

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



The Spirit of St. Luke

My Cherished Memories in Ministry! by Pastor Lisa



"All of the gospels depict Jesus and his disciples as people on the move. They never stay anywhere long. Jesus teaches or performs some wonder, then immediately moves on. A dead god is a god who locates, settles in, never surprises. A living God is a God on the move." –Will Willamon.

God is on the move, but don't be afraid! I am privileged to minister in a time when ordained leadership is changing and adapting to be more compatible with the mission of Jesus Christ. Mission means to be sent! As Intern Sami pointed out: we are all on a prayer walk! Jesus is Lord of the church (not the pastor!).

We learn and love as we go! I know I am approaching my last day with St. Luke (August 8th) with joy and gratitude (and tears falling down). Thank you for the fellowship in transitions. Even if we did not get a chance to say goodbye, it's okay. It's never goodbye. Perhaps it's better to say "see you later in Christ!" We can trust God and keep treasures in our hearts. For me there are too many treasured moments to count! I have also learned the best experiences are all God! Here are some of the cherished memories:

- The Revival of 2005...God even removed a tree to put up a tent!
- The enormous gathering of people and support for the Griffin-Burkman family. Over 600 people were in our church...over 130 volunteers from St. Luke. Over \$60,000 was donated from all over! It was an act of God to bring all people together for comfort and hope even in the shocking midst of grief, lack of parking and a couple of picketers! God delivers all people!
- Letting go of additional property like the two Schnabel Houses in order to be good stewards. It was a miracle we sold the houses when we did! The new owner really did fix up the homes and that helped us and our neighborhood be renewed! Thank you God!
- New doors, new kitchen, new tables, new chapel, new courtyard, new screen, new projector, newly painted fellowship hall, painted Sunday School hallways, children's church...all about renewed use and genuine accessibility!
- Several people are in seminary! Pastors! Deacons! Parish Nurses! Even youth are answering the call! Seminary is preparation for ministry in a variety of ways! Just as St. Luke will always want to call good leaders, we are blessed through the Schnabel Trust to GROW leaders for the whole church! The investment will not fail!

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Ministries Needing Leaders

Stewardship
Community Ministries

**Our mission.
in a nutshell:**

SHARE!

...the Good News

EQUIP!

...for ministry

ACCOMPLISH!

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



Weekly Email?

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

Pastor Lisa's Letter - continued from p. 1

Here are some of the cherished memories: (continued)

- The prayer chain. I have never experienced such great team ministry with great leadership! Prayer notes, calls, meetings and visitation make for a thriving congregation. Even the prayer walk is a wonderful new experience for us all!
- I thank God for St. Luke's partnerships with FOCUS, HARBEL, NHRCA, N.A, A.A NAMI Woodhome School and Music Camp!
- Fellowship and Fun-raising has always been creative and gone the extra mile to engage us in the celebration! Many hands and hearts toiled to make the Fellowship Hall come alive with people and food!
- I have always found worship renewing at St. Luke because worship is the people bringing gifts to God. I am so thankful for our faithful musicians, choirs, assisting ministers, acolytes, ushers and the addition of the great sound, projector and screen! Please thank God in worship! Keep jumping in!
- Bible Study, what a wonderful gift that I wish was tried by more people. It is so refreshing because of the power of the Word!
- Finally, this Newsletter has always been a cherished gift for sharing communication and invitations! Thank you to the team that works hard to get this to you every month!

There are many memories I will be taking with me. I am so thankful for St. Luke being a creative church. Don't be afraid! Do not worry! God is faithful! St. Luke has an incredible history and a new future! Norm Houck and the Council will continue to let you know how the Synod is helping St. Luke through the process of transition and new beginnings!

As of September 1st:
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REFLECTIONS by Carol Orlando, Delaware-Maryland Synod, ELCA Assembly June 10-12, 2010

Oh what a trip
 We got there in a zip
 A full load we were
 All ready to spread out and
 Listen for God's Word

From Project Connect
 To our Youth connections
 Deacon programs
 Mission opportunities
 And many other countless displays
 Of ideas and programs available to
 Us, we filled our hearts
 To learning the process of just
 What Synod is all about (for some of
 us)

We listened with our hearts tuned
 To be doers of God's will
 We voted on issues from Tithing to
 World Hunger and Racial Justice,
 We talked about issues of financial
 Concern and opening our doors wider
 To our youth and young adults
 Taking God's love into the streets
 Of our neighborhoods

We prayed and sang to God's great glory
 To march onward amid challenging concerns
 We shared our views and gave respect to each
 other
 And we voted and we listened as the process of
 electing
 A new bishop was done.
 A new light goes on in the DE-MD Synod as
 Bishop Elect Wolfgang Herz-Lane
 Will bring his new ideas to us.



2010 Church Directories

are available in the back of the church.

What's Going on in August?

August 1st meeting very important for all members of St. Luke

We would like to have a meeting to see who is interested in being a part of the 2010-2011 teams. Christian Ed is for all ages and we have lots of ideas for the coming year, but we need to know who is available, any ideas you may have as to study, leadership, and helpers, etc. would be welcome and appreciated. We are considering changing the format of Sunday School as we currently have no Director, and no one has expressed an interest.

Jayne has found a free curriculum that incorporates a large group meeting with prayer, singing and skits or games where the kids are teaching each other with guidance, the second part of the Sunday School is about 10 to 15 minutes of small group gathering for prayer, reflection, and craft. It might be possible to use Children's Church as a guide and have rotating leaders (leader teams) so no one person is responsible every Sunday. It is multi-aged so all children become teachers of God's Word.

We want your input and to know what your gifts are. Where are your interests in Christian Education? What are your expectations? What can you support and give time to? Where and when can we have adult Bible study? How about Youth? Consider your gifts and what you may have to offer to Christian Education at St. Luke.

Please join us Sunday August 1st after Church in the Children's Chapel. Hope to see you there!

James Ward
Christian Education Director

If you are unable to make the meeting, but wish to participate, have questions or concerns, or wish to take a leadership position, you can call James Ward at 410-931-1901 or e-mail at Jimboward1<at>comcast.net.

August 2 Prayer Group Meeting at 9 a.m.

This is a monthly meeting open to anyone interested in prayer chain, visitation, prayer walks. Use the Woodhome door.

August 3 Bible Study 10am continues!

Come to the Woodhome door and ring the bell! There are on average 10-15 people who drop by for refreshing word! All welcomed! Beginners and pros!

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

St. Luke women will be taking health kits, soap and blankets to New Windsor on Friday, September 10th. If you would like to go with us, please call Edie at 410-679-0488 (or email at empavone<at>yahoo.com). It is tradition that we go first to drop off our items at the Brethren Center for Lutheran World Relief, then we go to the gift shop up the hill for goods made in other countries (as well as goods made in the Appalachian Mountains). After purchasing Devine Chocolate, we go to lunch at Baughers. If you would like to donate a kit, soap or a blanket or two, please let me know.

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 families of Virginia Munzner, Michelle White, Donald Booz & Anne White .

Birthdays of our Shut-Ins

8-17 Mrs. Margaret Davis 2735 Glendale Rd., Baltimore, MD 21234-5605

Birthdays for August

08/01 Mollock,* Allison	08/11 Sauer, Matthew	08/18 Hoffer,* Noah
08/04 Kleinwort, Lisa	08/12 Walters, Janice	08/20 Vigilante, Jeffrey (Jeff)
08/05 DeBord, Charles	08/14 Taylor, Albert	08/25 Mann, Frank
08/08 Guion,* Paulette	08/17 Davis, Margaret	08/28 Merriken,* Kimberly
08/08 Gaff, Rachel	08/18 McCann, II, Daniel	08/31 Miller, Stacie
08/09 Kelley, Pastor Bruce		



Summer Office Hours

The Office is closed on Friday. Karen Goodrich is generally in the Church Office during the summer on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30am to 2 pm. Any emergencies call the Church Office first.

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

August 2010

Stephanie Youells, Fred Altman, Carol Orlando, John Orlando

September 2010

Wayne Chlan, Doris Chlan, Kathy Egner, Dennis Egner

Men and Women's Luncheons—There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church for two weekends before the luncheon. *Next Luncheon is Tuesday, August 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at Bowman's Restaurant.*

Altar Flowers

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

Remember: No Sunday Choir until August 8. See Katya!

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

Remember: No Sunday School or Nursery in summer!

Children's Church will meet occasionally as volunteers can provide. Resumes September 12 at 9 a.m.!

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!

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

News from the Council

Dear St. Luke

In July the council met with Pastor Mary Miller-Zurell, our current Synod representative, concerning the call process for our vacancy when Pastor Lisa leaves. Pastor Zurell and she presented two ways we could go. The *first* way would be the normal call procedure. This would require that we prepare a new profile of where we are and where we want to go and what we are looking for in our new pastor. The profile usually takes two to three months to prepare and then is submitted on line to the Synod to begin matching candidates. This way would require a Call Committee to assist in making the profile and then interviewing the candidates. When the Call Committee has reached a decision, the candidate is then presented to the Council for confirmation and then to the Congregation at large for approval at a special meeting called for that purpose.

The *second* way would be to consider a Term Call for two years. At the end of the two years, the Congregation would vote on the option for a second two year Term Call and after that a regular call with no expiration date. This method would not require a new profile. The Council would serve as the Call Committee and would interview any candidates and then call a special meeting for you the Congregation to approve. Experience has shown that trouble spots in a pastorate occur about 18 months and again at 48 months and then after that things tend to run smoothly. The 5 or 6 calls of this type have a great history. The one that didn't result in a regular call was due to the fact that the pastor became ill with cancer and didn't survive into the regular call.

Pastor Zurell will be with us until September when the new bishop begins his term in office and puts a new staff into action. The first item of business is that we plan the proper send off for Pastor Lisa and begin the call process at our next meeting in August. The Council has work that they need to do in order to get ready for the process. If we take the Term Call option, they will need to develop a list of 20 to 30 questions to conduct a 2 to 3 hour interview. If we take regular call option, we need to determine when and where to conduct surveys to get information from you the Congregation to allow Call Committee to develop profile in a timely fashion.

At any rate the Council has some work to do in August to prepare for the process. In the meantime, arrangements are being made to have supply pastors at least until the end of September. We will evaluate where we are around the first of September and keep you informed of the next steps. In any event your preferences and thoughts are always welcome.

Thanks, Norm Houck – Council President

Summer Prayer Walk:

Thank you to all who started and participated in the summer prayer walk! An hour a Saturday!

Summer Prayer Walkers



Pictured: Lynn Pilachowski, Carol Conroy, Intern Sami, Carol Orlando and Jim Lightner

Letters to St. Luke:

Our generous neighbor, Mr. Pervaiz Kahn, at Harford BP has enthusiastically allowed our youth to hold car washes at his station. Not only that, he has generously matched, dollar for dollar, whatever the youth were able to raise! He was doing this long before the Gulf crisis. I saw this sign on his door.

To our loyal customers: As you all know, we, as BP Independent Dealers, are suffering from bad publicity and a continued misconception that BP controls our stations. We want you to know that all BP dealers and their suppliers are independent business, operated by people who live in their communities and take pride in their civic participation, sponsorship of educational and sports programs, and community ties.

We, as Independent Dealers share *nothing* with corporate BP, with the exception of a contract that we are obligated to honor. My family and I personally THANK YOU so much for understanding and continued support.

From all of us at Harford BP

Mr. Kahn and Harford BP have been great neighbors to St. Luke and deserve our continued support.

Thanks,
Lisa Kleinwort

St. Luke Thank You

Thank you to St. Luke Church for my 98th birthday card sent on your behalf from Carolyn Bochau. Many blessings are still in affect in my life. **Mary Beck**

Dear Members of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Thanks to the members of St. Luke Lutheran Church for keeping my mother, **Virginia Munzner**, in their prayers and for those who gave a gift to the General Fund at St. Luke. God Bless, Ken Munzner

Thanks so very much to **Pastor Lisa** for your many times of help. Many times at very disruptive times. Thanks to all the many people on the prayer list and all those in church. A special word of thanks to **Wayne and Doris Chlan** whose cards and thoughts have been coming for years. Thanks be to God in Christian Love, Carolyn Bochau

Fellowship Committee Members, First, a big "THANKS" for all the work you have done for the Mother and Father's Day Brunches. They were a huge success and something we need to look at for next year. I really appreciate all the time and effort you have put in volunteering to make these events great. – Jeff Vigilante

Dear **Pastor Lisa**, Thank you for allowing Woodhome to use St. Luke's hall for our 8th grade banquet. Your kindness is felt by all of us at Woodhome Middle School
Sincerely – The Woodhome Middle School Staff

Dear **Pastor Lisa** and **St. Luke**, NAMI-Metropolitan Baltimore Inc. and its volunteers and members wish to acknowledge your generous investment in our programs and services. Thank you for allowing our Family to Family class the use of your facility from March 18- June 3, 2010. Your support helps us continue to improve the lives of persons with mental illness...again thank you very much from all of us at NAMI. Sincerely, Kate Farinholt, Executive Director. Note: Several members, neighbors and friends participated in this series! Thank you NAMI for being part of St. Luke's health ministry partners!

Dear **Pastor Lisa** and **St. Luke**, I deeply appreciate your visit and lovely flowers and your most kind loving prayers. God bless you and all you do, Ruth Valentine

Thank you so much communication team!

Thank you **Frank Mann** for watering the dogwood trees during a very dry July trying to save them!

St. Luke Health Ministries:

Health Ministries, August 2010

Thank you to all who helped with St. Luke's 4th Annual Blood Drive May 22nd! We had a Health Fair along with the Blood Drive for the second year. This year we had seven vendors participate. Besides our co-sponsor, Broadcast Institute of Maryland, had representatives from Good Samaritan Hospital, Active Day Adult Care, an "eye nurse", a reflexologist, a chiropractor, and a yoga instructor. Some of these representatives donated blood, too! An excerpt of a letter from the American Red Cross reads: "The efforts of St. Luke Lutheran Church have always been greatly appreciated and their support of the community blood program will go a long way toward replenishing blood supplies and ultimately saving lives. In addition, we very much appreciate your efforts during this crucial time. You may be interested to know that 19 units were collected at your drive. Those blood donations have the potential to save 57 patients who rely on your combined efforts for life-saving blood." I would like to point out that we had three first time donors! One of these donors was donating to give back to those who had helped her grandmother when she was in the hospital. What a hero she is!

I would also like to let folks know that Blue Suit Weekend will be coming to St. Luke again this September! Blue Suit weekend focuses on men's health issues. There will be more information coming.

As always, thank you for your support of Health Ministries at St. Luke.

God's peace!

Anne Mann

What is going on at St. Luke:



Who says Lutherans can't dunk in a small bowl? Karen Williams' baptism with grandson, Juilien and husband Bob and sponsor, Jayne Ward. Children were also gathered to celebrate!

Thank you property chairman, Luke Andrzejewski for painting children's chapel sunny yellow! The old wall was stained and dingy. Now it is sunny and new! Thank you Jayne Ward for the transformation of Children's Church!



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.

Food Pantry

NEW HOURS:

Wednesday ONLY
10-11:00 a.m.

Carol Conroy of Evangelism will help people during this hour.



“A Neighbor in Need of our help”

Dear Sir or Madam,

I live on Harford Road adjacent to your church where I have been for the last 8 years.

I have recently had quite a few problems with people at the church regarding where they are illegally parking at nights and on Sunday Morning. Cars are parking in spots that are clearly marked NO PARKING ZONES and blocking the alley making it impossible for anyone to get in and out of the alley safely. When I have attempted to talk to the people who are doing this (politely) leaving your church about this they are anything but Christian. I don't understand why we can't share the space around the church so that your parish members and the residents of the community can both use the street and the alley around the church. It is not fair that every Sunday morning that we are blocked in and we cannot go to our own churches . Some of the neighbors are now planning to move forward with calling the police and having cars ticketed or towed. Can you make a mention of this during your Sunday service and hopefully we can all share the area around the church together.



Thank you and God Bless

Pastor Lisa's Response:

Dear Neighbor,

My sincere apology for your experience and I am deeply sorry for the parking headaches related to St. Luke. I am glad you said something or I would not have known.

I am concerned that even on Sunday morning you experienced such strain. And even more concerned about the conduct of our members on Sunday morning. St. Luke has worked very hard to be a thriving ministry in the community to know, respect, and help our neighbors.

We will read your email without mentioning your name. I will forward your email to our Church Council. And I will include a message in the next newsletter.

The night groups that meet are part of our various community groups that meet at St. Luke. We know parking can always be a problem, so we know that it is necessary to call the police if there are violations.

I agree with you, the goal is to share space and be mindful of appropriate parking. We will work harder on our parking ministry. You have my word.

Please don't hesitate to call me to discuss further ways we can improve communication and parking. I am thankful you moved to this community and that you are a neighbor that speaks up and cares about all involved! Thank you,

Rev. Lisa Arrington
St. Luke Lutheran Church
7001 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21234



August 8th is Intern Sami's last day! She is returning to Pottsville, PA before going to Grove City College for her senior year. Sami has preached, launched community service at Woodhome, led the prayer walk project, directed Saturday worship. We have been so blessed and Sami is discerning which seminary she will attend in Fall, 2010. Keep her in your prayers, send her a note: wertzsx1@gcc.edu

Thank You Sami

For the good of the Community and Beyond



Woodhome School bathroom
BEFORE



Woodhome School bathroom
AFTER PAINTING!

St. Luke News and Information

Save the Date for the Healthy and Safe Congregation Training

Dear St. Luke,

I am pleased to let you know that your congregation has been selected to participate in the Healthy and Safe Congregations Training. Based upon the applications received, we have selected two locations for the training: Baltimore or Washington DC on September 13-15 and Chicago, October 7-9. We are negotiating the exact location and information will be sent soon with all of the details that you will need. In both cases, the training will take place all day from 8:30am – 4:30pm on the first two days and 8:30 – NOON on the third day. For those on the West Coast, we are negotiating a third training in San Francisco in the first quarter of 2011.

Based upon your location, we have assigned you to attend the training in September. However, we have limited space in each of the trainings, so if your group prefers the other date and location, please let us know immediately and we will try to accommodate.

The Lutheran Community Foundation will cover the cost for the training and all training materials, as well as meals and accommodations. In addition, a travel reimbursement will be determined.

Why New Towel Dispensers and Toilet Paper Dispensers!

How many bathrooms does St. Luke have? Answer is at the end of this product. Restrooms need toilet paper and paper towels. That is part of your offering towards the line item: “maintenance and supplies.” Products come and go, even institutional paper products change! And when products change dispensers change. We think this change is a good change. The dispensers from HOLT supply are free and the new products are recycled paper! You will see on the dispenser that it says: “this facility commits to a sustainable environment by using recycled paper which annually saves trees reduces greenhouse gases made with 80 percent less water than average mill and avoids billions of landfill waste.” New toilet paper dispensers too. How many bathrooms does St. Luke have? Answer: 9 but only 8 are usable.

Middle Schoolers!

Mark your calendar now for FREERIDE October 15-17, 2010 NorthBay Retreat Center; Northeast, Maryland.

New Thrivent Update

What is "Thrivent Choice"?

Thrivent Choice lets members of Thrivent choose where some of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans charitable out-reach funds go by directing Choice Dollars. Visit Thrivent.com to select your choice!

What about funding from "Care Abounds in the Community"?

This funding, when we qualify, has been used to help with the Woodhome painting project. The new Thrivent choice program does not affect or change your normal Care Abounds in the Community efforts.

What is "Congregational Advocate"?

The Thrivent Financial Congregational Coordinator position has been retired. Replacing it is a new position, the "Congregational Advocate." The congregational advocate serves as an advocate for both Thrivent Financial and St. Luke to help our congregation achieve its mission and goals. This volunteer position appointed by the Thrivent Financial chapter leadership board will be the bridge for congregation and Thrivent. If you are interested let Karen Goodrich the secretary know. It is an easy way to learn more with St. Luke on the changes.

Who is Jim Small?

Many of you have been asking who is Jim Small?! Several have received personal notes from Jim who is on the prayer chain team. Jim came to St. Luke after losing his dear wife, Eva. Jim is the step father of Jerry Miller. Jim asked what he could do from home because his knees weren't very reliable. The prayer chain lifts people up in prayer by name. Jim got on the prayer chain and then was willing to write notes to some of those we prayed for by name (and had addresses for). If you would like to join Jim in note writing, it is a wonderful ministry that touches lives directly. If you would like someone to receive a personal note on behalf of St. Luke prayer chain team, please include an address on a pew card. Meet Jim on a Sunday and ask about his dog, Pumpkin.

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