

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

# The Spirit of St. Luke



## Welcome Reverend Stephen Swift to St. Luke!

**Reverend Steve Swift** will be our supply preacher for September! A supply preacher only preaches and presides for worship. Our on-call pastor will be the Dean of the Baltimore North Conference, Rev. Sandy Carlson Alexis and prayer-care led by members of St. Luke. A supply preacher will serve until an interim or term-called pastor is lined up.

Reverend Swift is a special blessing because he lives right off of Old Harford Road. He was the interim pastor at Church of the Messiah in Hamilton and he is Episcopalian! How cool is that?! In our last interim time before Pastor Lisa, St. Luke had Reverend Smart, a Presbyterian and then Pastor Pepler, a retired Lutheran pastor. Lutherans are in full communion with Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Moravians, Methodists and United Church of Christ. This means we can share pulpit and altar fellowship!

Reverend Swift is a PK: a preacher's kid! He has thirty five years experience in parish ministry. Twenty five of these years has been in interim ministry. This means he has interim ministry training and he is a Healthy Congregations Facilitator. Reverend Swift has great gifts when it comes to intercessory prayers and family systems. He works with leadership to lead by principle and presence. He has attended the Baltimore Lutheran Pastor's Bible study and is interviewing with dioceses around Bethlehem, PA and even Western Massachusetts. He has lived in Indiana, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Florida and Maryland! He is married to Amy Swift and we want to give them a warm welcome to St. Luke! Ask him what Episcopalians believe!



### Who is Pastor Sandy Alexis?

She is the Dean of the Baltimore North Conference, which we are a part of and helps churches, in transition, especially if there is an emergency. We have been blessed with help from St. John's-Parkville and St. Michael. During this transition time, call Karen in the office, Doris or Norm, they will get emergency pastoral care.

**September  
2010**



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### Pastor

God is helping us with this vacancy!

### Church Secretary

Karen Goodrich

### Newsletter

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### St. Luke Leaders 2010

Norm Houck, President  
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Eric Haupt, Youth  
Carol Conroy, Evangelism  
Shirley Schoenberger,  
Worship & Music

### Ministries Needing Leaders

Stewardship

**Our mission.  
in a nutshell:**

### SHARE!

...the Good News

### EQUIP!

...for ministry

### ACCOMPLISH!

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



## “Shining”

Dove calling  
 Birds chirping  
 In the west, light fading  
 Another day ending.

Sweet sounds of summer  
 Take their slumber  
 When lightning bugs appear.

The sky turns from blue to pink and orange.  
 All is at peace in the dark  
 When the sun ceases his shining.

In a living world such is life.  
 Take a rest, then keep on dancing.  
 Dance through the dawn.

Sun rising and again shining.  
 In those summer days  
 Let your cares fly away.

Peaceful world singing  
 When the sun awakens  
 To again light our way  
 Even shining.

Cease your crying  
 Let the sun wipe your tears away  
 And warm your smiling face  
 Ever shining.

Close your eyes  
 And take your blue rose  
 Lift up your praise  
 For heaven knows.  
 His light through you ever shining.

Carol Spencer,  
 son, Brendon.



## Weekly Email?

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

## News from the Council

### Highlights of August 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:

The Council offers heartfelt thanks to Jeff Vigilante and all the members of St. Luke who made Pastor Lisa’s farewell party such a success and special occasion. Thanks, too, to everyone who contributed to Pastor Lisa’s gift.

Each council member provided a list of questions that could be used for the interview process for recruiting a new pastor. The list of questions will be trimmed down to a reasonable number (probably about ten) that can be shared with candidates.

A budget deficit continues since giving is only about 72% of budget. Information about the budget will be posted in the back of the church for all members to review.

A review of construction projects yet to be completed will be coordinated by Norm Houck. Norm will continue to work with Bruce Amrein to ensure that all projects are completed satisfactorily.

Since several doors have been found unlocked in the past several months, everyone is asked to be vigilant about locking doors and not propping them open. Community groups will be required to appoint a person within the group to be responsible for ensuring that all doors in the church and church buildings are secured prior to leaving the property. Safety must be a high priority for anyone using the church facilities.

A request will be made to the administrator of the Schnable Estate for tuition for Anne Mann to attend a faith based ministry program at St. Mary’s Seminary. The course work will assist Anne in coordinating the congregational health ministry.



## 2010 Church Directories

are available in the back of the church.

## Upcoming Events and Announcements:

### What's going on in September?



St. Luke women will be taking health kits, soap and blankets to New Windsor on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### Christian Education this Fall:

Good News starting Rally Day September 12<sup>th</sup>:

**Grandparent's Day THEME:** Share a Smile September 12<sup>th</sup>—Fellowship

**Prayer Visitation Meeting** September 20<sup>th</sup> 9am.

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

#### The Crab Feast has now been changed to a **Bull and Oyster Roast on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.**

Fundraiser for new chairs in Fellowship Hall and new tables and chairs for the back of the church. For tickets see Gayle, Sandy, Stephanie or Carol O. Watch for the announced date .

## Upcoming October and November Events and Announcements:

**FreeRide Retreat** October 15-17<sup>th</sup> at NorthBay

Middle Schoolers!

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

This is the annual middle school retreat! Pray for Ellie, Nathan, Gwen, Zoë and Caitlin. Thank you to adult chaperones: Joe Benham and Carol Conroy. Thank you drivers: Joe Benham and Jayne Ward.

**Congregational Day:** Meet & Greet Brunch November 21<sup>st</sup>

## 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**
  - Alcoholics Anonymous 7-8 pm, LFH
- Tuesday**
  - Bible Study 10-11 am, ALC
  - Tae Kwon Do 6-8 pm, UFH
  - Bible Study 7pm, ALC
  - Focus Mentoring 7-9 pm, LFH
- Wednesday**
  - Narcotics Anonymous 8-9 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 6:30-7:30 pm, LFH

Location Key:  
 UFH= Upper Fellowship Hall  
 LFH = Lower Fellowship Hall  
 ALC = Adult Learning Center

## Birthdays of our Shut-Ins

9-5 Mrs. Shirley Deitz  
2729 Chesley Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21234-7622

Mrs. Emily King  
c/o Mr. Raymond King  
3215 Woodhome Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21234-7818



## Birthdays for September

09/02 Bohnet, Ruth	09/15 Fisher, Mark	09/25 Berk, Evan
09/02 Salsberg, Krista	09/15 Lightner Katy	09/26 Ambrose, Mabel
09/04 Chlan, Wayne	09/17 Brittingham, Dolores	09/27 Martin Eric
09/04 Taylor, Frances	09/19 Formwalt, Abaigeal (Abby)	09/29 Egner, Kathy
09/05 Deitz, Shirley	09/20 Mentzer, Robert	09/29 Phillips,* Evan
09/07 Lovell, Sally	09/20 Letersky,* Mark	09/30 Provenzano, Brandon
09/09 Joyner, Amber	09/24 Cochran, Vearle (Bo)	
09/11 Fang, Yi	09/25 Davis, Janet (Jan)	
09/15 King, Emily		

## Fall Office Hours

The Office is closed on Friday. Karen Goodrich is generally in the Church Office Monday through Thursday, 9:30am to 2 pm.

## 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

### September 2010

Wayne Chlan, Doris Chlan, Kathy Egner, Dennis Egner

### October 2010

Patricia Miller, Jackie Mongan, Joe Benham, Joyce McAdoo

## Altar Flowers

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



## ELCA News Service

ELCA NEWS SERVICE

July 26, 2010

### ELCA Members, Bishops Moved to Ensure Children Don't Go Hungry

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WASHINGTON (ELCA) – Nearly one in four American children are hungry, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Bishops and members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are working together to fight hunger among children.

"Our job as the domestic caucus of the Conference of Bishops is to do our best to advocate for the hungry in America," said the Rev. James F. Mauney, bishop, ELCA Virginia Synod, Salem, and chair of the domestic caucus. In cooperation with the ELCA Washington Office, more than 34 of the ELCA's 65 synod bishops are participating in a nationwide movement to provide reliable and nutritious meals for hungry children, he said.

Mauney reported that his colleagues also urged other clergy and professional church workers and lay leaders to act. The movement began in response to the child nutrition reauthorization act that is currently in the U.S. House of Representatives. The U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Education and Labor approved its version of the child nutrition reauthorization act, "Improving Nutrition for America's Children Act" (H.R. 5502), on July 15 by a vote of 32 to 13. The Senate Agriculture Committee reported out their version of the bill back in March.

"As citizens we can request that our government do the right thing on our behalf, with our tax dollars, and reauthorize the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act at the \$10 billion level. That will allow more hungry children to be admitted to the program and will help give all children a chance at a safe, healthy and productive life," said the Rev. Jessica R. Crist, bishop, ELCA Montana Synod, Great Falls.

"In addition to feeding our neighbors through our charitable donations, we can exercise our rights as citizens, and petition our government to direct resources to address hunger," said Crist. She said she wrote an opinion piece for the *Great Falls Tribune* in Montana, which led to increased support from her legislators for ending childhood hunger.

The Child Nutrition and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Act, which is up for reauthorization, includes various child nutrition programs, such as the school lunch program, school breakfast program, after-school snack and supper program, and summer feeding initiatives.

"For many children, especially those at risk of hunger, these programs are an important source of food and nutrition. The reauthorization provides an opportunity to connect more children in need to the programs, increase their efficiency and accessibility, and enhance the nutritional quality of the food served," said Robert D. Francis, director of domestic policy, ELCA Washington Office.

"As I visit parishes across our synod I see many communities in distress," said the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, bishop, ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod, Cuyahoga Falls. "In my town over 70 percent of the students qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. My former parish, Messiah Lutheran Church, Ashtabula, was a site for the USDA's (U.S. Department of Agriculture) summer breakfast and lunch program. For too many of the children this was their only consistent, reliable source of nutrition during summer vacation."

"I know that most of our congregations provide some sort of emergency food assistance, but all of our food pantries, soup kitchens and community meals cannot meet the need. We need the government's help to feed our children," Eaton added.

The Rev. Andrew D. Genszler, director of advocacy, ELCA Washington Office, said "This ELCA advocacy is truly a coordinated effort. It is exciting to us that ELCA members and over half of our bishops are connecting the ways they feed, serve and volunteer in their communities to policies that support and sustain these faith-based efforts."

In addition to the telephone calls to legislators, many ELCA congregations have participated in a postcard and paper plate advocacy campaign. More than 1,500 postcards and paper plates are being delivered to members of Congress from Lutherans across the country, asking for a strong child nutrition reauthorization act, according to Francis.

"Caring for children is an important measure of the health of a society. These children are our future," said Nancy Arnison, director, ELCA World Hunger Program. "As our bishops speak out on behalf of poor and hungry children, they continue a strong Lutheran tradition that addresses hunger and its root causes through relief, development, education and advocacy."

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Information about ELCA World Hunger is at [www.ELCA.org/hunger](http://www.ELCA.org/hunger) and ELCA response to the Child Nutrition Reauthorization

## St. Luke Thank You

Thank you **Paul Provenzano** for helping the S.S. and Sanctuary air conditioning units several times!

Thank you **Bruce Amrein** for sound set up in Music Camp.

Thank you **Carol Conroy, Lynn Pilachowski, Natasha Matveeva, Angela Cobb, Intern Sami Wertz, Troy Rohrs** and **FOCUS** mentoring for being counselors in Music Camp.

**Dear St. Luke friends and family,**

Thank you so much for the tremendous blessings in the Godspeed celebration August 8th. Thank you for 5 1/2 years of celebration! God's not finished yet! God is faithful!

Thank you to the extreme fellowship leaders that hosted so many people! Thank you for the cards, butterflies, pictures gifts and keepsakes!

Thank you for the surprise slide show!

Thank you for the generous words and heartfelt prayers. Noel, myself and my mother were deeply touched.

St. Luke is a wonderful congregation! God continues to raise up leaders! Think Big! Stay active! Celebrate what God is doing each week!

Thank you for letting me be a part of St. Luke's creative journey. You are the living church!

In Christ with you,

Rev. Lisa Arrington

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**Dear St. Luke,**

Thank you so much for being a blessing to our family. We are so grateful for all you all have done with our children. Jordan as always has really enjoyed himself (at VBS and Music Camp). We look forward to the great things this church has done and continues to do.

GOD bless you all. Moses and Tanya Gregory

**Thank you St. Luke!** This has been a very difficult time for our family. and we are so grateful for all the help that you have given us. We couldn't have made it through this again without all of your love and support. But most of all your prayers. We will forever appreciate everything you've done to help make Max's recovery a success! Love, Chris, Bekky, Sydney and Max. St. Luke Grandparents are Connie and Bob Wallace. (Max had brain surgery with Dr. Ben Carson again this summer. A photo of Max on back bulletin board!)

A BIG THANK YOU to **John Patzschke, Luke Andrzejewski** and **Norman Houck** for cleaning up the water that flooded the lower hall and the Sunday School hallway on Friday, August 13!!

A BIG THANK YOU to **Jeff Vigilante** who came in on Saturday, August 14 to mop up the dried up mud on the floors and then go back over it with a disinfectant solution!! When we get a lot of rain in a short amount of time, we are susceptible to flooding through the drains in the floors. THANK YOU!!!

A thank you to **Wayne Chlan** who repaired the broken door under the stage in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

### St. Luke Health Ministries:

**St. Luke participates in the Baltimore Healthy and Safe Congregational Training:**  
The Lutheran Community Foundation (LCF) is excited to offer Baltimore Healthy and Safe Congregational Training.

The training will take place from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm on September 13 and 14 and 8:30 am to Noon on September 15 at Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards Hotel. St. Luke's Health Ministry will send three people: Anne Mann, Joe Benham and Joyce McAdoo.

LCF will pay for all training and all training materials as well as meals for all participants on the days of the trainings.

We have been very blessed to have health ministry at St. Luke. Health Ministry includes education, referrals and advocacy. St. Luke will continue to offer healing services like the one on August 28-29<sup>th</sup> the fifth weekend of the month. The chair of Health Ministry is Anne Mann, who is now a Certified Parish Nurse! If you have ideas or interests in topics, see Anne Mann or Pam Savoie.

### What is going on at St. Luke:



*“New people in bible study already!–Picture by Carol Orlando”  
Tuesday Bible Study class*

**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.



## Letters to St. Luke:

Dear St. Luke Church and Council,

I would like to share my experience with you in searching for a church to attend. I was familiar with St. Luke having joined a support group there fourteen years ago. My first experience with a church service at St. Luke was a little over five years ago in which I attended a memorial service. Pastor Lisa gave a beautiful service for my friend, Carroll Howard. This began my journey attending St. Luke Church.

I would visit from time to time on Saturdays for the alternative worship and the traditional Sunday service. On special occasions I would bring my Mom. I started attending on a more regular basis when I contacted Pastor Lisa regarding a friend of mine's death. Her parents were too upset and did not know whom to contact for a memorial. I immediately thought of Pastor Lisa. I contacted her and she met with these folks. The father of my friend continued to attend the church from that day forward and became active with St. Luke.

Having been involved in a program which is spiritually based and growing up attending a wonderful Sunday School, I longed to add something to my life that was spiritually involved. I found the message at St. Luke to fulfill this need. I had attended several churches of the protestant faith and just did not feel at home.

I wanted to share some things that kept me coming back:

The first thing I really noticed was the kindness of the ushers. Some even remembered my name after the first week. The congregation did not seem stuffy. They seemed relaxed. My mom and I attended a few luncheons. I would take off work just to do so. I witnessed Pastor Lisa to be so involved with her congregation. She makes time with individuals to discuss their problems as well as facilitate other activities such as Hip Hop camp and Bible study. I realize Pastors are many and varied. As humans, change is not often accepted so graciously. Through prayers, the church will find someone who will carry the message. Personally speaking I will pray for open-mindedness and willingness to attend the church with the new Pastor. I am looking forward to experiencing this change with God's direction.

Warmly, Millie Paparounis

## “A POEM”

A POEM

*Shared by Kathy Egner with Noel White in memory of his mother and in loving memory of her mom, Nancy Wisbeck, 2000*



Although I have been taken away  
 It's to a place I want to stay.  
 A place where I have no more pain.  
 A place of sunshine and little rain.  
 A place where God's love shines so bright.  
 More brighter than the morning light.  
 I am happy and content here.  
 There is no hate, no war, no fear.  
 But only love, peace and joy are shared.  
 Because of the one who has always cared.  
 He gave his life for you and me  
 So we can live in eternity.  
 Just think how happy I will be if you remember to always believe,  
 I am with you always!

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## St. Luke News and Information

**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 will be September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Silver Spring Mining Company-Perry Hall.

**9 am and 10 am Nursery** is for small children. Led by Director Mindy Hollifield. Secure and reliable.

### **NEW for Sunday School:**

The teacher/co-teacher teams are coming together. If interested in helping, please see James Ward. We are still in need of a volunteer to be the Sunday School Director. Is God leading you to serve?

### **10 am Tuesday Bible Study already started!**

The book of Luke! Meet in Adult Learning Center. Enter Woodhome office doors! Open to all! Come and be refreshed ! This Bible study is for beginners, newbies, old friends!

**9 am Lutheranism 101.** A beginners course for some and a refresher course for others. Meet in the Adult Learning Center. Led by James Ward and Joe Benham

**9 am Women's Bible Study** is for all women, especially moms with kids in the nursery. Check out the Women's Devotional Bible available to you! *Led by Carol Conroy and Jayne Ward*

**Saturday Choir meets at 4 pm each week.**

**Sunday Choir begins August 29th at 11am.**

**Koffee Klatch will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays beginning September 26th.**

**Grandparents' Day—September 12th Come join us for a Fellowship Brunch**

## Installation of the Bishop



When: Saturday, September 18, 2010. 12:30 p.m.

Where: [New Psalmist Baptist Church](#), 4501 Old Frederick Rd., Catonsville, MD 21229

Everyone is invited to attend this festival worship service, featuring choirs and musicians from around the synod. [ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson](#) will preach as well as preside at the installation of **Bishop-Elect Wolfgang Herz-Lane** and his assistants. All the synod's rostered leaders are invited to vest and process; the color of the day is red. Many ecumenical guests and guests from other ELCA synods are expected to attend. The service will be signed, and large-print worship bulletins will be available. A brief time of fellowship follows.

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