



St Luke Evan. Lutheran Church

Issue I

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## “Caring for Creation: Vision, Hope, and Justice”



Back in August of 1993 the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American in its’ biannual Churchwide Assembly adopted a Social Statement entitled “Caring for Creation”. Over two-thirds of those attending the assembly in Kansas City, Mo voted in favor of the statement.

This Lenten season as a congregation we want to reflection on the Stewardship of both our lives and of the creation. There will be Temple talks, Bible studies, Sunday School classes as well as adult forums and mid week worship services which can help us to be in thoughtful reflection during the 40 days of Lent. The prologue to

the our Social Statement reads, ”Christian concern for the environment is shaped by the Word of God spoken in creation, the Love of God hanging on a cross, the Breath of God daily renewing the face of the earth.” Lent is a season of renewal; thus, a good time to renew and recommit to a way of life that reflects the call which we all received in our baptism.

Water and Word are the two essential elements used in baptism. Much of the focus of our Stewardship of self and creation will have us look at the state of a vital commodity. One that we often take for granted, water. The prayer we offer in the

baptismal service holds five references in scripture to water: the first is the waters of creation; the second is Noah and the flood; the third the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites; then Moses speaking to the rock to provide water in the desert for the people of Israel and finally the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by John the baptizer. Water cleanses us, refreshes us, it can frighten us and it can be the greatest of fun. Care for water is one of our greatest needs today.

As part of our Lenten focus every member and friend of St. Luke can receive: a copy of ”Caring for Creation” beginning on Ash Wed.

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## “Let Us Break Bread Together”

“Our Breaking Bread” group met on Sunday, January 22nd to evaluate and decide if we should continue our evening dinners on the last Mondays. While we found several areas

that need some work, one of them being *two additional certified cooks* for the church, it was felt that the following were positive additions to the life of St. Luke: Good for Outreach

to the community; we had participation from other area churches; people from the community became aware of the members of St. Luke and could then greet one another on

the street; it was a good fellowship opportunity for members as well as visitors; it keeps the name of our congregation in front of folks in the wintertime.

**January Birthdays**

01/01 Davis, Bob  
 01/06 Most, Mitchell  
 01/06 Most, Lindsay  
 01/08 Williams, Julien  
 01/09 Hobine, Fred  
 01/09 Healy, Devon  
 01/12 Reider, Russy  
 01/14 Engel, Dave  
 01/17 Caprio, Dave  
 01/20 Sakellaris, Iris  
 01/24 Engel, Kay  
 01/24 Ellison, Will  
 01/24 Chinchilla, Deanna  
 01/24 Chinchilla, Jasmin  
 01/27 Formwalt, Nathan  
 01/30 Matveeva, Natasha

**February Birthdays**

02/03 Dobson, Beverly  
 02/03 Benham, Zoë  
 02/04 Tall, Mildred  
 02/04 Igo, Cathy  
 02/05 Pilachowski, Lynn  
 02/06 Egner, Dennis  
 02/08 Boellner, Lucille  
 02/12 Herz-Lane, Wolfgang  
 02/12 Healy, Maureen  
 02/12 Conroy, Carol  
 02/14 Wallace, Brian  
 02/15 Hobine, Ruth  
 02/15 McGarvey, Jenna  
 02/16 Savoie, Pamela  
 02/16 Egner, Aaron  
 02/17 Formwalt, Gwen  
 02/17 Helm, Hazel  
 02/20 Provenzano, Paul  
 02/22 White, Gertrude  
 02/24 Haupt, Laura

**Birthdays of our Shut-Ins for****January & February**

- 1-24 **Mrs. Kay Engel**  
 1702 Mt. Washington Ct., Unit E  
 Baltimore, MD 21209-4556
- 2-4 **Mrs. Mildred Tall**  
*(will be 100 years old)*  
 2327 Ellen Avenue  
 Baltimore, MD 21234-3905
- 2-26 **\*Mr. Stanley Hostetter**  
 c/o Stan Hostetter  
 700 Lelia Court  
 Bel Air, MD 21014-6922

**March Newsletter DEADLINE – February 12<sup>th</sup>.****Usher Schedule and 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.*

**February 2012**

Stephanie Youells  
 Fred Altman  
 Carol Orlando  
 John Orlando

**March 2012**

Wayne Chlan  
 Doris Chlan  
 Kathy Egner  
 Dennis Egner

**Altar Flowers****\$17 per Vase**

Call the Church Office to get the date you would like: 410-444-5171.

**Ash Wednesday Service and Luncheon: Feb. 22**

Our Ash Wednesday services will be at noon and 7 pm on Feb. 22. We will have both Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes.

A friend of the congregation, Ms Amy Kwon will be playing for us at all of the Noon mid-day

services during Lent. In the evenings there will be a mid-week adult Bible study from the "Unbinding the Gospel" series. The Bible Study will include a light supper at 6:30; the study will be from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

On Feb.22 in the afternoon, following the mid-week Ash Wednesday service, the Men and Women will be heading over to Jerry D's for a luncheon. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church .

Please plan to join us!

# Youth News

**Fun fact:** The ocean is cold enough to freeze your hair in January.

St. Luke took five high school students to Road Trip, a synod youth event in Ocean City. They met in small groups, cut quilt squares for Lutheran World Relief, worshipped and took a dip in the Atlantic!

**Gathering News:** We have several fundraisers planned and you can help! Please share these events with others:

**Feb. 19:** Flamingo sales begin!

**Feb. 29:** Chick-fil-A Night, 5-8 p.m. at 2008 E.



**Nathan Formwalt (left) and Zoë Benham rock out during worship at RoadTrip in Ocean City.**

Joppa Road. Tell them you're with St. Luke!

**March: FLAMINGO SEASON** - Pink your friends and neighbors! Last day for flamingo sales is March 25.

**March 30:** Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction, 6-7:30 p.m. in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

**April 29:** Flapjack

Fundraiser at Applebee's Restaurant, 8-10 a.m.

**May:** Carwash (date to be announced).

You also may sponsor a student via the **New Orleans Stock Exchange** or bring in your old cellular phones and ink cartridges for our **Phoneraiser**. See Sarah for more info.



## Disability Awareness

**Sunday:**

**Feb. 12th**

**It was a suggestion by Daart, a taskforce to encourage congregations of our synod to be aware and inclusive of all people; including those with mental or physical disabilities. This is the first year of our observance as a synod.**



**Our Advent Family Event: Lots of fun, food and fellowship and oh yes, a little bit of silliness too!**



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To the Members and Friends of St. Luke Church,

My deepest regret that it has taken me so long to thank each and everyone who has been kind enough to remember me in their prayers. I am sure that your prayers have helped me in many ways. God bless each and everyone. Carolyn Bochau



To my friends at St. Luke,

Thank you all for your love and support during my mother's illness and her death. Thank you, also to Pastor Margaret for her visits to my mother and the support she gave to my mother, my family, and me. Your sister in Christ,  
Anne Mann

To the Prayer Chain Members,

This note is an expression of my appreciation to all of the Prayer Chain members for their prayers offered for people who have been in need of healing, comfort and guidance. A special thanks to Betty Gonder and Ruth Bohnet, who recently "retired" from the Prayer Chain, for their many years of dedication to this activity.

After 17 years, Carol Weichseldorfer will take my place as the initial contact on the Prayer Chain on January 1, 2012. God bless – Doris Chlan

To the Members and Friends of St. Luke Church,

Thank you to all for your prayers and concerns during this difficult time. Gwen will be missed by her family and church family. God bless – Charles Harris

Dear Pastor Margaret and St. Luke,

We give thanks to God for you and the ministry of St. Luke 2012. Thank you for the newsletter and good news you preach. God bless you in this new year as Christ connects and leads us all. We are so blessed by your ministry. *"a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory of your people Israel"* Simeon, Luke 2:37 Pastor Lisa and Noel

Dear Friends at St. Luke,

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and cards during my illness. Also thanks to Pastor Margaret for her visits and communion. Everyone's prayers have meant so much to me and with God's help, I'm on the way to recovery. I have so much to be thankful for. Sincerely, Norma Hofmann



### **Our prayers and sympathy**

go to the families of Vida Bishoff, Sara who needed Type O blood, Gwen Harris, Michael Lloyd, Michael Smith, Vearle Dean Cochran, and Margaret Askey.

*(as of 2-2-12)*