

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

The Spirit of St. Luke



What do you learn to ignore and what do you learn to love?

by Pastor Lisa

Desert Christians were monks in ancient Egypt who went to the desert to avoid the world's temptations and depend solely on God. These "weathered saints," as professor Belden Lane calls them, had two great desert questions: *What do you learn to ignore and what do you learn to love?*



Good questions to always ask. The desert monks were "ignoring" consumerism, militarism and the endless worry about "what other people think." The monks didn't just go for a sandy vacation, they changed their focus from a self-centered life to a God-centered life!

The desert monks also learned to "love" God. They learned to "live" for God. Worship just wasn't just about an hour of their time on the weekend. They "loved" and worshiped God with the very things we take for granted...things like water drops, summer stars, and even desert sand!

Across our country we have seen economic deserts grow, natural disasters devour, and environment catastrophes devastate. Money, job security and even our homes seem at constant risk! How do we know what to ignore and what to love? What can we let go of and what do we hold on to?

The good news is you don't have to go to a desert to find God. God is always calling ordinary, weary, broken, tired, stressed people to new faith! In fact, I always like pointing out the difference between *belief* and *faith*. Belief is *knowing* that God exists. Faith is *living* like you know God exists. There is a difference. Will our belief become a living, searching, worshipping faith...whether in the dry desert or the wet jungle?

That is why so many people say: "Keep the faith." (Even in the hot sticky summer humidity of Maryland!) If you get this newsletter, you are a vital part of St. Luke's future. You will make a difference in the future of St. Luke. Embrace a new future rooted in a great history! St. Luke's history started as a new church in a store front after purchasing the lot of land in 1928—right before the stock market crashed, (divine timing!) That St. Luke has had 3 different sanctuaries on this same property over the last 83 years—that's a sign that God can help us all do a new thing in the same place!¹ St. Luke has had 11 pastors! Hundreds of people have gone before us in ministry building up St. Luke...and I believe there are many more to come! Don't be afraid to believe! Don't be afraid keep the faith! Pentecost is the season of the spirit moving us forward!



¹Do you know the original architectural design for St. Luke Church was to be a stone building with a large circle ("rose window") in the front? Things don't always go like we plan, but if it is God's plan, it is even better than we can ask or imagine!

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Ministries Needing Leaders

Stewardship
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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

Congratulations to:

To all the graduates named and shared with us by prayer, pew card and email!

- Luke Andrzejewski, Towson HS
- Lauren Butcher, Parkville HS
- Julie Hofmann, Mercy HS
- Ryan Pilius, Perry Hall HS
- Tyler Houck, Home schooled, receiving his diploma from Excelsior Academy (TEA)
- Tim Caprio, Towson University
- Amy Sorrells, Towson University
- Kelly Garafola, St. Francis University
- Jessica Berk Martin, Masters in Business Administration
- Aaron Egner graduated 8th grade-Baltimore Lutheran Middle school



Weekly Email?

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



Anne Haupt Mann became a Parish Nurse at the Dedication Service at Divinity on June 5th. With her family: Jess Haupt, Frank Mann, Eric and Laura Haupt.



Eric Haupt and Laura Mottram on their wedding at St. Luke May 28, 2010. Thank you to all the church members who volunteered this celebration day!

John Frank and Cynthia Cockrell, on their wedding at St. Luke June 7, 2010. John grew up at St. Luke and is the son of Carson and Carol Frank. Warm welcome to John and Cynthia to St. Luke!

Doris and Wayne Chlan renew their vows on their 50th anniversary in worship with Pastor Lisa.



Kathy and Dennis Egner also renewed their vows and are pictured standing by them for their 25th anniversary.



2010 Church Directories

are available in the back of the church.

What's Going on in July?



July 3rd...Prayer Walk and fliers!

We are handing out our VBS and Music Camp fliers as well as St. Luke and FOCUS mentoring information! We need you! This is our first ever prayer walk! Calvary Lutheran shared the idea and if they can do it, we can do it! It's easier than you think and we will help you! We are called to care for our neighbors. Literally! This is what it means to be a church...to be a thriving ministry in the community. Prayer and evangelism is not the pastor alone. It is for the church. All ages invited. Join *Pastor Lisa, Intern Sami, Carol Conroy, and others!*

9am preparation 101 (practice and pray at St. Luke)

9:30 – 11:15am prayer walking with a team

11:30 prayer reflection at St. Luke

If you are nervous. That's normal! And you are not alone. Come and support your brothers and sisters even if you can't walk that day! It will be the most wonderful morning of your life!

July 8-12th Pastor Lisa and Noel will be in Ohio for vacation.

July Mom's Babies and Bagels!

All moms invited!

Date: **Saturday, July 10th**

Time: **11am – 12pm**

Place: St. Luke Nursery Room

Enter through Woodhome office doors. Ring the bell! Come and share in meeting! Bagels and devotion! Children can play!



Pictured L>R Kristin Taylor, Mindy Hollifield, Michelle Harris, Amanda Chincilla and Intern Sami Wertz.

Mom's Babies and Bagels is open to all!

Focus Mentoring Camp July 13-August 20th

Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3 pm

4th, 5th, 6th 7th, 8th graders only.

Cost \$65 a week. (made out to "FOCUS")

All campers must bring their own lunch.

PHONE 410.444.2006

(Group mentoring, education, music week, fun activities, service and Bible)

Registration deadline July 6th.

Vacation Bible School EGYPT Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace.

July 19-23rd from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

HipHop Camp 9am to 4 pm ages 8-18 July 26-31st

Upcoming Events:

Crab Feast September 19th from 3-7pm

Fundraiser for new chairs in Fellowship Hall

Watch for further details.

Every Week at St. Luke

Sunday

Christian Education

9-9:45 am, down-stairs 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

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

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

Caring and Service at St. Luke

Our prayers and sympathy go to the family of Betsy Fountain.

Birthdays of our Shut-Ins

7/9 Mrs. Virginia Munzner Augsburg Lutheran Home 6811 Campfield Rd., Room 204E Baltimore, MD 21207-4657

Birthdays for July



7/01 Cox Inca	7/09 Munzner Virginia	7/20 Jansen Sharon
7/01 Mann Anne	7/09 Benham Joseph	7/20 Ward, Sr. James
7/03 Provenzano Luke	7/11 Caprio Gayle	7/21 Martin* Aiden
7/05 Houck Pat	7/12 Goodrich* Ryan	7/22 Reeder Jr. John
7/06 Hofmann, Sr. Mark	7/13 Nies, Sr. Ronald	7/24 Youells Patrick
7/07 Miller Elayne	7/16 Haupt Margaret (Betty)	7/24 Sauer Alexis
7/07 Benham Caitlin	7/17 Burke* Robin	7/25 Savoie Catherine (Cathy)
7/07 Vigilante Tessa (Tess)	7/18 Andrzejewski Luke	7/28 Taylor Ethan
7/08 Jones Hannah	7/19 Pavone Edith	7/30 Patschke Kathryn "Indy"
7/08 Francisco Sarah	7/19 Houck Norman	7/31 Preisendorfer James

Summer Office Hours

The Office is closed on Friday. Karen Goodrich is generally in the Church Office during the summer on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am to 2 pm. Friday is also Pastor Lisa's day off. For emergencies, please call Pastor Lisa's cell phone, 443.257.5488. Watch the bulletins for Summer Office Hours.

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

July 2010

Jack Walters, Janice Walters, Fred Hobine, Ruth Hobine

August 2010

Stephanie Youells, Fred Altman, Carol Orlando, John Orlando

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.

Remember: No Sunday Choir until late August

But Saturday Choir meets at 4pm every Saturday and new people are always welcome!

Remember: No Sunday School or Nursery in summer! Resumes in September!

Children's Church will meet occasionally as volunteers can provide.

Remember: No Koffee Klatch July and August!

"Taking summer off" sign up for Fall!

Mar-Lu Ridge Camp forms are in back of church. This is our Lutheran outdoor camp near Frederick, MD with a ton of summer opportunities for all ages!

Council News from - 06/08/10

Yearend bonuses have been written. The Finance Committee met in May, and one of the topics discussed was self funding and non-self funding events. The Committee will meet again in June. Interim giving statements will be issued in June.

The Council agreed to continue paying a stipend to Carol Conroy to oversee the Food Pantry for the next six months. At the end of six months the Council will review the program and the statistics related to numbers of persons using the pantry.

Karen Goodrich is working to have the lead paint inspection completed in the parsonage apartments.

Steve Mentzer is working on revisions to two sections of the Church by-laws to ensure that they reflect practice and meet necessary standards.

Elevator inspections are due & will be coordinated by Karen Goodrich, Norm Houck and Luke Andrzejewski.

It was decided that the Koffee Klatch will be cancelled for July and August and then resume in September.

Steve Mentzer will be taking the Serve Safe Class. If anyone else is interested in taking the class, Jeff Vigilante has information on the certification process.

Anne Mann has completed the Parish Nursing Program and has received her certificate. Congratulations to Anne!!!

The new worship screen and projector are in and kinks are currently being worked out. Thanks to Bruce Amrein for his work on this project.

Joe Benham has received information on a program that is being sponsored by the ELCA on the topic of Safe Families and Domestic Violence. Registration is due by June 15th and classes will be held in September and October. Further information about location of the classes is pending, but it is hoped that St. Luke will be represented at the training.

Focus Mentoring Camp is being planned for July 13th through August 20th. It will be incorporated into VBS and Music Camp. Leaders will be needed for this program which will run from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday thru Friday. Details of the camp are currently being completed.

Eric Haupt is investigating a special student status which would allow him to apply for acceptance to Gettysburg Seminary. He has had an opportunity to talk with aide to the Bishop about this possibility.

The Council Retreat will be held at Norm Houck's home on June 30th.

Fellowship News

Fellowship Team Meeting
at St. Luke...is open to all!

Director is Jeff Vigilante

Sept. 12th - Grandparent's
Day **THEME:** Share a Smile

Nov. 21st - Congregational
Day: Meet & Greet Brunch



Letters to St. Luke:

Dear St. Luke,

The Sunday choir is on the break until probably the end of August. But, we'll absolutely have soloist to perform during the summer. The choir will be singing, though, on July 4th. Carson Frank will be singing two solos and the Choir will be singing "United We Stand".

Thank you, Katya Afonasyeva, Music Director Sunday

Pastor Lisa,

Rob and I want to thank you for your kind note. Humphrey (our St. Bernard) was definitely our gentle giant and our hearts were definitely broken when he passed. I know he was just an animal and others in the congregation are mourning the loss of family members but Humphrey was an important part of our family.

It's funny how important your animals become once your children are grown and living elsewhere.

Thanks again. Sandy Hubbard

PS - Hopefully, we will have a new gentle giant by the time Blessing of the Pets occurs next year!

Dear Pastor Lisa and St. Luke

Thanks, thanks, thanks for the beautiful flowers from St. Luke, it's so nice to be remembered!

Thanks again! Naomi Riggleman.

Dear St. Luke children and families,

I have had an exciting and wonderful year as Director of Children's Church. It is a beautiful ministry. I have also enjoyed our Mom's Bible study too. I got small devotionals to give to the Mom's on Mother's Day. It is a joy to share concerns and have prayerful support.

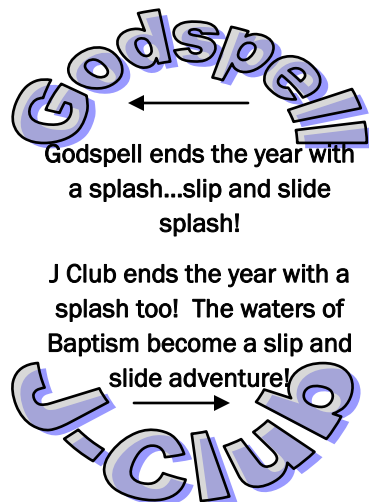
I would like to thank everyone who were so generous with their time and talents in Children's Church this year; especially Lynn Pilachowski, Gayle Caprio, and Jim Lightner. We had an incredible journey with the children. We explored the preparation of Advent as we waited for Jesus to come. Then we took the journey to the Cross and beyond. Through songs, Bible stories, and crafts we had a great time coming closer to God by learning his word.

Along the way we've come to know wonderful St. Luke children better and want to thank you for sharing them with us. We discovered that some of our smallest members needed Bible Stories of their very own. Several copies of Read Aloud Bedtime Bible Stories and Little Hands Bibles were donated and distributed to our young friends so they too can enjoy the story and tell it on their own.

Keep checking in on us as our room continues to transform, and our hearts and minds are opening to Gods wonderful Word.

"I Love to Tell the Story!"

Jayne Ward



St. Luke Thank You

Thank you to **Woodhome Elementary/Middle School** for donating their surplus of canned food items to our Food Pantry.

Thank you to **Christus Victor Lutheran Church** for giving some of their excess surplus of canned good to our Food Pantry.

Thank you to **Linda Preisendorfer** for delivering a bag of food for the Food Pantry.

Thank you to **Wayne Chlan** for repairing a chair in the room above the offices.

Thank you to the people on the prayer chain and members of the congregation for your prayers, phone calls and cards in relation to my recent eye surgery. Love, **Doris Chlan**

Bruce Amrein for finding and ordering the new projector to go with the new screen. The new projector is 4000 lumens and brighter for the sanctuary with full lights. The old projector we will keep but after five years the lumination wasn't bright enough for sanctuary.

Carolyn Bauer for Cookie Call Ministry with her husband Bill Bauer. What a welcoming ministry for so many visitors!

Lynn Pilachowski for helping with Godspell all year as a teacher! And to Eric Haupt for J-Club every Wednesday along with High School Youth Group on Sundays.

Thank you Christian Education volunteers 2009-10

Director of Sunday School	Lisa Gaff
Nursery Pre K & Kindergarten.....	Mindy Hollifield Zoë Benham, asst. Lindsay Most, asst.
1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade.....	Jim Lightner Sandy Miller Mitchell Most, asst.
4th, 5th, and 6th grade.....	Eric Haupt Gayle Caprio
9am Adult Class on Sundays.....	James Ward
9am Mom's Past Present & Future Carol Conroy ...	Jayne Ward
9am/10 am Director of Nursery.....	Mindy Hollifield
10am Director of Children's Church.....	Jayne Ward Lynn Pilachowski Gayle Caprio Jim Lightner
Tuesday Adult Bible 10am	Rev. Lisa Arrington

Thank you to **Carol Orlando & Laura Haupt** for serving as our lay voting members at Delaware-Maryland Synod Assembly (Pastor Lisa sends new people every year!). **Intern Sami Wertz** attended as a visitor and served at the Project Connect table. Our own **Lynn Pilachowski** attended as a visitor and helped the Order of St. Stephen Deacon table. We elected a bishop 2010! Thank you to **Tevin Pittman** as a youth representative!



& 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.



“My Call, My Story”

by Sami Wertz



On Wednesday May 26th, I rolled into Baltimore to begin my 10 week immersion at St. Luke. While I was very excited for this new experience and all that I will learn and do this summer, this was not when my journey actually began. I cannot separate this summer from the greater story of God’s call in my life. As it is for anyone, my calling is integral to who I am, and I am so pleased to be able to share with you the way God has been revealing it to me.

My call to be a pastor came out of my first experience with grief when I was 14. By that time, three of my grandparents and an aunt had passed away, but they had been sick for a long time and it was easy to see how God was acting mercifully by taking them home. The sudden death of my 53 year old pastor, however, was different. I was very close to him and he had been my spiritual mentor for as long as I could remember. He was a truly amazing man who cared deeply for the congregation and the community.

In the midst of dealing with the grief, I questioned what kind of God would take away such a great man so prematurely. I felt like I couldn’t even be sure God was listening at that time when I needed comfort so badly. As many do in this kind of situation, I started to question the direction of my own life and wonder if I was headed on the path that God truly wanted me to follow. Especially since I was just a month away from affirming my baptism through confirmation, I felt like I needed to make sure that I really believed the things about God that I had always taken for granted. Eventually, in time, God started to mend my broken heart, my faith was not only restored but it established itself with strong roots and had begun to bear fruit.

A few months later in the fall, I was writing a sermon for a youth led worship service and found myself suddenly transported from writer’s block to a fury of typing that felt so automatic that it was almost thoughtless. When I finished, I read over the document and realized that in the middle of the message I had written out the details of my call to be a pastor. I had thought about it before, but hadn’t actually talked about it with anyone as a serious possibility. I showed it to my parents and they were very supportive, and so was my youth director. When I preached the sermon at the church, the congregation encouraged me and pointed out my gifts for ministry.

My call has been strengthened and affirmed since that time through experiences with intentional discernment with Theological Education with Youth (TEY), encouragement from people I respect, my study of scripture and theology at Grove City College, and I expect this immersion at St. Luke to do the same. It has been such a gift to be able to look back on experiences that seemed so impossible and devastating at the time and be able to see how God has so clearly used them for good.

It is my hope that this story has helped you to get to know me a bit better and that you might be willing to share a bit of yours with me as well. I think that few things are more enjoyable than the opportunity to hear the ways that God has worked in his people. God’s done amazing things for all of us, so why not give him the glory?!

God’s peace,
Sami Wertz

Intern Sami Wertz is with us for the summer through Project Connect...engaging young adults for public ministry.

Celebrate
★ graduation



A picture from Aaron Egner’s 8th grade affirmation from Baltimore Lutheran School on Friday May 28th. Proud parents are Dennis and Kathy Egner!



For the Good of the Community and Beyond

St. Luke Community Service at Woodhome School
Mondays and Thursdays!
9-11:30 am

This summer we will be sending volunteers to paint restrooms stalls. They currently are scratched up and very old green. We are painting them shiny black (with a compound to make it very strong and clean). Volunteers welcomed! Meet at St. Luke 9 am or up at the school! thriving ministry in the community!



Donation Stand in Sanctuary...you can make "change" happen locally and globally three ways:

- 1) Maryland Food Bank families are helped across the state! They support our food pantry as well!
- 2) Lutheran World Relief helps Haiti and the world!
- 3) Pink Piggy Bank in back of Sanctuary for Sugete!

Sugete Sergio is our sponsor child from Mozambique. \$35 is needed each month! In April Godspell counted \$16! We are considering new ways of collecting change safely. Thank you for all donations to for Sugete who turned 9 on May 7th -Sponsored by *World Vision*.

St. Luke News and Information



Summer Tuesday Bible Study is open!

10 am in Adult Learning Center. Free! Enter on Woodhome office doors! Open to all! come and be refreshed this summer! This Bible study if for beginners, newbies and old friends!

WANTED

Sunday School Director Fall, 2010

Lisa Gaff has informed us that she cannot do Sunday School next Fall. She and Charles are moving to a new house this summer in Perry Hall. Please thank Lisa and keep her in your prayers. She has been a gift. She thanked teachers for all their dedication and teamwork on June 6th.

WE NEED YOU



The installation of newly elected **Bishop Wolfgang D. Herz-Lane** will be **Saturday September 18th 2010**

at *New Psalmist Baptist Church*

Catonsville, MD

Reception to follow

All congregations of the Delaware Maryland Synod invited to attend.

Time to be announced. It will be afternoon!



NEW Summer Sundays 9 am Moms Past Present & Future

All Moms with kids are invited to the nursery room for devotion every Sunday 9 am. Check out the Women's Devotional Bible available to you! Children of all ages welcomed to play!

Thank you to Carol Weichselder for the beautiful hand made doilies for the flower stands.

Vacation Bible School Needs

VBS is in need of snacks, juice and supplies. Watch for more information in the bulletins or on the board in the back of the church.

Call for AmeriCorps*VISTA Volunteers

Want to make Baltimore a better place? Greater Homewood Community Corporation is seeking qualified candidates for the nationally-renowned AmeriCorps*VISTA program. Sign on for a year of service and receive a modest living allowance, health benefits, and an end-of-service education award. Positions start in August 2010 in the areas of improving public schools, strengthening neighborhoods, adult literacy and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL). The deadline for applications is July 15. Visit www.greaterhomewood.org

Mission Trip 2011

Just in case you missed this in the June issue:

We are pleased to announce that the St. Luke High School Youth & Young Adults **WILL** be taking a mission trip to Mexico in July of 2011. In order to secure our exact dates of travel, **we need to get an exact head count of those committed to participating** and begin fund raising ASAP! The dates that we are aiming for are **Tuesday July 5th – Sunday July 10th, 2011** (the June dates which we previously announced have already been reserved by another group traveling next summer). In order to secure these dates, we need to send in a \$100 deposit for each person committed to participating in this journey as soon as possible.

The total cost per person for this trip (including airfare) will be \$950. We will be flying into San Diego and Lantern Hill staff will be picking us up from the airport and driving us the 98 miles into Mexico to their site. See Eric or Laura for preliminary permission slip for the high school youth which has some more information about Lantern Hill on it, as well as the sample schedule of a trip like this from the Lantern Hill website.

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