

IN THE NAME OF GOD, WELCOME. Even as we are amazed that we are at this time already (and maybe yearn for a bit more “summer”), God brings us to the beginning of a new school year. God makes us a “new” people together because this community of people has never gathered together before. Both first-timers and long-timers are made new together by God’s love and grace.

**The WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45 a.m.**

**PREPARATION**

Prelude “Andante from the Reformation Symphony”  
Felix Mendelssohn

Moment of Silence

\*Invocation

\*Order for Confession and Forgiveness Page 94

\*An Act of Reconciliation: Sharing the Peace Page 152

\***Hymn 576** “We All Are One in Mission” KUORTANE

\*The Greeting Page 98

\*Kyrie Page 98

\*Hymn of Praise “Glory to God...” Page 99

\*Prayer of The Day

Pastor: O God,

**ALL: with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GOD’S WORD THROUGH WORDS**

Word of Welcome George Conneman

First Lesson – Isaiah 51: 1-6

Psalms 12 (sung responsively)

Help me, Lord  
For there is no god-ly one left;  
the faithful have vanished from among us.  
**<sup>2</sup> People tell lies to each other; they use smooth words but speak from a double heart.**

**<sup>3</sup>May the Lord cut off all lips that flatter, and the tongues that speak boastfully –**

**<sup>4</sup>those who say, “With our tongue we will prevail; our lips are our own; who is Lord over us?”**

**<sup>5</sup>Because the needy are oppressed, and the poor cry out in misery, I rise up,” says the Lord, “and give them the help they long for”.**

**<sup>6</sup>The words of the Lord are pure, like silver refined from ore and purified seven times in the fire.**

**<sup>7</sup>O Lord, watch over us and save us from this generation forever.**

**<sup>8</sup>The wicked prowl on every side, and everyone prizes that which is worthless.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Lesson – Romans 12: 1-8

\*Gospel Acclamation Page 102

\*The Holy Gospel – Matthew 16: 13-20

**\*“Glory to you O Lord” (spoken)**

**\*“Praise to you, O Christ” (spoken)**

Children’s Sermon “Rock-y” Pastor Bair

\***Hymn 652** “Built on a Rock” KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS

Sermon “Discerning the Form of Your Matriculation”  
Pastor Bair

\*The Apostles’ Creed Page 105

**A RESPONSE OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND LIVES**

Offering

Offertory “Alleluia” (from “Exsultate, Jubilate”) W. A. Mozart  
Erin Winker, soprano

\*Congregational Offertory **Hymn 188** “Create in Me...”

\*Prayers of Intercession Page 105

\*The Lord’s Prayer Page 112

\*The Benediction

\***Hymn 820** “O Savior, Precious Savior” ANGEL’S STORY

\*The Dismissal Page 115

Postlude “Postlude”

Lefebure-Wely

*\*Please stand for this part of the liturgy or remain seated as you need.*

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**WORSHIPPING** with this faith community for the first time? Sign the book in the narthex so that we may greet you more personally, and please share in the relaxed after-church time over goodies.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from an usher.

**HEARING ASSIST** devices are available from the table in the narthex. Each device has an earpiece and volume control.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Nader and Judy Mehravari in celebration of their 28<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**NAME TAGS.** Thanks for helping us all remember by wearing one. Your help in returning your tag to the rack in alphabetical order with the string tucked in is also appreciated. If you want a nametag to be made for you, please see table in narthex.

**NURSERY CARE** is provided for young children during worship in two nurseries, which are on the same level as the sanctuary. Please feel free to use the facilities for your children.

**CAMPUS MINISTRY LIST SERVE.** To join, send an e-mail: [stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:stluke-campusministry-subscribe@yahoo.com).

**HANDICAP PARKING.** There is a ‘Handicap Parking’ space on Oak Avenue across from the entrance to St. Luke. There are also four parking spaces behind the Church, and on Sunday mornings these are for the use of our members who have difficulty walking.

**FAITH AND CARE LUNCH & COFFEE HOUR, Sunday, September 14,** after the Worship Service. The lunch will be hosted by the September Faith and Care Team for the October volunteers. Everyone is invited to share!




**QUILTING FOR THOSE IN NEED:** If you sew, have extra fabric to share or can tie knots, check out how you can help make quilted blankets for distribution by Lutheran World Relief. Details are on flyers in the narthex. Meet with us at 9:30 a.m. on every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. in our Adult Ed room.

# ST. LUKE NEWS

## Pentecost 15

### 24 August 2008


**ST. LUKE COUNCIL MEETING** – There will be a council meeting on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Ray Fitch, our Development Consultant, will be present.

 **ICE CREAM SOCIAL – SUNDAY, AUGUST 31** after the worship service. Come and greet new and old friends. Everyone welcome.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL STARTS – SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 at 9:15 a.m.** New choir members are always welcome. Contact Erik Kibelsbeck, Music Director for more information.

**WELCOME BACK STUDENT LUNCHEON** for new and returning students, undergraduates and graduates. **Sunday, September 7**, after the worship service. Come mingle with friends and welcome new students.

**ADULT FORUM AND CHURCH SCHOOL starts September 7 at 9:30 a.m.** The Adult Forum is a post-high school-age church school class that meets in the Adult Education room downstairs. The topics include faith studies, Bible studies, ethical issues, worship, church history – i.e., ‘forum’ in which to gather with others for the strengthening of our faith through education. For more information contact Pastor Bair. **CHURCH SCHOOL** – we encourage all children and youth from three – years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This coming year, we have a variety of activities being planned including; three-four family activities (game/movie night, pumpkin carving, etc...), special Bible studies for parents/families focused on family issues as well as the Intergenerational Event, Christmas Pageant and Easter Egg Hunt. Please contact Mary Van Donsel for more information, [c\\_mvandonsel@yahoo.com](mailto:c_mvandonsel@yahoo.com).

 **FAITH AND CARE COORDINATORS provide an opportunity for us all to serve.** The Faith and Care Coordinators will be at their table in the narthex **September 7 and September 21** to sign up for October and November volunteer opportunities.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING** Please consider shopping for Lutheran World Relief as well! The Social Ministry Committee will be sponsoring a drive for school supplies for the Lutheran World relief late August/early September. A school kit may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or other disaster. School kits help parents continue their children's education, even while living in a refugee camp, for example. A school kit may also be used in adult literacy classes.

The quilting group has graciously agreed to sew 25 school kit bags. These bags will be available at the end of August (Aug. 24 and Aug. 31). We are asking that you take a bag, and bring it back filled. If you are interested in participating, but will not be able to come either of those Sundays, please give Judy Mehravari a call or email (257-8653, [mjudy@twcny.rr.com](mailto:mjudy@twcny.rr.com)). *College students - please consider doing this as a group project (dorm room / floor, housing unit, etc).*

#### Each bag needs to contain the following:

- Spiral notebook of ruled paper approximately 8" x 10 1/2", totaling 150 - 200 sheets (if using 70 - count notebooks, please include three); do not include loose-leaf paper.
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener.
- Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- One eraser approximately 2 1/2" long.
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary, fold in half to fit into the school bag).
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging and pack items in the bag, fold the handles over, and secure with two large rubber bands or tie with yarn. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Thank you!

**HEALTH CARE EVENT AT KENDAL: Tuesday, September 9 - 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. at Kendal At Ithaca – Auditorium.** Donna Smith and her husband Larry, middle class working Americans with health insurance, had to declare bankruptcy and lost their home due to medical care costs. Donna subsequently founded American Patients United. She travels throughout the country meeting with community groups. **Special Event Speakers:** Donna Smith of American Patients United – telling her personal story; Dr. Susan Soboroff – a physician's perspective; Anita Watkins – Canadian health care system; Will Fudeman – singer/songwriter. For more information about these events contact Rebecca Elgie, 272-0621 or [healthylink@earthlink.net](mailto:healthylink@earthlink.net).

**ARE YOU ACCESSING THE ST. LUKE WEBSITE?** [<http://www.stlukeithaca.org>] It now includes photos, a calendar of events, documents (from weekly bulletins to the Constitution and By-laws), and improved audio of our morning worship services. Please contact Scott Adams with your ideas.

**FAITH IN ACTION: DIRECT PRAYER REQUESTS** to Louise McGee at 844-4303. A prayer chain of St. Luke folks prays regularly, privately, and confidentially for the parishioners' concerns.

**FAITH AND CARE: USHERS:** Ronald Shewchuk & Emily Metz; **GREETERS:** Joan Carlson & Joe Metz; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Jeff Snedeker; **ACOLYTES:** Nola Booth; **READERS:** Nola Booth & Joe Metz; **COFFEE SERVERS: SET-UP ; CLEAN-UP:** Joan Carlson; **BAKERS (after church):** Velma Markwardt & Jean Robinson.

**NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost 16, Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.;** Lessons: Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28; Sermons: “Deny” and “An Allegation of Deceit”; Hymns: 624, 798, 655.

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