



St. Luke Lutheran Church

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Pastoral Ponderings

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Dear St. Luke Family and Friends,

As we begin the summer season may the Lord bless you richly as we take some time to relax and be renewed. We also can take some time to gather together as the family of God on Thursdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 9:00am to renew our spiritual lives through our family gatherings around the Word of God and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Come and join us! Now is also the time to plan on joining us for summer barbeque and Bible study on August 1, 8 & 15 at the Froehlichs and the Dorners. We will begin with a meal at 6pm followed by a time of growing in faith. Watch for the signup and join us at any one or all of the evenings.

VOTERS MEETING

On Tuesday June 19th there were about 40 members who gathered for our spring voters meeting. Included in the meeting was a tour of the new facility as it is rapidly coming to completion. Following the meeting Lance Franklin and Joe Trotta from Triton Construction led people through the facility so they could get a better picture of just what was happening. It is very exciting to see the progress that has been made and they are saying that we should be mostly completed by the middle of August. The other major item of business was the approval of the budget that the Board of Finance had proposed for the fiscal year 2007-2008. Copies of that proposal are still available on the literature table in the back tower of the sanctuary. The budget was unanimously approved as a working document for the fiscal year beginning August 1st. One of the great challenges is for our members to remain faithful in their sharing of God's gifts in their offerings and in their talents. This is especially true during the summer when there are fewer people in worship and thus the offerings suffer. Please be faithful both in your worship and in your support of the work of ministry that we carry on.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

We add our congratulations to our young people who have completed a very important step in their journey by receiving degrees from colleges and universities. Katie Moehring SUNY Albany, Tara Vega Brown University, Caroline Harned Quinnipiac University, Ryan Rhodes University of Massachusetts, Kara O' Reilly Harvard University, Allyson Buhse University of Delaware, Christian Fyfe University of Richmond,

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Jessica Daly Stony Brook University and two young women who have received their Masters Degrees, Kathleen Harvey daughter of Linda Prochaska from Dowling College, and Aliza leo from Stony Brook University. I am sure that I have missed some and as I hear about them I will pass this on to our family.

OUR FLOCK

We have had a baby boom in the last few weeks with the birth twins Maya and Brooke Wenger on May 27 to Kirsten(Leo) & David Wenger first grandchildren for Tom and Charlene Leo and also grandparents Paul and Marge Wenger and then just one week later on June 4th the Wengers had another granddaughter Lea Grace Wenger born to Sara(Prowatzke) & Dan Wenger. That made our members Mark and Suzanne Prowatzke grandparents for the first time. On June 14th Ginny & Bill Hock became grandparents for the first time with the birth of Jake Timothy Greene born to daughter Lora & Timothy Greene. Back on May 28th the Emigholz' s became grandparents for the first time with the birth of Ryan Emigholz to son Chris and his wife Bonnie and finally on June 20th Bill and Adrienne Nelson welcomed Annika Angelina Nelson into this world and this is grandchild number 25 for Vic and Pat Nelson. We rejoice in the gift of new life to these children and their families and pray that they will grow in their faith in the Lord.

It was a joy to perform the marriage of Erika Arnold to Dan Talbot here at St. Luke on June 16. It is always a joy to participate in these joyous events in the lives of young people that I have watched grow up.

We ask for your continued prayers for our members who are undergoing treatments and recuperating from surgery including, Tressa Probst, Barbara Ascierito, Alan and Lillian Slade, Lynn Tonne, Lucy Crawford, Theda Peterson and then some of our members family including Marty Maningo, Georgianna Reid, Raymond Coyle and an infant Matthew Bove who has waged a remarkable battle with cancer and received a miracle in the past few weeks.

The Scriptures encourage to pray without ceasing and I encourage you to pray for these saints daily.

SPECIAL DATES

August 14

The proposed date of being essentially complete with the construction of the addition to our education building.

August 6-10

Camp Christ and Vacation Bible School as we continue building the spiritual lives of children.

August 11

The Annual Clambake, a great evening of food and fellowship to be held at the church in the fellowship room that will no longer be a weekday classroom.

August 25

Sunday School Teachers workshop with other churches from western Suffolk County