the program and Pastor Lisa has written a recommendation to the seminary for Eric. Especially since Eric is 100% volunteer, we hope the

Schnabel estate can help him in education. Tuition for the youth certification school is \$2,200 and includes all meal and lodging expenses.

Council will offer a friendly amendment to the Congregation to share with the executor of the estate. We would shift some of the money requested from courtyard to additional tuition support.

Use of 2008 Schnabel Estate Distribution	Original	Proposed Revision
Seminary—Tuition Support (J. Lightner)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Seminary—Certification Support (E. Haupt)	0	2,200
Architect/Engineer	25,000	25,000
Courtyard & Accessible Entrances	65,000	62,800

Growing, Learning & Fun!



Mom's Bible Study Thursday at 2 pm

Carol Conroy is leading a new Bible Study which is called "Growing Strong Families." It started June 26th and you can join in at any time. Come be refreshed! Everyone welcome! FREE child care! Come to the lower Woodhome Ave. Entrance at St. Luke and ring the bell.



Men's and Women's Luncheons July 16th

Women—Bill Bateman's; Men—location TBD. For both, there will be a sign up sheet in the lobby two weeks before the event.



Whale of a Wednesday

Youth Summer Program for Grades 3-5. Wednesdays from 2 pm to 3:30 pm starting June 25th in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Join us anytime!



RainForest Café for Youth

Summer Program for Middle Schoolers, including open Gym and faith. Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 2 pm, in the Upper fellowship Hall. Join



Summer Sundays Youth Group

High School youth, 9th to 12th grades, Sundays, 7 pm to 8:30 pm, in the Upper Fellowship Hall with Mr. Eric & Intern



August 1st to 3rd "Coming of Age 2008" A Lutheran

Men's Gathering

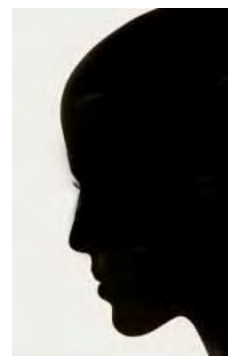
Pastor Lisa challenges the men of St. Luke to consider attending this national gathering! She will gladly pay for the first person to sign up to attend AND **check out the challenge to the right!** That will be a historical moment! Big name presenters: Larry Clark, Tom Osborne, Dick Hardel, and Dakota Road! Visit <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Lutheran-Men-in-Mission.aspx> It's a Conference and it's a movement in the church to "come of age" and reach out to and connect with younger men in faith!



St. Luke Cafe

will be returning with sweets and fruits on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, beginning June 22nd. Coffee and juice will be available every Sunday.

Did you know St. Luke's constitution discusses the privilege a congregation has to raise up leaders for the sake of the Gospel?



Locks of Love Challenge

Pastor Lisa will shave her head, to benefit Locks of Love, if FIVE people sign up for "Coming of Age 2008" thru St. Luke! Take the challenge... see Gathering details the left and <http://www.locksoflove.org>.



**July Hiatus for
Tae Kwon Do
Classes**
Classes will not meet
this month.

**From Sugete
Sergio**

Dated 3/31/08 and
received 5/21/08
(we sponsor Sugete,
who is 7 years old, in
Mozambique)

I wish to know about
your health, together
with your families.
About me I am
healthy. I'm very
grateful for the spon-
sorship you address
to me through World
Vision Namanjavira
ADP.

I study at Cubeli na
Primary School. The
project built primary
schools, equipped
with beautiful desks
and latrines for the
pupils at some of the
schools.

The project built
water boxes for our
communities. And
also has distributed
exercise books, pen-
cils, pens, mosquito
nets and blankets.

And the project
formed a farmers
association for new
learning in
agriculture
technology system
and forms for more
crop production.

We do have a good
clinic assistance in
our community
center.

God bless you, have
a nice Easter.

Bible Revival

Sunday, September 28th

9 am—3 pm

Lunch included!

Everyone invited!

St. Luke Lutheran Church
7001 Harford Rd Baltimore, MD
21234

One Worship 9 am Sunday
(Note: No Saturday Night Worship)



Special Guest Preacher: Rebecca Mitchell, Biblical Story Teller

Why sign up?

- Revival means renewal!
- Start to read God's Word from the beginning!
- Receive new insight and strength!
- Come alive! Share the journey! Ask anything!

1. Register for the Revival Event:

Sign up for either the Adult Section
or Children's Section

2. Register for New Adult Small Groups:
"My Bible Study 101"

Sign up for the group that is right for you
on Lobby Board



Free-will offering accepted for materials and lunch



Where God's gift to children comes to life!



\$10 discount for two or more from same family. Scholarships available. Email info@LutheranNeighbor.org

Our Talented Teachers invite you to learn music!

- Mr. Graham Gold
- Ms. Natasha Matveeva
- Ms. Sheila McCaw
- Ms. Amy Kwon
- Mr. Nick Doak

Weekday Camp—Two Weeks!

July 28—August 7

From 9 am to 12:30 pm

Instruction for ages 6-16 in two groups: Junior & Senior

Instruction in woodwind, strings, guitar, brass and drama.

Concert: 7 pm August 7th

Cost: \$95 (check payable to "St. Luke Lutheran Church")

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Enrollment is limited so

Register for Music Camp today!

one form per child—contact St. Luke for additional forms or print form from our website at www.LutheranNeighbor.org
Registration Non-refundable.

Camper's Name: _____

DOB _____ School: _____

Male Female Are you bringing an instrument? Yes No

If so, which instrument? _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one) - Child: M L Adult: S M L XL

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone _____

Emergency phone # for 9 am - 12:30 pm _____

Email _____

Allergies _____ Food Allergies _____

Name of Medication(s) _____

Physician _____ Phone _____

Parent Signature _____

Individuals not authorized for pick up (if any) _____

Can you donate a snack or volunteer one day? Yes No



FREE!
Synod Young Adult Picnic
Sat., Aug. 2nd
10 am - dusk

526 S. Chapel Gate Lane, Baltimore, MD 21229

RSVP by 7/15 to Beth Johnson at bethj@lu.edu or (920)284-0185.

Calling all young adults! We're gathering with some folks from the Metro DC Synod for a summer picnic. There will be food, games, fellowship and fun. RSVP by July 15 so we can get enough food. The location is in Baltimore where we've done some volunteering, and they're letting us use the property - carpool if you can! Go to <http://mindthegapmaryland.googlepages.com/yapicnicinthepark> for more info on the picnic and Lutheran Young Adult activities!

Vacation Bible School

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

July 21- 25

from 9 am to 12 pm for ages 4-12

Celebration 5 pm July 26th

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Register for VBS today!

one form per child—contact St. Luke for additional forms or print form from our website at www.LutheranNeighbor.org



Camper's Name: _____

DOB _____ School: _____

Male Female Do you have a home church? Yes No

If so, what church? _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one) - Child: M L Adult: S M L XL

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone _____

Emergency phone # for 9 am - 12 pm _____

Email _____

Allergies _____ Food Allergies _____

Name of Medication(s) _____

Physician _____ Phone _____

Parent Signature _____

Individuals not authorized for pick up (if any) _____

Can you donate a snack or volunteer one day? Yes No



Fill up the Cart!

With non-perishable items. The cart is in the chapel. We have an emergency food bank at St. Luke. If you know someone in need, see Pastor Lisa or call the Church Office.

Practical Evangelism

Invite, invite, invite. Then invite some more. Always with a smile, always without pressure or guilt, always knowing an answer of "no" will be OK by you.

But most of all, invite from a sincere desire to share the blessings you enjoy in the community of Christ!

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Luke 14:13-14

Invite them to the banquet, so that the Lord's house may be filled!

Who do you know who would benefit from the peace and nourishment to be found in the Lord's house and at the Lord's table?

With only the desire to celebrate the bounty of the Lord, simply make the commitment to invite one person to share His banquet this month and every month! And be at peace with the answer you receive!

Our New Invitation to the Community this Fall!

This is a peek at the inside of the new brochure that is being developed to send out to our community. We hope it better illustrates St. Luke's **mission** and the excitement of growing in Christ! Next month we'll share with you the outside of the new invitation to our neighbors! Stay tuned!

SHARE... the Good News of Jesus Christ!

New Healing & Praise

Saturday Nights 5 pm
Come as you are! We all need healing in mind, body and spirit. Worship, prayers, healing ministries all blended with uplifting music. Multicultural, multi-ethnic, all-inclusive, for praise & worship. Music Director: Utah Moore



EQUIP... for new life and growing faith...

Equipping Children!

Sunday Bible Adventure 101
a new 9 am Sunday adventure in children's learning! There will be groups rotating from a Bible "station" and an Activity "station."



Equipping Youth!

Weekly Leadership Academy
Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:30-4:30pm
4th - 6th grade Leadership Academy God-101
Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:30-4:30pm
7th and 8th Leadership Academy Jesus-201
Wednesdays 5:30-7 pm
High School Youth Group H.S.-301
Sundays nights 7 pm.
Major retreats include RoadTrip (January) National Youth gathering (New Orleans, 2009)



ACCOMPLISH... God's purpose for you and community

Music Camp Two weeks of instrumental and vocal instruction offered each summer.
Vacation Bible School offered for one week each summer for children ages 4-12 from 9 am-12 pm.
Choirs Let your heart sing! Join vocal ministry ensembles for Saturday and Sunday worship.
Lutheran Church Women Bible studies, monthly luncheons, service projects open to all.
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Monday and Saturday at 6:30 pm Thursday 10 am; Friday 8 pm
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Sun. and Wed. at 8 pm
Help the Hungry We help members and all neighbors with our Food Pantry.
Visiting Sick and Homebound Our visitation program helps people cope with illness or loneliness.
Learning Prayer We have prayer chain and prayer gatherings that learn how to lift people up in prayer.
Fellowship Game Night, Movie Night and Summer Festivals, Fun-Raising Events!
Health Ministry participate in the Saturday Healing & Praise. Also 5th weekend of our month it will be on Sundays with Blood Pressure checks, guest speakers, and annual Red Cross Blood Drive.
Youth Internships available during summer.



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Equipping Adults!

My Bible Study 101
Pick a group! "365" is a year-long journey walking through the Bible together. My Bible Study is for the beginner. My Bible Study is from the beginning. St. Luke goal is to do this together through team-teaching in small friendly groups. Sign up at church or email through website! (see back).



SHARE... the Good News of Jesus Christ!

New Sunday Worship

Sundays 10 am
Festive Liturgy
Choir and Music
Children's
Church & Community open to everyone!
Music Director: Katya Afonasyeva



SHARE... the Good News of Jesus Christ!

New Prayer Service

Sundays 11:30 am
Prayers and Meditation in the chapel. Come and find peace in quiet prayer.



Financial Leadership & Access Changes at St. Luke

By Norman Houck, President, and Pastor Lisa Arrington

Recently St. Luke's Council approved two changes to our financial team – we have hired a bookkeeper and we have expanded access to member's giving records from the Financial Recording Secretary only, to both the Recording Secretary and the Controller.

St. Luke is very blessed to be the people of God in community together. Each one of us is called to be good stewards of all God's resources and offerings. Many of us take for granted the financial responsibility a congregation undertakes. And there are many behind the scenes leaders that help St. Luke operate financially each week.

Have you ever wondered...

- † Who collects the offering after worship service?
- † Who counts the offering?
- † Who goes to the bank?
- † Who has access to financial records?

Each week the offering is collected and taken to the bank for deposit by a dedicated volunteer, Pat Miller. The empty envelopes, and recorded amounts for contributions not in envelopes, are counted by another dedicated volunteer, Wayne Chlan, who confirms the amount deposited and designated for various ministries.

The Financial Recording Sec-

retary, Pat Houck, enters individual giving into our congregation data base program called ICON CMO. The envelopes and weekly giving records are held by the Financial Recording Secretary until after the annual contribution reports have been provided to members by mail, and then they are filed.

The Treasurer, John Welker, oversees expenditures, the activities of our new bookkeeper, filings and financial reports. The Treasurer reports to the Council and Congregation on giving and expenses from the Congregationally approved budget.

The bookkeeper, Chris Egner, enters expense information in ICON and issues checks to be signed by officers. All executive members of Council can sign checks and we require two signatures for every check. Chris also prepares our payroll and property tax returns and filings.

Paul Cox, the Controller, performs an internal control function by reviewing reports, tax returns, ledgers, and other documentation on an ongoing basis. After lengthy discussions, in June 2008, the Council granted read-only access to the Controller for all modules in the ICON system. This means that the Financial Recording Secretary will no longer be the only person to see giving statements. The Controller can review them now, as well, but cannot change any records.

The Pastor does not have access to member's per-

sonal giving information.

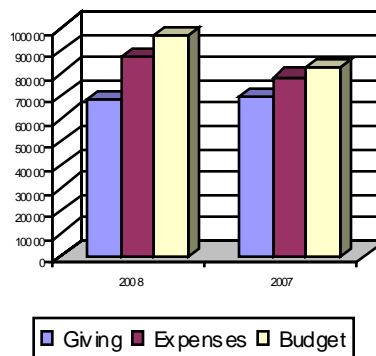
We have council goals for supporting and improving a healthy finance team. Every year we turn in a Financial Review Report to the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We work hard to maintain the congregation's trust, follow the Bylaws, uphold Constitution and be in healthy mission for our Lord! We are so blessed, but we could sure use your help! Here are some financial questions for St. Luke:

- † Are members encouraged to use checks in making their offerings?
- † Can members consider SIMPLY GIVING an electronic giving program?
- † Can we find two additional counters to join the counting team?

Thank you for your prayers for the health of our congregation. Each officer elected by the congregation works together and values the trust given by the congregation.

Finance@aGlance

General Fund through May 2008



Live Genuinely

2 Corinthians 8:8
... put your faith into action... the tangible demonstration of what is sincerely in our hearts... "where our treasure is," is not simply a verbal expression.

What in the world is CLAIM?

It is the Coalition of Lutherans Advancing in Mission! And it is in the midst of transformation from its former name, BURP, the Baltimore Urban Regional Partnership. Thank you, Steve Mentzer, for keeping us posted on new developments in our partnership with our sister congregations in Mission!

Accept a Challenge

2 Corinthians 9:6
... recognize the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows, so will our blessings, and our responsibility.

Celebrating Jim Lightner's Call



On August 10th we will have a "Prayer Luncheon" for Jim Lightner as he heads off to school. Everyone is invited! It will be a potluck picnic! Jim has accepted a call to begin seminary at Gettysburg in August 2008. That's when he will move to a dorm and start his first class in Greek! Some of the proceeds of the Schnabel Estate have been committed to supporting Jim's tuition as his home congregation. If you would like to help Jim get his first computer laptop for school, please mark a love envelope "Seminarian Fund-Laptop." Thanks for all the support. We are in this with Jim as the body of Christ to raise up all leaders! Pastor Lisa's seminary tuition was paid by her home congregation in Ohio, and it is neat to see how God's support continues to come full circle! See Sandy Gonder for info on this fundraising event.



Thank You To St. Luke, From St. Luke

To everyone who donated to Lutheran Disaster Response.

What a difference one person can make for another person struggling to survive horrific loss and devastation of home, family, food and whole communities!

To Karen Cochran and PTA supporters for helping St. Luke host our first Woodhome Middle School

Awards Ceremony and dance. Over 100 people attended!

To everyone who participated in the study on ELCA Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality.

Don't forget to send in your individual forms! Everyone is invited to visit the many different social statements the ELCA.org offers as teaching docu-

ments and a voice for our church.

To everyone who supported the youth car wash June 28th to send our youth to New Orleans in 2009 to serve Christ!

To everyone who helped with gifts to support the Tamara Session family, the little girl whose mother was tragically killed in an automobile accident.

St. Luke Mail Bag & Family News

From Anne Haupt, Health Ministry at St. Luke-

I would like to thank everyone who helped with our second annual Blood Drive. We were able to obtain 23 "productive" units of blood this year. The Red Cross breakdown is as follows:

Goal: 31

Scheduled donors: 30

Presenting donors: 36

Deferrals: 10

Good units: 23

Thank you also to those who helped the day of the drive, Frank Mann, Jim Lightner, Betty Haupt, Carol Weichsel-dorfer, Elfride, Mary, Joyce, the "Fun Raising" committee and countless others behind the scenes.

A BIG heart-felt thanks to all who came to donate!

Peace!

PS: Besides the normal Red Cross snacks, we were treated to a delicious birthday cake for a donor who is close to my heart!

From Sandy Gonder, Lead for Basket Bingo "Fun Raising"-

On behalf of the Fund Raising Team, I would like to thank all the congregation and friends of St. Luke for your attendance and for your sponsoring and filling of the baskets and Vera Bradley. Once again, our Bingo was successful because of all of you and we want you to know how much we appreciate your support. The proceeds will be used toward the much needed repairs of our organ and we feel comfortable in saying that we are able to meet the needs.

I am sorry that many of you could not be with us and hope that you will consider attending our next Bingo on October 4, 2008 and we can say you will have a great time.

I also wish to thank all of the Fund Raising Committee and volunteers for their help. I always know that I have been able to count on these people and hope they

know that they can count on me no matter what. Without any of this team, nothing would be successful. Please help me in thanking: Donald, Terri and Jessica Mathews, Mark Hofmann, Karen Lott, Paulette Guion, Jim Lightner, Gayle Caprio, Patrick Youells, Lauren Butcher, Steve Mentzer, Aubrey and Connie Wallace and all who donated desserts and all who helped with cleanup.

I also would like to say a special thank you to Adam Mathews and Paul Provenzano. Without these two we were in danger of having to cancel the fundraiser because, as of Friday night, we had no air conditioning.

Please let these people know how much you appreciate what they do and continue to do to help St. Luke Church in it's endeavors.

With your help, it looks like close to \$3000 was raised to help repair the St. Luke organ toes and straps.

Thanks again to everyone and God Bless

Usher Schedule



July 9:00

Wayne Chlan
Doris Chlan
Dennis Egner
Kathy Egner

July 11:00

Patricia Miller
Jackie Mongan
Joe Benham

August 9:00

Anne Haupt
Kim Anderson
Krista Salsberg
Zach Egner

August 11:00

Hiram Bullen
Charles Harris
Anna Youells
Katy Lightner

Usher Reminder

Someone from each team should be assigned to record the attendance in the book.

Newsletter

First, a big thanks to Pastor Lisa for editing the February to June Newsletters!

The August edition deadline is July 6th. The newsletter is YOUR publication. Family news, thoughts, and opinions are all welcome! Send your submissions to news@lutheranNeighbor.org.

Shut-In Birthdays



7/9 Mrs. Virginia Munzer

Golden Years Manor
4607 Kenwood Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21206-1326

Won't you send a card??!

Summer Church



The office is closed on Fridays.

Karen Goodrich will be in

the Church Office Tuesday to Thursday, generally 9-2 pm. Pastor Lisa's day off is Friday. Emergency number is 443.257.5488.

We Keep In Prayer



Members of St. Luke

Carolyn Bochau, Kathy

Burke, Katherine Bowers, Doris Chlan, Conroy Family, Dorothy Crumbacker, Minnie Kurrle, Jim Lightner, Dot McCann, Bob Mentzer, Ron Nies, Sr., Pat Wagner, Jack Walters, Bill and Carol Weichseldorfer, Williams family.

Friends of St. Luke

Joy Boyd, Deanna Doster, Ethel Duff-Still, Carol Frank, John Frank, Lindsay Harlow, Bishop Knocke, Bishop Mocko, Kevin Smith, John Walters II, Thomas Weese

Welcome Youth Interns Tasia & Vincent!

Last month we announced the selection of Vincent Cochran for our youth internship program. We extended the search for the second open position and we had seven applicants!

We were blessed by all the interested youth wanting to learn more through their first job! We have selected Tasia Pittman who attends Woodhome Middle School and is active in Godspell II.

She lives on Northway Dr. with her parents and twin brother, Tavon. We look forward to her leadership with Vincent and our intern, Erica Furman! What a summer!



The Altar Guild needs help with setting up the Altar for Sunday services. It takes a half hour, more or less, on Saturday. You only need to serve one month per year. Call Ruth Hobine at 410.426.6894.

There are service opportunities for everyone at St. Luke! Even our shut-in members can serve in prayer and communication to others!



Altar Flowers
Call the Church Office to reserve the date you would like. The flowers are \$14.50 per vase.

Pink Season is Coming!!

July 1st marks the beginning of Pink Season. Are YOU prepared?



The flamingos have begun migrating and may find their way into YOUR lawn! "Pinking" (And de-pinking) will occur Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. Each afternoon of the weekend the flamingos will find their way to a new lawn for the night. And you decide where they go! After some time and a small price, the flamingos will be moved on to a new lawn. Prices will vary from \$15 to \$25 to Pink a friend's lawn, based on the distance from St. Luke. De-pinking will be \$7. For \$50, a group of you and your friends can gather your forces to send the flamingos to St. Luke or another church in the area. Proceeds will benefit the youth traveling to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering. For more details, see the youth, Mr. Eric, Pastor Lisa or Intern Erica. Insurance will be available for \$20 a weekend to those wishing to protect themselves from "pinking." Sadly, apartments and condos cannot be pinked due to access issues.

Introducing our Intern, Erica Furman

I am a planner. I have at any given time 4 to 5 calendars at my disposal, all of which contain my entire day to day life. Complete with practical time frames so I would never be late and always prepared, my calendars have been my safety blankets for years. Without my organizers I feel lost and that nagging sensation in the back of my mind that makes me wonder if I'm forgetting something important. But as I began my almost 10 hour journey to Baltimore, I hadn't a single idea nor a calendar filled with the any of the things I would be doing. I consider it one of my gifts: being able to plan and organize, prioritize and break big projects down into practically tackled mini-projects. I struggle however, in going with the flow and trusting that things will fall into place. So to begin a journey strictly with the faith that St. Luke would teach and quickly fill my calendars was, to be honest, nerve-wracking and intimidating. Here I am, however, learning to trust God and his plans as I immerse myself in the culture and community of St. Luke, Baltimore. Before I reveal any more of my idiosyncrasies I'd like to offer my heartfelt thanks to each of you for welcoming me into your community. It has been a joy getting to meet each of you and I cannot wait to get to know all of you better!

I am from Asheville, North Carolina a beautiful city in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Just down the street is Lutheridge, an outdoor Christian camp. Although as a child I hated being a camper, Lutheridge quickly became one of my favorite places as I was given opportunities to work as a counselor for the past two

years. My childhood efforts to escape ice breakers and name games quickly became some of my favorite activities as I developed my leadership skills as a counselor. Lutheridge was one of the main places I developed my passion for ministry and where I became introduced to Project Connect.

One of my close friends was doing an immersion that summer and the church he was working at happened to be at Lutheridge one week and we






















began discussing the opportunities I could become quickly involved with through Project Connect: visiting seminaries for free, discernment retreats, and connections for hundreds of various opportunities further down the road. And of course, the idea of an immersion—a "test run" for pastoral life—seemed just the thing to determine whether or not I wanted to be a pastor. With all of these options in front of me and a quickly arriving semester in Italy, I jumped immediately on the possibility of immersing myself into a particular church. Though I hadn't planned where or what pastor, by September of 2007, I had two options: St Luke

Lutheran and a huge church just outside of Philadelphia whose website gave me the impression that there were 5 full time pastors and over 6,000 baptized members. My decision was quickly influenced by the pros of working in a smaller church. The idea of a "thriving ministry in the community" attracted my passion for mission and service and the smaller, more intimate size of St. Luke gave me hope for many new relationships and learning experiences. By the time I left for Italy, Pastor Lisa and I had been in communication for a few months and had solidified the decision to be an intern here at St. Luke.

With all the passions I have developed over the past few years led me to major in religious studies at Elon University—a small private university in the middle of North Carolina—and to seriously consider public ministry as a vocation for the future. This is how I find myself in the heat, humidity, baseball and crabs of Baltimore (none of which are fundamental in North Carolinian lifestyles!). For the next 10 weeks I will be shadowing Pastor Lisa to learn more about what it means to work in public ministry and hopefully discern my calling as a child of God. Although it is a vastly different culture from the Blue Ridge Mountains and sweet tea, I look toward the next few weeks with excitement and anticipation.

I would love the opportunity to learn more about the personalities of St. Luke, so please feel free to contact me at matthew28.20@hotmail.com or at 828.231.8952.

With love, Intern Erica Furman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12:30p Rainforest Café (see p. 3) 2:00p Whale of a Wed. (see p. 3) 5:30p Executive Council 8:00p NA	3 10a AA 2p Mom's Bible Study (see p. 3)	4 8p AA 	5 3:30p AWS Choir 5:00p Alternative Worship 6:30p AA 
6 9a Worship 10a Kaffe Klatch 11a Worship 7p Summer Sundays Youth Group (p.3) 8p NA Newsletter Deadline 	7 7:00p AA	8	9 12:30p Rainforest Café 2:00p Whale of a Wed. 5:30p Church Council 8:00p NA	10 10a AA 2p Mom's Bible Study	11 8p AA	12 3:30p AWS Choir 5:00p Alternative Worship 6:30p AA 
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20 10a Worship (only one service) 11a Special Congregational Meeting (see p.1) 7p Summer Sundays Youth Group 8p NA 	21 9a VBS (see p.5)  7p AA	22 9a VBS 	23 9a VBS  12:30p Rainforest Café 2:00p Whale of a Wed. 8:00p NA	24 9a VBS  10a AA 2p Mom's Bible Study	25 9a VBS  8p AA	26 3:30p AWS Choir 5:00p Alternative Worship 6:30p AA 
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Pray About Christian Education!

Our Mission is to learn about God and share the Good News of Jesus (see pg 1). What we do with youth and adults is **"Christian Education."** With our new worship schedule, we have been looking at a NEW plan for Christian Ed! Katy will bring to kids a new program for fall **"Bible Adventure 101"** —a new 9 am adventure in children's learning! There will be a Bible "station" and an Activity "station," which could be crafts, games, making a snack, etc. Katy needs two leaders and two assistants for each of the "stations" if we are to do this every week. Eric Haupt and Gayle Caprio have already signed up. **Join the fun! Be a leader!**

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Community Outreach at Woodhome Elementary!



Carol Conroy, who works

with St. Luke Community Outreach, has a new update. She is working with Intern Erica and the youth interns, Tasia and Vincent, to complete a mural at Woodhome Elementary. Imagine a white institutional wall of a cafeteria transformed in inspiration!

Every Wednesday 9-12 you are invited to help or stop by. We are painting the inspirational words of Maya Angelou with a picture.

There is an excerpt of poem, **"On the Pulse of the Morning,"** by Maya Angelou, we would like to share with you!

History, despite its wrenching pain,
Cannot be unlived, and
if faced
With courage, need not
be lived again...

The horizon leans forward,

Offering you space

To place new steps of
change

Here, on the pulse of
this fine day

Here, on the pulse of
this new day

You may have the grace
to look up and out

And into your sister's
eyes,

And into your brother's
face,

Your country,

And say simply,

Very simply

With hope—

Good
morning.



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