

# St. Luke Lutheran Church "The Tidings"



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## 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**

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE—  
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## 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

On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we will celebrated the Rite of Confirmation with 15 young people and I wonder how many of them will continue to play a part in the life of their church and even more importantly continue to grow in their own personal faith. In our Lutheran theology we talk about the centrality of The Word and The Sacraments as God's Means of Grace in our lives, and how important it is for us to be regularly engaged around them with our brothers and sisters in Christ. In reality, my concern is not just for those 15 young people, but with all who are a part of the church and a part of this congregation. Our relationship with the Lord has eternal implications for our life, and at every step of the journey we need to afford ourselves of the opportunity to grow together in our faith. As Pastor Unger and Pastor Macholz so often have said "I need you to be here." and a part of that is to help your leaders grow in our own faith. I do not have all the answers and I too need to continue to grow in God's grace and in knowledge and faith. I learn from you perhaps far more than you can learn from me, and it is good to be partners with you on the journey.

I encourage you to pray specifically for these young people in the weeks ahead and pray for one another as well. Seek to follow where our Savior has led. As we begin our summer schedule of worship opportunities with Thursday evening worship, which began on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, I encourage you also to join us for our celebration of the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm. We will continue the Thursday worship services through Labor Day weekend.

We continue our Sunday worship at 8:15 & 10:45 through June 12<sup>th</sup> and then move to 9:00am from June 19<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day weekend.

Again this summer, we will have our Monday evening "Bibleques" starting with a barbeque at 6:00pm and then Bible Study from 7:00-8:00pm. This year we are going to add a new dimension to the evening. We will have special activities for children in a Vacation Bible School type of environment. We will begin with some songs and then divide up for the Bible Study time. The adults will be doing an overview of the scriptures and how they all fit together, and the children will learn specific Bible stories that will help them in their faith journey. We will need help to make this happen so if you would be willing to play some role in this new adventure please speak with me, Jim Dorner, or Nancy Gossow who is Chair of our Education Board.

Our "organizing barbeque" will be on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the dates for the "Bibleques" are: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> (none on July 11<sup>th</sup> due to our Golf Tournament).

I invite you to come grow with us in worship and to study and grow with one another.

Peace and love,  
Charles W. Froehlich, Pastor

This year we are excited to Confirm 15 young people here at St. Luke. They have spent the past three years learning the Creeds, The Ten Commandments, reviewing Bible Stories, and doing Servant Events for the community around us! We are looking forward to receiving them as members of our Church body. Together we can continue to pray for them as they enter High School, and look to support them as they begin their adult journey in faith.

Several of our young people will be playing with Uncle Pauly's Brigade at the June 4<sup>th</sup> Coffee House. I know that they are looking forward to showcasing their talents. I hope you are able to join us!

As we transition into the Spring and Summer Seasons, we have a lot of fun and faith building activities for the Youth to get involved with. We are taking 20 of our youth on a mission trip to Schuylkill County, PA to work in the community there as a shining light of Jesus. Please support us before, during, and after in prayer! Starting June 10<sup>th</sup>, every other Friday night (weather permitting) we will have a fire pit out back behind the church. This is a fun night to make s'mores, go swimming, play manhunt or football, and just be a community together. Friends are more than welcome at these events. We are moving our weekly Pool and Game Night from Thursdays at 7:00pm to Wednesdays at 7:00pm, so as not to conflict with our Thursday evening worship service. We have such a fun time in the basement playing games. Feel free to stop by any time! We are also taking a trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park in August. If you have any interest in coming along, please speak to me.

In Christ,  
 Jim Dorner  
 Youth and Family Minister

**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**

**PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN  
 FOR THE SUMMER SCHEDULE**



## Creeping Sin

At this time of year pollen is everywhere, and we allergy and/or hay fever sufferers know this very well. In addition, all of our cars are coated in a nice green haze. Even though we don't hear the pollen fall, it doesn't change that fact that all of our outdoor possessions are being covered. This quiet green covering is much like sin in our lives. We don't hear it, maybe we don't see, or even sense it, but slowly it creeps into society and into our lives.

With this being said, is it sin in our lives that makes society what it is, or is it society that makes us what we are, or what we will accept as "the norm"? In 1Peter 5:8 it says: "...*Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*" To me, in this verse the lion represents sin. Lions try not to make their presence known when stalking their prey. The lion stays low and waits until its prey is unaware and comfortable in their surroundings. I don't see much of a difference between this and how sin would enter our lives. Does sin enter our lives when we are complacent, or because of what we want to hear? In 2Timothy 4:3-4 it's stated: "*For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.*" In verse three it says, "sound doctrine". I feel in this verse sound doctrine includes, the teachings of Jesus Christ. So if we have, in addition to the teachings of Christ, the entire Bible, and the Gospels as sound doctrine, how could we have strayed? Unfortunately, human nature gets in the way. We know what God and the Bible say, but for some reason we want to do it on our own. However, in Proverbs 3:5-8 we are told, "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*"

As we travel along our faith journey, and keep our eyes on the cross of the Risen Christ, let us remember and ask God to "*Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*" (Psalms 25:4-5)

Deacon Brad Page



For our 40th consecutive year, St. Luke Lutheran Church is pleased to present its annual fundraising golf tournament and dinner on July 11, 2011 at Woodside Acres Country Club. More than 125 golfers and volunteers are expected to participate in this long running tradition of fun, fellowship and fundraising. Our fundraising efforts are directed toward three important community outreach projects: Robert Halfmann Memorial Scholarship Fund, Helping Hands Rescue Mission, and a family in need. Donations, monetary/gifts for the raffle are appreciated. Golfers: Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex, See the website for more information. The cost for the day is \$165.00.



If you have something you'd like to share in "The Tidings" newsletter, please feel free to do so. It could be a story of faith, a cartoon, a poem, information on something that's happening at our church or something about your family that you would like to share such as special birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, accomplishments.....we would all love to hear from you!



The Women's Bible Study at Evelyn's home, on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays will continue during the summer. Any questions, please contact Denise Norman.

Ladies Movie Nights will also continue during the summer on the 1st Friday of the month. The next one is on June 3rd at 7:00pm in the Education Building.

We will pick up the "Walk in the Park" at Belmont Lake State Park on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:00pm. Come join us for some exercise, good conversations, and fellowship. The 1st date will be announced in the bulletin.

#### **Evangelism Committee**

Come meet us On June 5<sup>th</sup> at the "Job Fair". Learn about all the exciting things we do and have planned. You can help at however many events you want, there is no permanent commitment, we welcome all at anytime. We will be helping the Youth Committee with their Tag Sale on July 9<sup>th</sup>, come down and lend a hand or bring those unwanted items to sell. Look in future "Tidings" for more events we'll be holding.



Please pray for the Confirmation Class Members of 2011

Karl Dill	Gigi Ericson	Kayla Fentry
Kieran Geed	Christina LaBarbera	Anna Mastrandrea
Tim Mock	Alicia Nakhjavan	Erica Pacello
Sarah Poretsky	Matthew Ross	Matthew Schwartz
Victoria Steinlauf	Michael Stentiford	Thomas Tiernan

May our Lord richly bless them in their journey of faith and life.



We rejoice at the marriage of Shawn Yerkes and Jennifer Terrell on April 16<sup>th</sup> and wish them God's blessings in their life together.

Our Seminarian, Jonathan Crawford, received his assignment as a Vicar (intern) and will be serving Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield, Illinois beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>.



We rejoice with Chris Reno who has been named Middle School Principal at Long Island Lutheran Middle and High School.



We pray for continued healing for Bill Meade, Al Kahn, Jane Guastafarro, Priscilla Smith, Rob Glover and Kayla Fenty, who has recuperated quite quickly from the car accident she was in. We also pray for the Slade Family, our former member Judy Rumpf, and the parents of Chris Geed: Walter and Grace Burwell.

We rejoice with Charlene and Tom Leo on the occasion of their 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, may you have many more years together.



Our most sincere sympathy surrounds Jim & Debbie Gnad, at the passing of Jim's mother. May the Lord comfort them at this time.



We pray for the sheep of this flock who do not worship, that they would return to worship with us, or find a new church home where they will worship.

Don't forget the Job Fair on June 5<sup>th</sup>, and throughout the rest of the month of June. We hope and pray that all of our members will find a special way in which they can serve the Lord by volunteering to be a part of one of our service opportunities. We are in great need of ushers for our worship services, as well as, acolytes and members of the Altar Guild, just to name a few. It would be great if everyone would choose one or two areas where they would be willing to serve.

### Shared Ministry Shares

As we come to almost the half way point in the year, the leaders of the congregation are grateful for the support which the congregation has given to our mission and ministry. We are also grateful for the financial support that you have given to our ministry. Our weekly attendance has shown an increase again this year through the first 4 and a half months and the giving over the first 9 months of our fiscal year has also been up. We are so pleased that some of the members have continued to support the Shared Ministry Shares program as an ongoing part of the expansion which we undertook about 5 years ago. This commitment is important as we seek to make improvements in the older parts of the buildings that are in need of work, as well as, in the driveways, the old roof, and the walkways. Your support of the Shared Ministry Shares by committing to a share, or a half a share, or more than one share over the year allows us to make those improvements without needing any special appeal for them. Forms for the Shared Ministry Shares are in the Narthex, the back tower, and online. One share is \$10 per week for a year.



Thank you to all who helped with the mission project to supply clean drinking water in Honduras. Again this June, Dot Mock, PA, and her son, Tim, will be doing a medical mission trip to Valle de Angeles in Honduras. This is Dot's 4th trip and Tim's 2nd to the same mountainous and impoverished area with others from the nonprofit Amigos de Honduras. For more information and to see pictures of the Mock Family and Linda Proschaska in action on past medical mission trips, visit the website: [www.amigosdehonduras.com](http://www.amigosdehonduras.com).

Please join us on Saturday, June 4th for the Habitat House Walk. Registration begins at 9:00am at Eastern Suffolk Boces, 350 Martha Ave., in Bellport. The walk begins promptly at 10:00am. At 10:30am there will be a short stop to witness the wall raising of Habitat Suffolk's 150th home. The walk will be in Bellport, providing a historical account of Habitat's positive presence within this community where over 70 homes have been built by Habitat Suffolk. The walk ends at 12:30pm. If you would like to participate, please speak to Sandi McDermott.

Please sign up for the Thrivent Habitat for Humanity Build. We will be working on the Sow-Fall House in Bay Shore. Date: June 11th. Time: 9:00am-3:00pm. Any questions, please contact Sandi @sandib.mcder@yahoo.com

**On June 5th the Youth will host a Bake Sale** to help raise money for their mission trip to Schuylkill County, PA in July. If you would like to sign up to bake anything, please do so in the Narthex. Otherwise, stop by to purchase some delicious homemade treats! If you have any questions, please contact Jim Dorner.

It's time to start thinking about the Sights, Sounds & Smells Fair boutique table. We would love to see more of the wonderful handmade items that were donated last year and to add new items. These were a big hit and people enjoyed being able to buy handmade items to give as gifts. Any questions, contact Debbie Gnad at tipsyq@yahoo.com or 631-665-3383.

**COMMUNITY GIVE BACK PROGRAM.....**The Engeman Theater is offering \$5.00 off tickets purchased through St. Luke and St. Luke receives \$10.00 back per ticket. Use the promotion code STLUKE to purchase tickets online or at the box office to get your discount and a donation will automatically go to St. Luke. Offer excludes Friday and Saturday night performances.

**WHAT IS A MITE BOX?** A mite box is 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. Your contributions really do make a difference. Thank you for your support.

Thursday Evening Worship will begin on May 26th at 7:30pm and will continue through Labor Day weekend. On Thursday June 2nd we will celebrate Ascension Day with a special service that evening.



Thursday  
Evening  
Service



Summer Worship  
Schedule

Sunday June 12th is the last Sunday for two services until the Sunday after Labor Day. On Sunday June 19th we begin our 9:00am service for the summer.

Our Monday Night "Bibleques" will begin Monday, June 26th at 6pm. The "Bibleques" are a great evening of Christian fellowship and Bible Study. They will be held from June 26th through mid August (except for July 4th).

We will do a general overview of the scriptures as we walk through the Bible. We hope you will join us!

**See Pastor's article for more information.**



Monday  
"Bibleque"



The preschool was very busy during the month of May. We held our Mother's Day Teas where the children made special gifts for their Moms and sang new songs they learned for the occasion. It was a wonderful time for all.

Two of our Dads, who are firefighters, came to visit classrooms and instruct the children in fire safety. This was a special treat for the students, who received fire hats and books as well.

We held a Scholastic Book Fair in May, which was well received and supported by our preschool families. Thank you to those from the congregation who also supported this school fundraiser. Due to this fundraiser the school will receive some new books as well as a monetary imbursement from Scholastic.

We ended the month with a wonderful celebration of the school's 45th Anniversary! Our students and their parents were invited to enjoy a fun day of games, crafts, pony rides and a performance by a well-known children's musician/storyteller. We enjoyed great food and fellowship and the Lord blessed us with a warn and sunny (NO RAIN) day!!! We had present and past staff at the party, which made it an even more special day!

### Like father, like child

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father — and her heavenly Father — in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart, and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!



Put these words of mine in  
your heart and soul ...  
Teach them to your children ...

Deuteronomy 11:18-19, NRSV

On Sunday, May 22nd, the Youth Choir presented a Cantata, "Tales of Wonder" by Marty Haugen. As I sat and listened to the cantata which told, in music, of "Tales of wonder, tales of laughter and of pain, words that thunder, songs that echo and remain, there is music, there is wisdom for the ones who hear, the storyteller's song." That is exactly what our wonderful Youth Choir gave us through the songs they sang.

I was not only in awe of the music and lyrics of each song, but as I sat and listened, I marveled at how these youth are using the talent that God has given them to sing songs of worship and praise. In the world we live in today there are so many children who are doing other things and leaving God out of their lives. I can certainly appreciate the many hours that were spent in preparation for the cantata. Commitment is something that most people have difficulty with, but our Youth Choir showed that they are committed to serving the Lord with their time and talents. Let's not forget the wonderful parents who have also made the commitment to make sure that their children get to practices, etc. in order for them to be prepared, and in essence, setting an great example for them. When we speak of commitment, how can we leave out Janet Pinto? Her commitment and dedication to fostering our youth in their music is beyond belief. Janet's talents are reflected in what she does with the Youth Choir (among other things, as we know).

I consider it a blessing to be able to witness God's grace in their lives and I pray that these children will, as they grow to adulthood, continue to use the talents that the Lord has given them to praise and worship Him and inspire others to do the same.

I think one of the songs they sang says it all:

"To the God who cannot die: I say "Yes" my Lord. To the One who hears me cry: I say "Yes" my Lord.

To the God of the oppressed: I say "Yes" my Lord. To the God of all justice: I say "Yes" my Lord.

**Refrain: I say "Yes", my Lord, in all the good times, through all the bad times, I say "Yes", my Lord to ev'ry word You speak.**

I am a servant of the Lord: I say "Yes" my Lord. I'm a worker in the fields: I say "Yes", my Lord.

I'm a pris'ner of their wars: I say "Yes", my Lord. Like a politician, inevitably: I say "Yes", my Lord.

**Refrain**

Like that of Job, unceasingly: I say "Yes", my Lord. Like that of Maria wholeheartedly: I say "Yes", my Lord.

Like that of David in a song: I say "Yes", my Lord. Like Israel, for you I long: I say "Yes", my Lord.

**Refrain"**

**May we all say: "Yes", my Lord.**



**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

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**Special Dates In June**

- Ascension of the Lord, June 2, 2011
- Pentecost, June 12, 2011
- Flag Day, June 14, 2011
- Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011
- Father's Day, June 19, 2011
- First Day of Summer, June 22, 2011



**Father's Day**

The deadline for the  
July/August newsletter is June 24th.  
To contribute an article, you can email me  
at [autumnvt@verizon.net](mailto:autumnvt@verizon.net)  
(please place in the subject line: “Newsletter”)  
or you can place it in my mailbox (#133) at church.