

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

The Spirit of St. Luke



May is a wonderful month for celebrating the Holy Spirit!

by Pastor Lisa



Wayne and Doris Chlan celebrate their 50th anniversary this month! Doris and Wayne have touched so many of us with their ministry. Full of the Holy Spirit, together they send us cards, make visits, invite us to lunches, coordinate ushers...and so many woodworking projects over the years! Wayne and Doris have helped us spiritually in so many ways! Please thank God for them!

Did you know renewing vows, is a renewing of the promises for marriage? The Chlan's convinced the Egner's to celebrate the renewal of vows with them in worship May 9th. Kathy and Dennis Egner celebrate their anniversary in May, too- their 25th anniversary! I also found out new members Debbie and Dale Coleianne celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in May, too! This idea of renewing vows in worship was most recently inspired by Walt and Marie Lemmon for their 50th in 2009. Don and Terri Mathews also had a renewal of vows at St. Luke. Anyone can celebrate the renewal of vows in worship or a private ceremony! It is a wonderful gift to share with the family of faith any anniversary year!

We also have Eric Haupt and Laura Mottram getting married at the end of May! (They only have 50 more years to go to catch up with the Chlan's!) They have several good teachers at St. Luke to teach them about being partners in ministry, worshipping together, having a sense of humor and being open to the Holy Spirit while committed to one another at the same time! Eric and Laura are also moving to Gettysburg in the fall. Laura will start seminary and Eric will be right behind her, but will first, commute to finish his degree at Morgan State University (where Lutheran Campus Ministry is really taking off, too!). Both Eric and Laura have graciously agreed to continue Sunday night Youth Group in the fall at St. Luke. That is a huge commitment. It will be good for us to give thanks for their ministry together! Eric has been teaching Sunday School, leading J-Club on Wednesdays and serving on Council. We will need to look for Eric's successor in many ways!

May is a wonderful month to let the spirit move YOU to take a new step! With Mother's Day and Spring moving in, there is a spirit of new life! Pentecost is May 23rd and everyone is invited to wear red that day! Red is the color for fire and rebirth! Red is also the color for Red Cross blood drive! Thank you Anne Mann for all your hard work and patience in this effort to be a thriving ministry in the community. We are truly blessed!

May 2010



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Ministries Needing Leaders

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**Our mission.
in a nutshell:**

SHARE!

...the Good News

EQUIP!

...for ministry

ACCOMPLISH!

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



April 21st was Secretary Appreciation Day! **Karen Goodrich** has served St. Luke church for over 13 1/2 years! St. Luke took her to lunch at Silver Mining Company! Please thank Karen for all that she does: bulletins, mail, phones, emails, letters, proofing, praying, filing, copyright and so much more!



Weekly Email?

Do you get the weekly email? Want the newsletter in your inbox? Email info<at>LutheranNeighbor.org!



2010 Church Directories

are available in the back of the church.

Welcome New Members!

Debra Dabrasky (Justin and Dylan Dabrasky)

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Debbie is back! Debbie and her family moved to South Carolina and transferred to a St. Luke down south! Debbie and her family survived the unexpected loss of her mother who moved with them. God helped her family to survive and move back to Baltimore! The house sold and after two moves, they are ready for a break! Dylan is back with his class at Pine Grove Middle School and Justin is a freshman starting school at CCBC. Debbie is a project manager for Motorola and sometimes travels to far off lands! Dylan has been in Hip Hop Music Camp and is on the worship leader's team at St. Luke. Justin was baptized at Prince of Peace, works and stands tall next to his mom in worship!



Debbie Coleianne

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Baptized at St. Luke by Pastor Popp, Deborah Carol Coleianne who goes by "Debbie" is the daughter of Carol and Cleave Huber! She was confirmed at Salem Lutheran Church, Jarrettsville. She is married to Dale (they were married at St. Luke in 1985) and works at Grotech Ventures in the Financial Department. They have one son, age 18 - Nicholas "Nick" Allan Coleianne who was baptized at St. Luke by Pastor Kelley. Her favorite hymn is "How Great Thou Art" and Psalm 23!

Cleave and Carol Huber

1508 Jarrettsville, MD 21084 (410.557.7523)

Cleave was baptized at Church of the Ascension and Prince of Peace Church. Carol was baptized at Holy Comforter and confirmed at St. Luke! Carol's family was very active at St. Luke. Carol and Cleave were married 50 years ago at St. Luke church in what is now the Upper Fellowship Hall! Cleave and Carol were supportive of youth ministry and even installed the basketball board that is still in the Upper Fellowship Hall today! They remember shows and dinners at St. Luke. Moving to Jarrettsville years ago was an unexpected surprise move and it has been home ever since. They make the commute because of their roots in faith and family. Carol's sister is Linda Brown and her aunt is Mildred Tall. They have all been pulling together after the loss of Harry, Mildred's son. Thank you God for faith and family holding on in the resurrection and the life!

Will Ellison

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Will has two pets: a Dalmation dog named Sophie and a cat named Salvation. Will has been attending St. Luke more and more over the past year. Will is not afraid to sit in a front pew and not afraid to ask questions (very Lutheran!). Will plays several musical instruments and plays for nursing homes, coffee houses and open mic events. He is part of the Hamilton Arts Council and has been most interested in Fellowship and Community ministry. Last year he blessed us with new plants! Will is a very open and outgoing person with circles of friends! Ask him about opportunities to be a thriving ministry in the community!

Growing, Learning & Fun! May Happenings!

May 1st Après Church at Clementine, 6:30 pm. 5402 Harford Road— fellowship at one of Baltimore’s Top 50 eateries!



May 3rd Prayer Meeting at 9am for visitation and prayer chain all invited!

May 4th Tuesday Finance Committee Meeting. 6:30 pm in Upper Room.

May 11th Council Meeting

May 9th Mother’s Day Sunday 10am - carnations to honor all Mom’s.

May 15th Basket Bingo/Vera Bradley - starting at 7pm doors open at 6pm

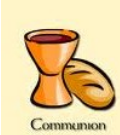
May 22nd St Luke’s 4th Annual Blood Drive from 11am to 4pm

Coming Up in June

June 10-12th Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly in Gettysburg



First Communion Celebration April 1, 2010. (from left to right) Pastor Lisa, Violet, Summer, Lydia, Luke, Shawn, Sam, Krystalynne



Godspell 2010 is for 3rd -6th grade: Top Row: Tavian, Laura, Cheyenne, Nathan, Ms. Lynn Bottom Row: Olivia, Kyla, Abby, Courtney

Every Week at St. Luke

- Sunday
 - Christian Education 9-9:45 am, downstairs classrooms
 - 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
 - NO MEETING ON MAY 11th**
 - 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
- 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



Project Connect Summer 2010



Project Connect is an East Coast movement to raise up Young Adults 18-30 for public ministry. Project Connect pays the stipend for the immersion student for 10 weeks. The congregational Council approved and we will provide housing for the student. Noel and I are able to host the student in our home. We have had in the past very positive young adults participate such as Erica Furman and John Were.

This summer, we have the opportunity to welcome **Samantha "Sami" Wertz**. Sami is a junior at Grove City College, a private Christian College in PA, and expects to graduate early! She is originally from north of Philadelphia. She is majoring in Biblical theology and pre-seminary. She is most interested in Bible Study and Worship immersion! Welcome Sami at the end of May!

Caring and Service at St. Luke

Our prayers and sympathy

go to the family of John "Punkey" Foard, Joan Nizer Terrie Stilling, and Ethel Federer



Birthdays of our Shut-Ins

- 5-7 **Evelyn Appell**
8810 Walther Blvd #3202
Baltimore, MD 21234
- 5-7 **Mr. Roy Peterson**
Maryland Masonic Home
300 International Cr., Apt. 104
Cockeysville, MD 21030
- 5-21 **Mrs. Ethel Federer**
Augsburg Lutheran Home
Nursing Home 120 B
6811 Campfield Road

- 5-21 **Mrs. Ruth Geis**
8820 Walther Blvd., Apt. 203
Baltimore, MD 21234-9042
- 5-23 **Mrs. Elizabeth Pack**
Calvert Manor Health Care
1881 Telegraph Rd.
Rising Sun, MD 21911
- 5-26 **Mrs. Mary Beck**
3 Fork Springs Court
Baldwin, MD 21013-9311
- 5-27 **Ms. Bertie Church**
8606 David Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21234-4221



Office Hours

The Office is closed on Friday. Karen Goodrich is generally in the Church Office Monday to Thursday, 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.

Usher Schedule and reminder

USHER REMINDER: When you take the attendance count each week, please record it in the book. Someone from each team should be assigned to do this.

Usher Schedule

May 2010

George Boellner, Lucy Boellner, Rosalie Most and Mitchell Most

June 2010

Bo Cochran, Aaron Egner, Zach Egner and Stacie Miller



Men and Women's Luncheons—There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church for two weekends before the luncheon.

Altar Flowers

Call the church office to get the date you would like. Flowers are \$17 per vase.

Council News from - 04/13/10

A motion was made for the record that Lutheran credit cards be given to Pastor Lisa, Norm Houck, Luke Andrzejewski, and Karen Goodrich. Each card would have a specific dollar limit attached to it. The motion was approved by the Council.

Steve Mentzer contacted both the University of Maryland and Morgan State University to inquire about their engineering students assisting with a feasibility study for constructing solar panels on the roof of the Church when it has to be replaced. The study would be a part of the project work required for the Engineering programs. Both universities require a written proposal for evaluation by the heads of the Engineering Departments. Steve Mentzer will complete the proposal. This is only an investigational phase since no decisions have been made about a new roof.

The goals and objectives established for 2009 and 2010 were discussed in order to determine if changes needed to be made. It was agreed that each Church Committee should discuss the specific goals and objectives related to their particular work and activities. The Committees are requested to then identify and create at least one measurable goal for their respective committees. These recommendations should then be sent back to the Council by May 4th.

Activities that need to be put on the Church calendar need to be directed to Karen Goodrich since she keeps the master calendar and can determine if conflicts are occurring.

Steve Mentzer reminded Council members that the ELCA sponsors Town Hall meetings on-line usually on Sunday evenings.

Flaws were noticed in the new railings that were constructed as part of the courtyard renovations. This is being addressed with the contractor in order to have the railings be of equal quality to the other aspects of the work completed.

There will be no summer intern program for high school students this summer, but there will be one college intern working with St. Luke. St. Luke will be the host church, and Project Connect will provide the stipend to the student.

The Council approved a motion to give Bruce Amrein authority to select, purchase and install a new screen system in the sanctuary for projecting information during the services. The cost would not exceed \$4000. Money was given to the Church for this project by Minnie Kurrle.

Eric Haupt reported that he, Laura Mottram, and Patrick Youells will be attending a youth conference in Harrisburg.



Basket Bingo

at St. Luke Lutheran Church
7001 Harford Road
Baltimore, MD 21234
410.444.5171

Saturday May 15th 2010

Time: 7 pm (Doors will open at 6 pm)

Tickets: \$15 in advance
and \$20 at the door.

Benefit: For the Benefit of New Chairs for
Upper Fellowship Hall

If you are interested in sponsoring, co-sponsoring filling and or donation, please see either *Gayle Caprio, Stephanie Youells, Sandy Gonder or Carol Orlando.*

We hope that as many of you can attend as possible. Please be mindful to get your tickets early, because we have sold out in the past. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

--Fundraising Committee for Restoration at St. Luke

May 9th Mother's Day Celebration

Invite someone! All people
receive carnations in honor
or memory of our mothers!



Letters to St. Luke:

Dear St. Luke, Great to see the progress on St Luke courtyard! Say hi to everyone at St Luke from all of us! Please give my regards to the Tuesday Bible study. I miss you all! I also sent you an email in August about the shepherd consecration. It happened! Lalaina Rakotoson (used to live on Harford Road and now lives in Madagascar)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Luke,

[We had] a baby shower for BREATH of GOD Lutheran Church, which was “born” on Easter Sunday. BREATH of GOD is a brand new neighborhood congregation, diverse and welcoming and active.

The proud parent congregation is St. Paul Lutheran Church, which has served faithfully in Southeast Baltimore since 1900. At the tender age of 110 they are proud to give birth to this new daughter congregation. They invite you all to join in celebrating the BREATH of GOD with them.

Please hold us in prayer, and yes, “baby” churches need plenty of things to get moving and growing. So we invite you to check out our needs list online breathofgodlc.org. Thank you for your prayers, love and mission support. –Mark Parker, Pastor

Dear St. Luke,

"St. Peter's Christian Day School, an educational ministry of St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Fullerton), is now accepting registration for Fall 2010. Openings are available in grades Pre-K through 5. Please call (410) 665-4521 for information." Carole Hengen, Principal

Dear St. Luke,

Many thanks for your donation of \$50 on behalf of St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church. As you well know, HARBEL is facing challenging times at present and maintaining our operations is becoming more difficult. Our fund-raising campaigns are geared toward raising money for operating costs, that is, keeping the lights on, buying routine supplies, maintenance, etc. This type of funding is very difficult to secure from government or foundations sources. Hence, we rely on our community supporters for this important item.

Your dedication and commitment to bettering our neighborhoods is to be applauded and is very much appreciated by all of us at HARBEL.

Again, thank you very much for your donation and all you are doing to strengthen the communities of North-east Baltimore.

NAOMI BENYOWITZ

Executive Director, HARBEL Community Organization, Inc. 5807 Harford Rd. Baltimore, MD 21214 : 410-444-2100

03/14/2010 Rev. Mark Dill who was baptized and raised at St. Luke has resigned at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cumberland after he and the congregation became divided over ELCA decisions. "In January, I made my decision that I was not going to continue to be a pastor in the ELCA." Many members of St. John are with Pastor Mark in this departure as a Lutheran CORE church called Living Word is getting off the ground. "I met with the leadership at Living Word and signed a contract to be their pastor ¼ time – in other words, I preach, visit the homebound and shut-ins (of which there is only 1), and do hospital calls if and when needed. I guess I'll be looking for another part-time job (tent-making ministry) until they are in a position to call me full-time (which they would like to do) or until I discern that God is calling me to go in another direction. So, your concern and prayers are greatly appreciated in this very difficult time of transition. Thanks, Mark"

You can send Pastor Mark a prayer or blessing via: 11016 Toddmoore Dr., NW, LaVale, MD 21502-4909
301/777-0000 pastormarkdill@verizon.net

St. Luke Congratulations:

Congratulations to Steve Amrein and Christina on the birth of **Zachary Steven Amrein** born March 18, 2010. Proud grandparents are Bruce and Gail Amrein.

Congratulations Beverly Dobson, President of Neurofibromatosis Inc, Mid -Atlantic on the new chapter address: 3600 Clipper Mill Road; Suite 240; Baltimore, MD 21211 (433.423.0535). This is a move from near D.C. closer to Baltimore indeed!

St. Luke Thank Yous

Thank you from Augsburg Lutheran Home and Village

We collected \$1517.18 as of 4/6/2010! What a marvelous change the bread and the envelopes make! "Bless you, all the members of your congregation and the residents of Augsburg! Your care and concern are a tremendous blessing to us all! Clare Workneh, Augsburg

Thank you, Pastor Lisa, Church Members and Friends,
I would like to thank God for my miracle that took place when I had my severe fall on black ice.
I would like to say thank you all for your prayers said for me on the Prayer Chain and in church.
Most sincerely and Christian Love – **Carolyn Bochau**

Thank you

St. Luke, Thank you for the use of your church for our meetings. We are very grateful. **A.A. and N.A. Groups.**

Thank you **Wayne Chlan** for new recycling bin in lobby narthex!

Thank you **Norm Houck** for changing the sanctuary light bulbs!

Thank you **Calvert Schlick** of New York state for a gift to Congregational Benevolence in memory of his brother, Richard Schlick.

Thank you **Dennis Egner** for taking new member photos this year!

Thank you **Tim Caprio** and gang for hosting Young Adults in March and **Stephanie Hoer** for hosting in April! Who is on our young adult list? Please send us a name if missing! Laura Mottram, Andrew Knight; Anna Youells; Bo Cochran; Cathy Savoie; Charles and Lisa Gaff; David Orlando; Eric Haupt; Hannah Jones; Jess Mathews; Jessica Lemmon; Jessica Orlando; John Were; Katie Maul; Katy Lightner; Kirsten Lindholm; Laura Mottram; Mark Fisher; Matthew Orlando; Melissa Sherman; Pat Youells; Ron Nies Jr; Stephanie Hoer; Steve Amrein; and Tim Caprio!

Thank you **Karen Goodrich** and **Lisa Kleinwort** for helping us with congregational finance report for the synod and ELCA. That is how we have our stats listed on ELCA.org and how we get a picture of the national church by counting each local congregation's member and giving. Lisa has done an amazing job again!

Dear Pastor Lisa THANKS for your message at service yesterday. You inspired Tessa yesterday and her friend Maggie. They went around the neighborhood with a red wagon and collected over 120 cans of food for the Food Pantry. (proud Dad moment). --**Jeff Vigilante**

Dear St. Luke,

Bill and I wish to thank our St. Luke family for all their prayers, cards and support during our recent illness. Also for the dinner deliveries, communion and prayer shared with Pastor Lisa. We love you all very much and the warm notes written in the cards brought us much joy and love. Thank you all very much. Love, **Bill and Carol Weichseldorfer**

Dear Pastor and St. Luke members, I want to thank all those who made my birthday special! Pastor Lisa for her visit and lunch, Joyce's visit and all the lovely cards that members sent me. I truly appreciate your time and care for me, Sincerely yours, **Ruth Valentine.**

Thank you Pastor Lisa, for visiting me in the hospital. It was sure nice to see your friendly face when I was feeling so sick. Thanks also to the many St. Luke people who sent cards, blessings, desserts and good wishes (Sandy Miller, Shirley Schlick, John Welker, Carolyn Bochau, Elfriede Ashton, Sandy Gonder, Carol Conroy, Carol Orlando, Jeff Vigilante & Jim Lightner) please excuse any omissions. Special gratitude to Lisa Kleinwort and the cooks who delivered food from the new member luncheon on 3/14. It was delicious and we ate everything. St. Luke is a family of compassionate, giving people. We are privileged to be part of the church.

Many blessings and love, **Carolyn & Bill Bauer.**



& St. Luke

Food Pantry needs donations!

*Thank you to all that contributed to the food pantry! Items needed: Jelly, peanut butter, tuna, noodles, cereal, juices, canned fruit & canned meat. We cannot accept food items that are near or past the expiration date –please check. You can also send in care products such as soap, shampoo & lotions etc. St. Luke is working with the **Maryland Food Bank & Focus Fellowship.** Carol Conroy of Evangelism will open the Pantry Mon./Wed. 9:30-12:30. Focus Fellowship will open the pantry Sundays 10-1 pm.*



“Dear Lynn”

by Lynn Pilachowski



Our own Lynn Pilachowski is enrolled in the deacon program called the Order of St. Stephen Deacon (OSSD). Stephen in the book of Acts was the first deacon which means “servant” of Christ. Lynn is in an interesting New Testament class that addresses questions one might hear from real people! Here’s a question for May:

Dear Lynn,
I struggle with anxiety constantly. What might help me spiritually?
 –Stressed out

Proverbs 12:25 says, “An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up.”

Worry. Fear. Anxiety. Chuck Swindoll said, “Worry pulls tomorrow’s cloud over today’s sunshine.”

Some years ago a professor at a leading American university studied the things people worry about. His research discovered that:

- * 40% never happens
- * 30% concerns the past
- * 12% are needless worries about health
- * 10% are about petty issues
- * 8% are legitimate concerns

This means that 92% of our “worry time” is wasted energy as we exert mental and emotional energy on things outside our control. Actually, we’re not to worry even about the 8%. Why is that? Because when we worry we’re really saying that God can’t take care of us; that our problems are bigger than His promises.

Let’s look in our Bibles at Matthew 6:25-34: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,²⁵ or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God^{*} and his^{*} righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Did you notice that the word “worry” was used six times in that passage? Worry is defined as ‘to torment oneself with or suffer from disturbing thoughts; fret.’ The Greek definition refers to being drawn in different directions so as to be distracted. Worry will pull us apart and can lead to mental and emotional strangulation. It was used to refer to the practice of wolves killing sheep by biting them around the neck, strangling their prey to death. Not a very good description of what we are doing when we choose to worry.

Finally, we need to change our perspective. We should look at life in relation to God as our Father, and Jesus as our Savior, and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter, not as a life consumed by problems that only we can solve. If you’re prone to worry, then get to work and worship God. What joy to see how God meets our needs when we put Him and His Kingdom first!

Lord, I pray for those here who are experiencing anxiety and fear that You would help erase their doubts and fill them with the truth about you and your promises. You are in control, you do love us and care for us, you will provide for our needs.

If you’re sinking with stress today, follow the clear teaching of 1 Peter 5:7: “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” Many of us feel like we don’t have a choice of how to respond to the stressors of life. But we do because we have a Father who cares for us.

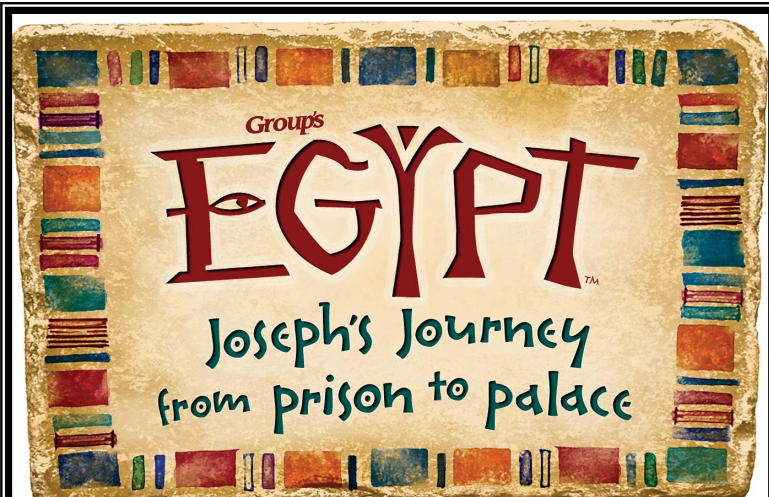
Is there a way to relieve the anxiety? The following steps are guaranteed to provide you some relief:

First, confess your worry to the Lord. Remember that worry can replace God as number one in your life. It distracts us from our complete devotion of Jesus Christ. Psalm 56:3 says. “When I am afraid, I will trust in you.”

Second, pray with thanksgiving. Have faith to know that God will provide for you. Don’t be a Doubting Thomas. Paul tells us to “pray without ceasing” in his first letter to the Thessalonians. Our lives are to be filled with prayer. One pastor put it this way: “Pray so much that worry has to take a number and stand in line.” Someone else has said, “If your knees are knocking, kneel on them.”

Third, center your thoughts on scripture. Philippians 4:6-7 says, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” By looking to scripture, we can find peace and understanding. Repeat your favorite scripture over and over. Say the Lord’s Prayer. Open your Bible and see where the Lord is leading you.

St. Luke News and Information



VBS email for form!
July 19-23
9 am–12 pm
 Info<at>LutheranNeighbor.org

HipHop Music Camp

July 26-31, 2010

9 am – 4 pm
Ages 8 – 18



hiphopmusiccamp.org

- Hip Hop Dance
- Drums & Percussion
- Digital Music
- Rap Artistry

Location: St. Luke Lutheran Church (Parkville & NE Baltimore)
 7001 Harford Road
 Baltimore, MD 21234
 410.444.5171

Cost: \$99 (due before camp \$115 day of camp)
 ½ price for siblings. Some scholarships available.

Concert Celebration: Saturday July 31st 5 pm

Registration: www.HipHopMusicCamp.org for pictures, videos soundtrack. Myspace.com/HipHopMusicCamp



Mission Trip 2011!

Yes, our dual young adults/ high school youth mission trip to Mexico is on! We will be planning this trip to occur from June 20-24th, 2011 at Lantern Hill Mission Center. We would be flying from here to San Diego, then being picked up and driving the 98 miles to Baja California, Mexico. More information will be forthcoming. We are have learned some dynamic and awesome fundraising techniques to make this trip happen! We would like to start trying to figure out our budget, which means we will need to start trying to figure out who would be interested in coming on this trip (rough head count = rough estimate of cost). So, email me back with questions and whether or not you'd be tentatively interested in being added to the list!

Peace in Christ, Laura Mottram and Eric Haupt

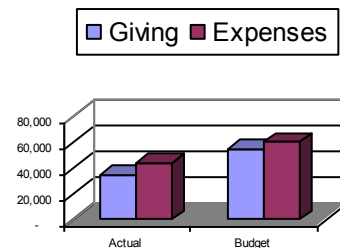
Financial Ministry Update

The treasurer reports that January through March giving was: **\$31,583.⁴¹** Our budgeted giving goal was prayerfully **\$49,962.⁵⁰** We are giving 60% of budget. Thank you for your prayers as we catch up together!

We still haven't recovered from our early shortfalls. Our deficit is now over \$10K. Our congregation has a history of fighting back! Let's make it happen this month, St. Luke!! Let's join together to make ministry happen!!



| | Actual: | Budget: |
|------------------|----------|---------|
| Giving | 34,147 | 54,126 |
| Expenses | 44,197 | 60,032 |
| Excess/(Deficit) | (10,050) | (5,906) |





Come on, St. Luke! Let's get fit in 2010!

Each month, for the next ten months, join with fellow members of St. Luke for a series of short exercises, based on Paul's letters to the Corinthians, to help strengthen us as disciples of Christ and as faithful stewards of the Lord!

For the Good of the Community

A powerful phrase... "for the good of the community!"

It puts into perspective **why** we talk about stewardship. Our ministries—the ones which we agreed as a congregation were important—are for the good of the community. But what community? Several, actually!

There's the community of St. Luke—we want to be there with meaningful wor-

ship, support and fellowship for our members.

There's the community in which we live—reaching out to the kids and families in our neighborhood, enriching their lives, showing them what it can mean to **live** the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And there's the world community—often beyond our reach, but not beyond our love.

St. Paul asks us to **share abundantly**, in every good work—whether it be **our time, our talent or our treasure**—to build up the community of God.

For the month of May, can we commit to intentionally taking just 5 minutes, each and every day, to think about the ways in which our giving is for the good of the community, building up the body of Christ!? We can do it, St. Luke!!

5 **Share abundantly**
 as we have received. The purpose of these gifts is for the good of the community of God. We give to build up the body of Christ. We use and share our gifts for the benefit of all.

"...and God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."
 2 Corinthians 9:8

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