

God's Vision:  
To be a thriving ministry in the community.



# The Spirit of St. Luke

## Advent? What are we looking forward to?

by Pastor Lisa

We are already lighting advent candles given to us by Anna Grate's family!

Advent actually began November 29<sup>th</sup>. Advent is a four week season of preparation! **What** are we preparing for? **Who** are we preparing for? Advent reminds us to *look forward* to the coming of Christ! Some admit "looking forward is getting harder."

True, this economy is forcing many of us to "cut back" this year. Actually, it may be healthy for us to cut back on excessive presents at Christmas. Presents can detract us from the *real* Gift, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I know our own church budget will be cut back for 2010. I am thankful for the Council trying to "cut back" on our **spending**. And we know that it is hard for the congregation to increase **giving** when we are all stretched thin.

And yet we have so many presents as a church...this past year a variety of folks donated a variety of gifts: a laser color printer, a new Christ Candle, bricks for court-

yard, beds for a family, food for the pantry, coins for Sugete, coats for the homeless, pizza for J-club, paint for Woodhome School, \$4,000 in Lent for a new school for children with disabilities in Ethiopia and \$13,000 for our youth to go to New Orleans!

Wow! I believe it has been Christmas year round at St. Luke because generosity is contagious! I am convinced that **God's economy** is good. We have all the resources of God! We have you! We can be creative! Think big! Do not be discouraged! God is not finished yet! Look forward! Don't be afraid! The Gift has already been given! -PL

**Noel  
Celebration**  
Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>  
10 am  
St. Luke Choir brings you a  
Christmas Musical!

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Full Schedule of  
Christmas Celebration  
on the back of this  
newsletter!



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### WATCH FOR NEWS!

At this newsletter printing the Congregational meeting was still days away!

So Council elections for 2010 can not be reported in this newsletter.

Visit the back of the church for reports and updates!

Our mission.  
in a nutshell:

### SHARE!

...the Good News  
**EQUIP!**

...for ministry  
**ACCOMPLISH!**

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



EKD Bishop Kaessmann and ELCA Bishop Hanson

The Rev. Margot Kaessmann, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hannover for 9 years, was elected on Oct. 28, 2009 to chair the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD). Kaessmann, 51, is the first woman, and youngest person, to become the highest representative of 25 million German Protestants.

The EKD is the umbrella organization for 22 regional Lutheran, United and Reformed churches. It accounts for most of Germany's Protestant Christians.

The Rev. Ishmael Noko, General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), hailed Kaessmann's election. "The election sends a signal to the church worldwide that God calls us to leadership without consideration of gender, color or descent."

In September 2007 ELCA Bishop Hans on and former EKD Bishop Wolfgang Huber signed an agreement for mutual support that allows exchange of pastors, deacons and teachers.

## A Christmas Visitor to St. Luke

by Stacie Miller

A Polish Christmas custom requires that families set an extra place at the table. Should an unexpected visitor show up, instead of hearing "no room at the inn," they would be welcome to join the festivities.

For this Christmas, I am delighted to say that this extra table setting at my table – and at St. Luke's! – will be filled by a very special guest. I have gotten involved with a Christian organization called New Horizons for Children, Eastern which brings European orphans to the United States for Christmas and summer. This Christmas, I will be hosting Alina, a fourth-grader from Latvia who is currently living with a foster family and likes art, the color pink, and Scooby-Doo. Her big desire when she comes to the United States is to see a city. So not only will she have a chance to explore Baltimore, we'll also head to DC and NYC.

I cannot express the deep joy that I feel whenever I think about this. I have always had a heart for orphans, probably since my childhood when I read *Anne of Green Gables* and *Little Men*. To have such this opportunity to open my home to a child is a wonderful, humbling experience.

Yet one thing I am learning already, even before Alina's arrival, is that I am going to need **help** in order to make this truly the experience of a

lifetime for this young adventurer. If I tried this on my own, I would be very limited. I am thankful that being part of the St. Luke family means that I can make some needs known. I trust that as we share this adventure together, God will bless not only Alina's visit but all of us as we take part.



First, and foremost, I crave your prayers. As a single person, I have never had a child in my care for such a period of time, so this is a huge but exciting step out of my comfort zone. Please pray for Alina's safety in travel and for her health, that she will feel comfortable here. Please also pray that we are able to communicate and understand each other – she's only had one year of English, which means that her English is going to be far better than my Latvian!

And please pray for the preparations! Here is a preliminary list of things I need some help with – if you can help, please email

([stacie879195@msn.com](mailto:stacie879195@msn.com)).

† **Clothing.** The children arrive with essentially an empty suitcase. We are guessing that Alina wears a size 8-10. If you have children around that age and have any extra clothing to donate, that would be great.

† **DVDs and CDs** – that a 10-year old girl may enjoy.

† **Play dates** -- If you have kids around the same age, please consider what a wonderful and mutual cultural experience for them to hang out with Alina. And a game of Uno, Parcheesi, checkers, or dominoes does not require a mutual language!

† **See Giving Tree in Newsletter!** Take an ornament and attach the ornament to wrapped gift for under our church tree!

Thank you very, very much! And be on the lookout for a little girl with beautiful blue eyes in the pews in December!

See the Giving Tree ad on page 4

**Need Office Furniture? Free to good home!**

An L-Shaped Desk, 4 drawer file cabinets, book case. The only stipulation is that I need a little notice, to clear them out and they will need to be picked up. Con-

## Growing, Learning & Fun! December Happenings!

**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Prayer Meeting, 9am.** Home visitation and prayer chain updates. All welcome! See Doris Chlan for more information!



**Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> North Harford Road Community Association, General Meeting, 7:30pm,** Upper Fellowship Hall. Get involved with your community!

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's & Women's Christmas Luncheon, Noon.** At the Williamsburg Inn, 11131 Pulaski Highway, White Marsh, MD 21162. Deadline November 22nd



**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Council Celebration, 6pm,** at Pastor Lisa and Noel's house. For incoming and outgoing Church leaders and their families. White elephant and potluck! We are really thankful for all the people sharing in leadership!



**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Hanging of the Greens (and Reds!), 11am,** Volunteers needed to put up Christmas trees, wreaths and poinsettias. No experience necessary! The more people, the more fun and quickly done! Great spirit! Cookies & milk!



**Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> RoadTrip Registration Deadline!** See below for details. Contact Mr. Eric at [info@lutheranneighbor.org](mailto:info@lutheranneighbor.org).

**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Pizza with Santa, 10 am.** Join the North Harford Road Community Association for pizza, presents and crafts. RSVP to the Church Office or email [info@lutheranneighbor.org](mailto:info@lutheranneighbor.org).



**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Women of the ELCA, 10 am.** All women are invited to lunch and Bible Study! Contact Edie at [empavone@yahoo.com](mailto:empavone@yahoo.com).



## Coming Up in January

**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Festival of 12th Night, 6 pm,** at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 4301 Raspe Avenue. Epiphany invites us to celebrate with a Roast Pork dinner at 6 pm and Festival Communion Service at 7:30 pm, with Dr. John Nunes, a great speaker! **RSVP by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**— \$10 for adults - 410.485.1654 x101.

**Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> RoadTrip!** For High School youth. January 22-24th, 2010 at the [Clarion Resort Fountainebleau Hotel](#), Ocean City, MD.. Register by 12/13!



## Every Week at St. Luke

### Sunday

Christian Education  
9-9:45 am, downstairs classrooms  
**No Sunday School 12/20 & 27**

**Worship!!** Traditional  
10-11 am, Church  
Sun. Choir Rehearsal  
11 am, Music Room  
H.S. Youth Group  
7-8:30 pm, UFH  
Narcotics Anonymous  
8-9 pm, LFH

### Monday

Godspell  
2:30-4:30 pm, UFH  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
7-8 pm, LFH

### Tuesday

Bible Study  
10-11 am, ALC  
Tae Kwon Do  
6-8 pm, UFH  
Focus Mentoring  
7-9 pm, LFH

### Wednesday

Godspell  
2:30-4:30 pm, UFH  
J-Club  
5-6:30 pm, UFH  
Bible Study  
7 pm, ALC

### Thursday

Alcoholics Anonymous  
10-11 am, LFH  
Tae Kwon Do  
6-8 pm, UFH  
Focus Mentoring  
7-9 pm, LFH

### Friday

Alcoholics Anonymous  
8-9 pm, LFH

### Saturday

Sat. Choir Rehearsal  
3:30-4:45, Church  
**Worship!!** Healing & Praise  
5-6 pm, Church  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
8-9 pm, LFH

### Location Key:

UFH= Upper Fellowship Hall  
LFH = Lower Fellowship Hall  
ALC = Adult Learning Center



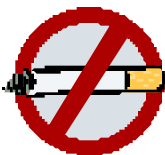
**Lutheran World Relief Gifts**

Items will be on sale in the back of the church. Great as stocking stuffers or that little something to include with a gift to charity!



**Bishop Jerry Knoche's retirement celebration**

was November 8<sup>th</sup> and 3 representatives from St. Luke attended. The Rev. Theodore Schneider participated in his first staff meeting as Interim Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod on Mon., Nov. 2. Learn more about the interim bishop, his duties, and the process for electing a new bishop January 15-16. Voting members from St. Luke included Carolyn Bauer.



In hopes of a healthier ministry to our community, the courtyard will become smoke free effective January 1. Signage will be posted. Smoking will be permitted only on public sidewalks around the Church.

**The Giving Tree**



For this year's tree we invite you to help collect gifts for orphans through New Horizons which help orphans in Eastern Europe that have little to nothing. Each ornament suggests a small item that can brighten a child's Christmas.

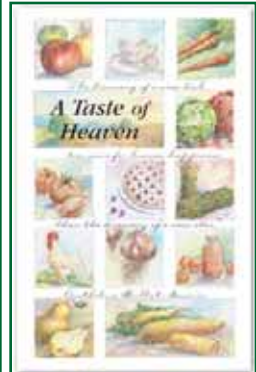
- Pick up a tag!
- Wrap gift with tag attached
- Bring back by December 24th

Thank you Stacie Miller for hosting Alina from Latvia December 13-January 13th and sharing this idea! Some of these gifts will be for Alina from St. Luke, including donations toward bringing her over! Sponsoring a child cost \$2600. Any monetary donation can be made to "St. Luke Church" memo line: Giving Tree.

- Girls slippers
- Girls socks
- Boy's slippers
- Boy's socks
- Brush + combs
- Toothbrushes
- Yarns
- Mittens/garf
- \$10 towards visa
- Apt. and gloves
- Dr. Seuss book
- Lip balm
- Uho game
- Headbands
- \$20 towards flight
- Baseball



**Looking for a Unique Gift this Christmas?**



St. Luke Cookbooks are available for \$12.50 each. In the St. Luke Library. Make checks payable to "St. Luke."

**Courtyard Year End Report**

\$131,323 Construction costs, management and planning  
 \$ 84,610 Gifts received to date  
 \$ 46,713 Funding remaining to be obtained

- St. Luke has submitted an ADA grant application with (Lutheran) Mission Investment for \$20,000, due to be decided December 2009. In the meanwhile, Council used savings to get the project going.
- St. Luke will request an additional \$20,000 from the Schnabel Trustee.
- Future brick sales can also help with costs!

**Recap of Gifts:**

- \$10,000 For construction manager, from Schnabel Trust
- \$12,870 For engineering drawings, site survey and structural design, from Schnabel Trust
- \$32,640 For construction, from Schnabel Trust
- \$10,000 Donation—Bauman bequest
- \$ 8,700 Donation—Brick purchases (174 bricks X \$50)
- \$ 8,000 From Schnabel Trust.
- \$ 2,400 For a 2<sup>nd</sup> dogwood tree, signage and plaque, from Minnie Kurrle's bequest



**Newsletter Editor Wanted**

Do you enjoy being creative with the computer? Like keeping up with the life of St. Luke? If so, being the newsletter editor might just be for you!

Articles are submitted to you electronically. You determine the layout, cut, paste and format the information. It takes 6-8 hours a month, 2 of which can be prior to the week articles are submitted.

Interested? If so, email news@lutheranneighbor.org, or call Lisa at 410.444.4829.

## Our Youth Make a Statement—and a Difference!



Zoë Benham, Vinny Cochran, Brendan Spencer, Richard Paugh, Michael B, Matthew Kokakas, Gwen Formwalt, Caitlin Benham, Nathan Formwalt, Jennifer Miller, Jennifer Youells, with adult leaders Eric Haupt, Laura Mottram, Pastor Lisa, and Lynn Pilachowski.

## The Quilting Group invites you!

To help make simple, warm quilts for **Lutheran World Relief**... and to enjoy fun, laughter and good food, too!! Contact Stephanie Youells (syouells@jhmi.edu) for the next quilting date!



Carol Orlando, Anne Mann, Stephanie Youells, and Sandy Gonder with the latest, beautiful quilt.

*Express Yourself!*  
**Youth & Young Adult  
 Oratory Contest**  
 Held at the People's Community Lutheran Church  
 Accepting Applicants from Elementary thru College  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize Winners!

2009 Local News Desk Baltimore, Maryland 31228  
 For more info call: 410-325-6290

## Our Lutheran Neighbors Are Having an Oratory Contest!

For youth and young adults, elementary school to college. Application Deadline applications is December 13<sup>th</sup>! Check out the Letter to Contestants in the 2009 Newsletter Archive at [LutheranNeighbor.org](http://LutheranNeighbor.org) or call 410.325.6290 for more information.

## Coming up: Spring Thursdays

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will be offering FREE support Groups for relatives of persons with mental illness. Do you have a relative with a severe mental illness such as

- Major depression
- Anxiety
- Schizophrenia
- Bipolar disorder

The group is run by a trained family leader. "The support groups made me realize I am not alone...I got ideas and useful suggestions. It helps!" says a participant. The 12 week course starts at St. Luke 3/18/2010.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Starting

The shawls are made for hospital patients. Thank you to Jim Small and Betty Gonder for donations of yarn!

From Jayne Ward:

Carol W, Anne Mann and I hope to get things rolling so we can meet one night a month at church starting in January. Several people are already working from home. Right now I have Sandy Gonder, Betty Gonder, Anne Mann, and myself.

I have created a booklet with some of the numerous patterns that are out there, and some prayers as well. I am going to put them with the donation basket in the lobby at church.

We are looking to make a batch for our shut-ins to share the warmth and love with them. Then we are looking at area hospitals. I would also like to include births in the church. There are prayers and patterns for newborns. Thank you so very much!

For more about the group contact [JWTeddy@Comcast.net](mailto:JWTeddy@Comcast.net).

## Fill Our Cart & Fill Yours!

Help us fill the cart 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.

And your cart? There's a brown envelope of



## Street Wise Cards?

Ever wonder what to do when you see a panhandler holding a sign: "HUNGRY and HOMELESS." Trust the Holy Spirit and share a street card! This business card has the top 3 resources listed for men, women and children! Pick up several for your car or purse.



## Tae Kwon Do Classes

Call Mr. Mike Carroll  
410.746.5711.  
Children: 6-7 pm;  
Adults: 7-8 pm.

## Teachers Needed in Slovakia!

Teach in a bilingual junior/senior high school August 2010 to June 2011. Primary need is for English teachers, plus other subjects (science, math, geography, etc.) on a limited basis. B.A. required. Relevant degree or some teaching experience preferred. Contact [Sonya.Lindquist@elca.org](mailto:Sonya.Lindquist@elca.org) to apply.

## St. Luke Mail Bag, Thank Yous and Family News

### Letters

#### From Candy Provenzano-

Pastor Lisa, The pictures are awesome. Brandon really loved FreeRide.

#### From Yi Fang-

(New neighbor to St. Luke, originally from China)

Pastor Lisa, This is Yi. Sorry for that I missed so much time staying together for study the Bible, although I have been always reading it when I was laying in the hospital.

The wounded place of my left hand and left arm got severe infection after the surgery so I was forced to go back to the suburban hospital and stay there for almost two weeks.

It is really painful experience in my life. However the things are getting better soon. The deadly infection is disappearing and my left arm can move a little bit.

Thank you so so much for the altar flowers and best wishes. I will come back with you soon. Please express my warmest thanks to everyone for me. My heart is always with you!

#### [Note: Yi joined by baptism!]

#### From Carolyn Bochau-

Lisa, Sometimes I have not gotten the newsletter until the 2nd or 3rd day of the month so, therefore, I have missed the birthday date to send their card. If you would include the... birthdays that are within the first

five days of the [next month] please, it would give me a chance to get their birthday card to them.

[Editor: Your wish is our command, Carolyn! Thanks for the good suggestion! ☺]

#### From Michelle Simpkins-

Hi Pastor Lisa. Kyle is doing just fine and I hope that we are out of the woods. No one had gotten sick. We would like to thank you and the church for every prayer and everything that you and the church had done for us this year, we really appreciated everything. It can only get better from here.

## Thank You...

#### To our LockOut youth and sponsors!

Thank you Youth that did the annual Lockout on November 7th.

Youth 18 and under: Zoë Benham, Vinny Cochran, Brendan Spencer, Richard Paugh, Michael Smith, Matthew Kokakas, Gwen Formwalt, Caitlin Benham, Nathan Formwalt, Jennifer Miller, Patrick Youells  
Adult Leaders: Eric Haupt, Laura Mottram, Pastor Lisa, and Lynn Pilachowski.

We had numerous donations anonymously of coats, mittens, scarves and blankets. Thank you Frank Mann for fence set up/clean up and Joe Benham for firewood; food donations from Joe, Art, Carolyn, Jerry, Sandy, Sharon, Anne, and Noel. The youth would like to thank all those who spon-

sored them on the sign up sheet.

Sponsors: Joe Benham, Bo Cochran, Joe & Carol Spencer, Wayne & Doris Chlan, Barbara Schwarz, Jackie Mongan, Anne Mann, Carolyn Bauer, Pat Miller, Steve Mentzer, Stephanie Youells, Sandy & Jerry Miller, Linda Arrington, Elfriede Ashton, Norm Houck, Dennis & Georgeann Sherman, Sharon Benham, and Jim Lightner

#### To Bruce Amrein!

Bruce replaced the worn out mechanical computer mice with new optical mice-- at all PCs and updated anti-virus software on all PCs, and installed several Windows updates on all PCs. Bruce also cleaned out many temporary files which should cause the PCs to operate faster. Yeah! The Holy Spirit is moving faster and safer through our mousing ministry!

And Bruce wasn't done! He upgraded the secretary's computer to one donated by Vigilantes. Bruce also has updated our Web page every month and Music Camp too! And he installed a replacement amplifier on the delay loudspeakers: "This will solve an intermittent problem I've been fighting for quite some time. This should provide reliable high-quality sound to those who sit in the rear."

#### To Vigilante's!

For the donated computer

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## St. Luke Mail Bag and Family News (continued from p. 4)

and for a delicious Congregational Meeting Lunch! Jeff you make food generous, delicious and delightful!

### To the Finance Team!

Thank you Kathy Egner, Pat Houck, Norm Houck, John Welker, Lisa Kleinwort for great team work!

### To everyone who attended the Annual Congregational Meeting

At this printing and mailing the meeting had not occurred! But watch for information on the weekly announcement sheet (which you can always get from the web page). Reports on ministry still available in the back of the church.

### To all outgoing servants on Council 2008-2009 term

- **Joe Benham**, Community Ministry
- **Katy Lightner**, Christian Education
- **Stephanie Youells**, Secretary
- **Paul Cox**, Controller
- **Inca Cox**, Stewardship
- **Don Mathews**, Property
- **Gayle Caprio**, Fellowship
- **Jim Lightner**, Evangelism
- **Sandy Gonder**, Worship and Music
- **John Welker and Paulette Guion**, Treasurer
- **George Boelner**, Vice President

## Family News

Born on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, a little boy! **Jack Ryan Gercitano!** Proud parents—Karyn and John; Proud grandmother—**Beverly Dobson**

**Brody Parker Phillips** was born on 11/13/09 at 4:36 am. Grandparents **John & Lynn Zacharko** report: Remember he is early -the original due date was 12/25/09. He weighed in 6 lbs., 7 oz - 20 inches long. WOW, I think he ran out of room, his mom is 5' 1"! He has 10 long fingers and 10 toes, He is in an incubator with lights and lots of wires. He looks big com-

pared to the other preemies - well, he is! He has a full head of dark hair. Parents Danielle was terrific and Rocky didn't hit the floor. It was beautiful to see him being born. He is precious!

Congrats to **Kristin and Scott Taylor's** friends Sara and Steve having twins born November 15th!



### HUBERS celebrate 50th anniversary

Cleave and Carol Huber, of Jarrettsville, celebrated their 50th anniversary Oct. 17. Family and friends joined them at the Geneva Farm Golf Club Oct. 18. They were married at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church on Harford Road in Parkville. Linda Krause-Brown was maid of honor and the late Bill Huber was best man. Their children are Darryl Huber, and his wife Nancy, of Wilmington, Del., and Debbie Coleianne, and her husband Dale, of Jarrettsville. They have three grandchildren, Nick Coleianne, Jack and Ben Huber. Cleave is retired from the City of Baltimore and a retired Master Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force. Carol is employed by Kenwood Bingo.



St. Luke had a table at HARBEL's community fundraiser! Thank you Lisa Daniels, Pastor Lisa, Carol and Bill Weichseldorfer, Jim Lightner, Carol and John Orlando, Matthew Orlando, Jessica and Matthew Orlando.



## Care & Prayer

We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.

-1 Thessalonians 1:2

The early church celebrated its community and kept each other in prayer. Keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your thoughts and prayers on their special day!

- 12/02 Paula Reeder
- 12/07 Isabelle Phillips
- 12/09 James Jordan, III
- 12/09 Nan Brittingham
- 12/10 Vincent Cochran
- 12/10 Jay Smith
- 12/13 Noel White
- 12/13 Jess Mathews
- 12/15 Jack Jansen
- 12/15 Bill Fliegel
- 12/16 Susan Rogers
- 12/17 Chris Sherman, Sr.
- 12/18 Mandi Miller
- 12/20 Jack Merriken
- 12/21 Brian DeBord
- 12/23 Dana Williams
- 12/25 Donna DeBord
- 12/27 Don Mathews
- 12/30 Adam Zimmerman
- 12/31 Cody Yeager

Coming up early next month:

- 01/01 Bob Davis
- 01/02 Cassidy Smith
- 01/03 Larissa Rotniskaya
- 01/05 Michelle Simpkins
- 01/06 Mitchell Most
- 01/06 Lindsay Most
- 01/07 Kevin Canavan

If your December birthday is missing, just let us know! We'll update the records, ASAP!

## Weekly Email?

Do you get the weekly email? Want the newsletter in your inbox? Let us know! Email...[info@lutheranncjebor.org](mailto:info@lutheranncjebor.org)!





## Office Hours

The church office is closed on Fridays and Dec. 7-11 & 24-28.

Karen Goodrich will be in the Church Office Monday to Thursday, generally from 9:30 am to 2 pm.

Friday is also Pastor Lisa's day off. For emergencies, please call Pastor Lisa's cell phone 443.257.5488.



## Newsletter

The January edition deadline is Dec. 6th.

The newsletter is YOUR publication. Family news, thoughts, and opinions are all welcome! Send your submissions to [news@lutheranNeighbor.org](mailto:news@lutheranNeighbor.org).



## Birthdays of Our Shut-Ins

12/15 Jack Jansen  
2513 Creighton Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21234

12-24 Edna Melzer  
Good Samaritan Nursing Center, Room 417  
1601 E. Belvedere Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21239

## Updates Continue for Our Thriving Kitchen

Gayle Caprio has graciously consented to be St. Luke's first Kitchen Coordinator and will serve in that capacity for 2009 and 2010. This position will be helping St. Luke not only to streamline scheduling in the kitchen, but to help St. Luke stay compliant with food preparation requirements.

### Kitchen Coordinator Job Description

as of December 1, 2009

**Purpose:** To coordinate the use of the kitchen in the Upper Fellowship Hall so there is no overlap in activities and to make sure the kitchen is up to standards for any and all inspections.

1. Those who want to use the kitchen should talk, call or email the Kitchen Coordinator to let him/her know when the kitchen is needed. Please include preparation days.

2. The Kitchen Coordinator will then coordinate with the Church Secretary to check the master calendar to make sure no overlaps are occurring and to mark this date for the user of the kitchen.

3. The Kitchen Coordinator will also make sure a Certified Kitchen Person is available to be on hand for this event.

4. If calendars are cleared, everyone can go ahead with plans. Hopefully, all this will take just a couple of days.

5. Before and after the event, the Kitchen Coordinator will make sure the kitchen is up to standards and code, so if a surprise inspection happens St. Luke will be ready.

### St. Luke Food Preparation and Kitchen Policy Update for 2010

Our Kitchen is approved by the Baltimore City Health Department. Our Kitchen Coordinator is Gayle Caprio.

We are now learning how to be healthy and "legal." There are various rules and regulations issued by city, state and federal government, these guidelines must be enforced in order to continue to have our permit.

Baltimore City has made it clear that Churches that have kitchens must have a Food Permit in order to be open. Inspections by the City can be done randomly and they are doing this aggressively, therefore, it is very important that we abide by their rules. There are many, here are a few...

Whenever the kitchen is being used for any type of food preparation:

√ There must be a Certified Food Manager present. Currently Gayle Caprio and Carol Conroy have this certification.

√ All food safety rules and general sanitation practices outlined by Safe Serve must be exercised. This includes but is not limited to food purchasing, storage, preparation, holding and serving - all being done in certain ways and at specific temperatures.

√ Food leaving the premises: Left over food can leave the premises as long as it is properly labeled with cooling times and proper storage and reheating information.

√ Bake Sales - Baked on premises and kept refrigerated.



ated. It also needs to be labeled with ingredients. Cakes with no eggs and milk are the best, and don't have to be refrigerated.

√ Cookie Swap - permitted if cooked on premises and properly stored.

√ Food prepared off premises may be brought in for sale or consumption as long as it was prepared by a licensed food provider (i.e. bakery, caterer, store).

Note: Fellowship refreshments in the back of the church should consist of bought items.

√ Whenever a menu is planned for an event, the Food Manager must have an HACCP plan prepared showing how each food item will be processed from purchasing, storing, preparation etc. This plan is to be added to a ready prepared plans and kept in our "Blue Book" which is in the kitchen.

√ There are other numerous rules and practices. If anyone has questions, you may contact the coordinator via e-mail - [info@LutheranNeighbor.org](mailto:info@LutheranNeighbor.org)

St. Luke currently has a "Certificate of Occupancy"; a "Permit/License - Church Kitchen" and a "Fire Prevention Permit." Additionally, two members, Gayle Caprio and Carol Conroy, have "Food Service Certifications."

## Welcome New Members!

### David & Kathleen Engel

David and “Kay” both grew up in Baltimore. Kay grew up in Gardenville and attended St. Anthony’s Church. Dave grew up at Immanuel Lutheran when it was at Caroline and Oliver Streets then Loch Raven Blvd. His father was Sunday School Superintendent. Dave attended the Lutheran School. Dave and Kay were married at Immanuel. Kay is a retired nurse and Dave is self employed CPA. They enjoy life in Rehoboth and attend Church of Our Savior when there. One of the reasons Dave started coming to St. Luke because of the late Carroll Howard.

### Karen Hofmann

Karen grew up in Parkville and confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church although she was baptized at Faith Lutheran. Then she met Mark Hofmann Sr. of St. Luke and they married September 26, 2008 at St. Luke! So we have been spoiled getting Karen too! Karen works in the offices of PPS Information Systems Staffing. Karen has two adult children, Kimberly and Steven. She and Mark renovated their house and enjoy time with family and friends.

### Catherine Igo & Maureen Healy (Noah age 12 and Devon age 6)

Cathy was born in NJ and

named for her great grandmother and grandmother. She has lived in Maryland since 1993. She is a nurse practitioner which is not easy in a nursing home. Maureen grew up in Baltimore with 4 brothers. She attended St. Michael’s Overlea School where she was also baptized. She is a happy Irish homemaker raising boys and grandchildren day to day! Noah and Devon go to City Neighbors Charter School. Devon is in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Noah is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Cathy and Maureen and their family came to St. Luke thanks to Carol Orlando!

Also **Yi Fang** (see page 6)

## We Welcome Year-end Contributions!

Many people don’t realize the date of the check is **NOT** the determining date for their contribution. Sometimes people will date a check December 31, even though they wrote it on January 1, thinking that the date is what counts.

**One of two dates is the one that counts: either the date on which the church receives the check or the date a check is post-marked when mailed.**

If a member writes a check on December 30, but does not bring it to the church until January 2, the donation has not been made until January 2 and will be recorded in the new year.

If a member writes a check on December 30, but puts it in the mailbox after the last pickup on December 31 and therefore it gets postmarked January 1, the donation is recorded in the new year.

*From Richard H. Goodlin (pastor at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Baltimore, and tax preparer for Jackson-Hewitt)*

## Remember Those in Harm’s Way

As we celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace, let’s reach out to those in harm’s way. Our men and women overseas appreciate knowing they are not forgotten. Take a moment to show you care. Visit <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/help.shtml> or [www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com) And always, pray for peace.

## Fall Festival Thanks...



The Fellowship Committee would like to thank all who helped with the Fall Festival on October 17th. This event could not have happened without your participation. You are truly God’s gifts! We would also like to thank the vendors for participation in the Fall Festival Craft Show. These vendors generously donated their time and talent:

- Karen Bowlin—a variety of craft items (some from recyclables)
- Carmilla Burns—Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Will Elison—plants
- Judy Fields/Lynn Nolan—handmade jewelry.
- Darleen Gizar—Tastefully Simple
- Valerie Hamilton—angels, ceramics, candles, flower arrangements and more
- Cynthia McQuay—Avon Products
- Kim Mason—Pampered Chef
- Lindsay Most—handmade Jewelry
- Carol Orlando—Generations—Interiors Made Custom
- Dr. Jamie Roeder—Chiropractic Wellness Center
- Christine Slaughter—Tastefully Simple
- Kimberly Stephens—Mary Kay Cosmetics
- Jeneen Stewart—candy bouquets and edible fruit arrangements
- The women of WELCA—flea market
- Stephanie Y ouells—Lutheran World Relief fair trade crafts and food

## Christmas Crab Cakes?

Jo Ann Nuetzel from Parkville sent in a recipe to the Sun, reported to have come from the owner of Angelina’s, the late Robert Reilly. Since Angelina’s has been sold (a couple of times now), might we want to make this the St. Luke official crab cake recipe?

- 1 lb lump crab meat
- 1 cup crumbs, made from fresh bread
- ½ cup milk
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons fresh chopped parsley
- 2 teaspoons minced onions (Optional)
- ½ teaspoon salt



- ¼ teaspoon ground white pepper
- Flour for dusting
- Butter or vegetable oil for frying

- Place crab meat in large bowl. Cover with bread crumbs. Moisten with milk.
  - Combine egg with mayonnaise in bowl. Add baking powder, parsley, onion, salt, and pepper.
  - Pour over crab mixture. Toss gently until well mixed. Form cakes. Refrigerate for 1 hour.
  - Dust cakes lightly with flour. Heat butter or oil in pan until hot. Fry until golden. Drain on paper towel and serve!

**Usher  
Schedule**

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

**December**

- Bo Cochran
- Aaron Egner
- Zach Egner
- Wayne Chlan

**January**

- Jack Walters
- Janice Walters
- Fred Hobine
- Ruth Hobine

**Assisting  
Ministers**

**December**

- David Orlando
- Teresa Lusco



**Altar Flowers**

Call the Church Office to sponsor! \$17.00 per vase. Sponsor needed for 12/6.



Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Chris Polley, and Joan Whitlock.

**Celebrate Christmas!!**



**Saturday, December 19th – Children’s Christmas**

5:00 pm, Presented at the Alternative Worship Service

**Sunday, December 20th –Choir Cantata**

10 am, Traditional Worship and Choir Cantata

**Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm, Candlelight Service

Contemporary Worship with Holy Communion.

10:00 pm, Candlelight Service

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion.

Special music starts 9:30 pm



**Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day**

10:00 am, Family Christmas Worship

Show your family that the reason for the season comes first! Join with your church family on Christmas morning, parents and kids, to greet the Christchild!



**Saturday, December 26th – Healing Service**

5:00 pm, Contemporary Worship

**Sunday, December 27th**

10 am, Festive Worship

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