



St. Luke Lutheran Church "The Tidings"

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Special Points of Interest:

Holy Week Schedule

About Our Coffee House



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:15AM

Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

10:45AM

1st & 4th Sundays - Traditional Worship
w/Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - Family Worship w/Holy Communion

3rd Sunday - Contemporary Worship w/Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30AM

BIBLE STUDIES

Sundays at 9:30AM - Led By Pastor Unger

Mondays at 7:30PM - Led By Pastor Froehlich

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 4:30pm - LWML

Women's Bible Study at the home of Evelyn Raffaele. Please contact Evelyn for directions or info at 613-586-2922

Wednesdays at 10:00AM - Led By Pastor Froehlich

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Dear Fellow Pilgrims on the Lenten Journey,

As the snow fell on our community and we heard the thunder and saw the lightening there was a group of 15 people who had gathered to study the scriptures as a part of our Lenten journey. The discussion focused on betrayal and forgiveness. What an eye opening and enlightening time it was to listen to the group discuss the importance of forgiveness in all of our lives. That is the message of Lent for all of us as we meditate upon our Lord's suffering and death and the forgiveness that God has shown toward us in the sacrifice of his one and only son.

As we begin the second half of the Lenten Season, I encourage you to join us for our Lenten Worship at 5pm and then our soup supper at 6pm followed by Bible study at 7pm. It is the best of what the church can offer to the community: worship, fellowship and study, all designed to keep us focused on the journey to Calvary and the empty tomb. If you have missed the first few weeks, come and join us for the remaining weeks.

This Lenten journey will culminate in the Holy Week gatherings beginning on Palm Sunday at our regular worship times. The beginning to the week includes many important symbolic aspects of the worship which leads us later in the week to the Upper Room for the institution of the Lord's Supper. We then go to Gethsemane where Jesus is arrested, then, on Good Friday, we follow him to the Judgment Hall, the cross and the tomb. This is one continuous service with breaks in time for us to return to our homes and work and to ponder again what Almighty God has done for us. Our celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday will be a joyful celebration of the new life we have in Jesus with special services at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am. The South Shore Brass, choirs and soloists will be leading us in praise and thanksgiving.

It was a wonderful day of celebration on March 20th as we welcomed 16 new members into our St. Luke church family. It is important that we make them feel a part of the congregation and its ministry. We need all of our members to take an active role in the life of the congregation. As we hear about the different ministries at St. Luke, as reported by the members of the Council, I hope and pray that you will give consideration where you can use your gifts and talents.

I look forward to greeting you at the Table of the Lord.

Peace and love,
Charles W. Froehlich, Pastor



From Our
Pastor

Message from LCMS President Rev. Matthew C. Harrison and LCMS World Mission

LCMS President Rev. Matthew C. Harrison asks, “Please join me in prayer for the earthquake and tsunami victims and their families.” LCMS World Missions reports that all LCMS missionaries in Japan are safe. Preliminary reports from our LCMS partner church, the Japan Lutheran Church, has also stated that all of its workers are safe. “We are in contact with our Lutheran partners and colleagues throughout the Pacific region. As they assess needs, we will respond appropriately as requested”, said Rev. Glenn F. Merritt, Director of Disaster Response with LCMS World Relief and Human Care (WR-HC). “It is for times such as this that we Lutherans—in both Japan and the US must act decisively in our life together to witness to the mercy of a loving God and to be present as His hands of hope and healing”, said Dr. David Birner, Associate Executive Director, International, for LCMS World Mission. WR-HC will work with LCMS missionaries in Japan, the Japan Lutheran Church and other Japanese Lutheran churches to bring tangible hope and relief to the many people affected by this disaster. The LCMS has set aside an initial \$200,000 for immediate relief from undesignated funds. As you and other caring Christians provide funds for these relief efforts, you enable the LCMS to respond as specific needs are received from Japan. Please give to Japanese Earthquake Relief now so that we can give the necessary help in the weeks and months ahead. To make donations for Lutheran relief efforts in Japan:

Mail checks (noting “Japan Earthquake Relief” in the memo line) to: LCMS World Relief And Human Care, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

Phone: toll free 888-930-4438

Thank You!

BIBLE STUDIES AT ST. LUKE

Sundays at 9:30am led by Pastor Unger– Focusing on The Book of Romans

Monday evenings at 7:30pm led by Pastor Froehlich—

Highlights on Matthew’s Gospel

This is the Gospel that most of the Gospel readings for the year will be taken from.

This study will be held every week that the Confirmation classes meet.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 4:30pm -LWML Women’s Bible Study at the home of Evelyn Raffaele. Please contact Evelyn for directions or info at

613-586-2922

**Wednesday mornings at 10:00am led by Pastor Froehlich—
The Book of Romans**



Faith Journey

This month, instead of my usual type of writing, I thought I would share my faith journey.

When I was in second grade my parents decided that I should be going to Sunday School. Not that they were going to go to church, they were just going to send me to Sunday School. I attended Sunday School until the eighth grade when I was confirmed. For all those years, I was one of those kids that were just dropped off. That was the extent of my religious guidance. Once confirmed, my church life ended. I left behind the world of God's grace, mercy and love. For that choice, I have no one to blame but myself. I remember my parents asking what I would like to do. I chose to stay home. Little did I know that years down the road this was going to change. My wife, Gail, comes from a Christ-centered family. Church was and is a big part of their life. I didn't realize it at the time, but the seed of God's love was being planted in me. During our dating and early marriage, under my wife's urging, I attended church with her. As you can imagine, I did it for her and not for me. As our attendance at worship services became more and more regular, we met many people and made many friends. Through the fellowship of this church, attending a Tres Dias Weekend, and most importantly the working of the Holy Spirit, did my faith and trust in Jesus Christ develop. It is through this faith that I realized that Jesus, the Son of God, gave up his life for me. God's influence on my life was through my wife, her family, our church family, and the people of Tres Dias. Through each of these, the love of God was freely given to me, not because of what or who I am, but because these people let Christ work through them.

As a result of this I attended and completed the Diakonia Program. Diakonia is a two-year program that includes church history, Bible study and theology. My involvement in Diakonia was by chance, or so I thought. One Saturday morning at Bible study someone mentioned to me that if I liked Bible study, I might be interested in Diakonia. My initial interest was just to broaden my knowledge of the Bible, the Church, and its history. However, this reason for attending took a "back seat" to seeing how I could be used by God. The power of the Holy Spirit lead me out of my comfort zone and into a servant hood for Christ. However, leaving this comfort zone is not easy and I struggle with it. But I do know that the Lord will never leave me to do any of this on my own.

This transformation did not happen overnight. For about 25 years the church and I had gone different ways. Now I look forward to doing all I can to share the love of Christ with all.

Deacon Brad Page



Deacon's
Corner



Wednesdays: April 6th, & April 13th
THEME: "By My Hand—For My Sake"

Worship Service at 5:00pm followed by a Soup Supper at 6:00pm and then at 7:00pm a Bible Study



Palm Sunday, April 17th with choirs and procession with palms at 8:15 and 10:45. A Pancake Breakfast will be held between the services.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st First Holy Communion and a service of remembrance of the institution of the Lord's Supper at 5:00pm and 7:30pm with special music by the Senior Choir at 7:30pm.

Good Friday, April 22nd 12:00 Noon Family Service and 7:30pm Service of Darkness with special music by the Senior Choir and soloists.

Easter Sunday, April 24th we celebrate the Festival of the Resurrection with special services of the Holy Eucharist at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am with choirs and the South Shore Brass at the 9:00 & 11:00am Services. There will be an Easter Brunch following the 7:30 & 9:00am Services.

Join us for each step along the journey giving thanks to God for the rich grace and mercy that has been imparted upon us.



Please pray for those who are in need of the Lord's healing including: Jane Guastafarro; Walter and Grace Burwell, the parents of Chris Geed; Dakota Maass, the granddaughter of Debbie Gnad who will have surgery in April; Tom Simon, Jolly Kuruvilla's brother; Lorraine Masi a former teacher in our Preschool who had a knee replacement; Frank Chabot, John's father; the Slade family and the McClain's in Indonesia.

Please pray for the thirteen 5th grade Sunday school students who will be preparing to receive Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday or shortly thereafter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR APRIL "PRAYER FAMILIES"

Week of April 3rd

Joanne & Robert Adam
 Vincent, Dawn, & Amanda Daley
 Mark, Linda, Allison, Justin & Eric Golden
 Jolly & Dr. Kuruvilla
 Victor & Pat Nelson
 Mark, Corrie, Megan & Erin Scheidt
 David, Kirsten, Maya, Brooke & Anna Wenger

Week of April 10th

Nancy, John, Christen & Alexa Zbytniewski
 Michael Ascier
 Theda Peterson
 Rick, Christin, Chris, Kaylie, Josh, & Chole
 Griskie
 Donna, Sam, Andrew, Isabel, & Caroline
 Dholakia
 Frank, Brenda, Jamie, Billy & Frank Lentsch
 Rodney & Juliamaria Olsen
 Lorie (Silber) Zaun Tyler & Zacharey Silber

Week of April 17th

Joseph, Kimberly, Joseph & Alexandra Geosits
 John, Janet, Lauren, & Suzanne Barone
 Robert, Kelly, Talia, Danielle, Kaylin & Anthony
 DuBois
 Erik Haile, Lauren Haile
 Joseph & Cindy Loney
 Luigi, Kristen, Marie & Kaitlyn Palumbo
 Helene Speruggia

Week of April 24th

Mark, Cindy, Ava & Kyle Fishon
 Cheryl & Anthony Persichilli
 Rob, Rosellen, Gigi & Christopher Ericson &
 Nicky Esposito
 Fred & Arlene Heldberg
 Richard & Judy Sutter



We rejoice with Doug & Pat Wagner at the birth of their 5th granddaughter, Lara Madison Wagner, born on March 22nd in Florida to Matt and Helena Wagner. God's blessings upon Lara and her family.



Births in the Church Family



Engagements were the big news with the engagement of Crystal Von Urff to Drew Singh and Adrienne Evenson to Glenn Thompson and Jennifer Harrison to Michael Tansey. We wish these couples God's blessings as they plan for their lives together.



We welcome the following new members into our church:

Kristin Cuozzo and her children Lara & Camryn
 William, Virginia, Chelsea, Stephanie, and Charlotte Leon
 Peter and Hannah Froehlich
 Nancy Osborn
 Lori Kuster
 Neil Marconi
 Ginger Stillman
 Howard, Debra and Matthew Hallet

*We mourn
with you*



We offer our love and support to Brad Page and his family at the death of his father, Chester, on March 21st, as well as to Jeff and Tracy Wagner, Doug and Pat's son, at the tragic death of Tracy's brother Alain Schaberger a New York City Policeman.

After a recent donation of baby items to the Life Center of Long Island, Deer Park NY we received the following letter in part:

“ We acknowledge and most sincerely thank you for your tremendous donation of baby items to our organization. These items are very gratefully received by mothers-in-crisis who come to us every day for help.

Without the thoughtfulness of caring people like you, we could not minister to their needs.”

For All God's Children,
Lorraine Gariboldi
Executive Director



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Special Mundane Needs

After nearly 40 years many of the metal folding chairs that we have had are giving out and it is time to replace them. These chairs are used both in the church as well as in the Education Building. Slowly but surely we have begun to pick up the padded folding chairs from Costco. Some families have picked one up and donated it to the church. They usually cost \$14.99, and sometimes they have special sales for \$12.99 or \$13.99. We are asking that each family consider donating one folding chair either by picking one up when you go to Costco and then bringing it to St. Luke, or by making a donation of \$14.99 and we will pick up the chairs. Our goal is to replace 100 chairs. We are also looking to add 6 more 6 foot light weight tables for use in the Memorial Gathering Room and downstairs. These are both non-budgeted items that perhaps members of the congregation would be willing to help us with. If you have any questions speak with Pastor or Jeff Adee Chair of the Property Committee.



WALL OF FAME—It's never too late to add your picture to the Wall of Fame. Contact Debbie Gnad at 631-665-3383 or email her at tipsyq@yahoo.com. You can also put a picture in her mailbox #34. Please label the back of the photo with names.

What Are Mite Boxes?

Mite Boxes are used to collect your change to donate to and help the missions of the LWML. They are in the Narthex and on the window sill. We collected \$46.18 from 7 boxes returned for the February count. Imagine how much we could collect if more boxes were turned in. The next collection and count is in May. Your contributions really do make a difference. Thank you for your support.



SOFTBALL SEASON IS COMING! The St. Luke softball team is looking for players interested in having lots of fun and fellowship, along with playing ball. Games are on Sundays (afternoons/evenings), starting in early May and running through mid-August. Anyone 16 or older is welcome! Interested or have questions? Contact Jonathan Halfmann (jhalfmann@optonline.net) or Ken Wenz (kwenz@optonline.net)

APRIL SHOWERS BRING CLEAN DRINKING WATER! Mission Opportunity: Our donations will supply clean water to homes in the area of Honduras where Dot Mock and Linda Prochaska have done medical missions. Watch for more info! The Mission Committee is also sponsoring "Make an Easter Basket for someone less fortunate in the community". It will benefit Helping Hands Mission for Easter. Please fill a basket with items for ages 3-11 and return it by Sunday, April 10th.



2011-2012 St. Luke Preschool Registration: Registration was opened up to new students beginning in February. Registration is on-going at this point. If you haven't registered yet, please be advised that some classes are already full and others are filling quickly, and we encourage you to register as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

The Coffee House is Back! Candlewood Christian Coffee House will be hosting George & Teri Gelish on Saturday, April 9th at 7:00pm. The suggested donation is \$5.00(+)pp. Children 4 and older are welcome (babysitting is also available). There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to make reservations (or you can call Kathy von Thaden at 516-433-7092 or Debbie Gnad at 631-665-3383. If you would like to help with the set up of the coffee house, please contact Kathy or Debbie, as many hands are needed to ready everything for the coffee house. If you care to donate a baked or bought refreshment, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



I hope you all had a good winter and enjoyed all the snow! Well, spring is finally here and we are busy planning for our 7th Annual Alec's Run. This year Alec's Run will be a week later, on April 30th. It was important to us not to have it during Easter and Passover, but it was not an easy decision. The largest race on Long Island is May 1st and we know many who usually attend Alec's Run will not be able to make it. The hope is for the people not running in the race on May 1st to please come to Alec's Run.

The original idea behind Alec's Run was to get family and friends together to celebrate Alec's Life. Last year we had over 500 finishers, including 200 people that walked the course. There were over 100 kids in the fun run and every one of them loved getting their shirt and medal. It has turned into such a tremendous event to honor Alec and we thank everyone who has supported us.

This year again promises to be fantastic race, with over 100 post-race raffles and all sorts of great food, including Spuntino's of Dix Hills delivering trays of awesome Italian food again.

With the funds that are raised from Alec's Run we can help others in his name all year long. We continue to support Kids and Cars, an organization dedicated to making cars safer for children. They have been working tirelessly to raise the awareness about the blind zone behind vehicles. For those that may not be aware, last December, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) proposed a rule that requires the blind zone behind vehicles be eliminated to reduce the possibility of death and injury resulting from backover incidents, particularly incidents involving small children and the elderly. This would mean that by 2014, all vehicles would have a back-up camera as standard issue when a car is manufactured. This is an enormous victory! Adriann, myself, and the children traveled to Washington DC this past week to give testimony to support this ruling. The CBS morning show aired a segment on this.

Once again we will support Hospice Care Network, where we received invaluable bereavement counseling that is free to anyone that seeks it. This organization helps so many people going through the worst of times and the financial support they received was put to use funding bereavement programs for anyone who suffered a loss, especially children.

We will continue to support the fund that we established at our school district for needy children. This fund pays for lunches for these children, but it also pays for things most of us take for granted. It helps them buy school supplies, buy a book at the school book fair, buy a plant at the school's Mothers Day sale, attend class trips that they couldn't afford; making a difference in their lives. During these times, this fund is more important than ever

We continue to look for ways that we can directly make a difference, including supporting the VA Christmas dinner, humanitarian missions, people going through difficult times. This includes helping two families that are struggling with serious illnesses.

It is great feeling to be able to make a small difference in people's lives and it is because of Alec's Run and you that we can do this. There is still plenty of time to train for the run (or walk), so we hope to see you on Saturday, April 30th. All runners and walkers are welcome so please help spread the word. Finally, we always need volunteers, so if you are not able to participate in the run/walk, we can certainly use you.

Thanks once again, Bill and Adriann

The Candlewood Christian Coffee House Presents



*George and Terri in a rare joint performance with family and friends,
playing old favorites and new, never-before-performed music.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH, 7:00PM
SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$5.00(+)pp****

Which includes all refreshments, coffee, tea, and water

A free-will offering will be taken for our guest artists;
as they will perform for us gratis.

For reservations, please contact Kathy von Thaden (516-433-7092)

We can reserve tables of 6 or 8 to accommodate your guests.

Babysitting is also available; A free will offering will be appreciated.



St. Luke Lutheran Church

“Engage, Explore, Reflect”

“Speaking the truth in love we are to grow up
in every way into Him, who is the head,
into Christ.” Ephesians 4:15



*A Blessed
Easter!*

The deadline for the
May newsletter is April 25th.
To contribute an article, you can email me
at autumnvt@verizon.net
(please place in the subject line: “Newsletter”)
or you can place it in my mailbox (#133) at church.