

The LOOKlet for May 13, 2012

Worship

St. Luke celebrates baptisms and welcomes new members on the third Sunday of each month. If you are interested for yourself or a family member, please contact Allen, in the church office, 610-688-0122, office@SaintLukeDevon.org, Pastor Matt, mstaniz@SaintLukeDevon.org, Pastor Sue, sericsson@SaintLukeDevon.org, or. You can also use a green Connection Card to leave us that message.

Our summer schedule arrives ahead of the change in seasons:

- **May 20** is the last day for Sunday School until the fall.
- **May 27** begins the Summer Schedule. One Service at **9:30 a.m.** The only exception is June 3, the day of our outdoor worship and church picnic.
- **July 11**, Wednesday evening worship begins and continues through August. These **7:30 p.m.** services meet in the chapel and offer a chance to gather for Word, Song and Eucharist.

Sunday, June 3, Outdoor Worship 10:30 a.m., Church Picnic 11:30 a.m. This year the picnic will be held at St. Luke. Last names beginning with A-I bring desserts, J-Z bring sides & salads. Main course and water provided. Bring your own beverages. Dress casually. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets for worship and picnic seating.

Volunteer for worship, We'd like to have a number of St. Lukans read Acts 2:8 in a language other than English. If you can **add your voice on Pentecost, May 27**, please sign up on your Connection Card today.

Rejoicing Spirits takes a vacation. No Rejoicing Spirits worship on Memorial Day weekend. The services return on the fourth Sunday in June.

Youth

Youth Gathering 2012 meetings will occur on the 3rd Sunday of each month through July at 7:00 p.m. During meetings, we will begin to explore the Gathering theme, *Citizens with the Saints*, while also preparing for our trip. The 7:00 p.m. small group will not meet on those Sundays.

Study God's Word

Adult Education: The following opportunities will be available on Sunday mornings for adults and post-confirmation young people to explore how the risen Christ comes to us and sends us out into the world to share the good news.

- Rich Banyard and John Thebus lead a series on the **Gospel's post-resurrection narratives at 9:45 a.m.** in Schlack Hall.
- **Table Talk**, a weekly look at issues of current interest from a faith perspective, continues each Sunday at 9:45 in the Conference Room.
- "**Awakening to God's Call to Earthkeeping**" meets this morning in Schlack Hall during the Sunday School hour.

Vacation Bible School, July 30-August 3, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Vacation Bible School goes overboard this summer! This year's theme, "Operation Overboard", takes participants deep undersea and deep into God's Word. Children age 4 through 6th grade can sign up now. Young people and adults, please consider being part of the great team that makes it happen each year. Registration forms were printed in the May LOOK and are available on the Education Page at SaintLukeDevon.org. Contact Roberta Menapace, jwmrgm@aol.com or Pastor Matt Staniz, MStaniz@SaintLukeDevon.org.

Connect

Men's Breakfast: On **June 2**, we will welcome the Honorable Andrew Dinniman, from the 19th Senatorial District. As usual, the men's group will have breakfast at 8:00 a.m. We'd like to extend the invitation to all St. Lukans to come out at **8:30 a.m.** for the Speakers' presentation and to enjoy a cup of coffee.

It is not too late to sign up for "**A Matter of Balance**" class here at St Luke for **the next 7 Tuesdays from 2 to 3** in Schlack Hall. The class is led by Katie, an instructor from Chester County Health and Department of Aging Services. Each person gets a workbook that describes the exercises we do together and gives the basis of conversation about how we think and feel about falling, how that limits us, and also about how and what we can do to help ourselves. Just come and check us out.

Attention Thrivent Members and Guests. The Thrivent Chester County Chapter Board invites Thrivent members and their guests to a Thank-You Event, a free dinner/concert in the park on June 3, to see the Fabulous Grease Band! The event will be held at the Albert C. Miller Park; 220 Miller Way, Exton.. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a boxed dinner from caterer Feeding Frenzy and listen to the music of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s! This event is limited to the first 100 sign-ups. Contact Susan Trendler, 484-875-0202, susan.trendler@thrivent.com, or the Exton Thrivent office to reserve dinners. **RSVP BY Thursday, May 31.** Pickup your dinners at 6 p.m. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m. This is not a sales event.

Around the ELCA

Graduation is always a time of celebration for students, family and friends. But when the first class of Assistant Medical Officers graduated from the **Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania**, the entire country had something to celebrate. The school, the first faith-based program of its kind in Tanzania, is directed by ELCA missionary, Dr. Mark Jacobson. The second largest country in East Africa, Tanzania has fewer than 2,000 medical doctors. The shortage is especially critical in rural areas. In response, Mark and his team train "assistant doctors" who come to the two-year program as clinical officers or physician's assistants and leave with the lifesaving ability to perform basic surgery. The impact on the lives of people in Tanzania is immediate. "I'd like every ELCA member to know how important they are to this ministry." Mark adds, "Together, we become the healing hands of Christ."

Give Time, Talent, Treasure

Please help BabyManna. Over 12,000 babies are born into poverty each year in southeastern Pennsylvania, and many of these infants are reared by caregivers who cannot afford quality formula. BabyManna asks for its special offering **today, Mother's Day**. All of the donations are used by Philabundance to purchase healthy infant formula and baby food, which will be available to 600 feeding programs locally. Please place any amount that you can into the globe bowls during the offering.

Tributes for Teachers: Looking for a meaningful end-of-year gift for your Sunday School teachers? The Social Ministry team has a solution for you! Similar to Gifts of Hope, donations can be made to **FLITE** in honor of your Sunday School Teacher. **FLITE** is a non-profit education foundation that provides funding for programs to help local, disadvantaged kids achieve academically. Look for the table in the Sunday School wing from 9:45-11:00, or in the narthex at noon. Today and next week, May 20.

Rejoicing Spirits needs your help. The board is looking for 1 or 2 individuals who could joyfully dedicate a total of up to 30 hours per week to nurture and grow Rejoicing Spirits. If you or someone you know feels called to learn more about taking an active leadership role, please contact the RS Board of Directors via email info@rejoicingspirits.org or call Susan Crawford at 610-363-8127.

Buck-A-Chick Update! Do you hear all the chirping? It's our friend, Chester the Chick, giving St. Luke a big round of thanks. With the help of the Congregation and Sunday School classes, St. Luke was able to buy an incredible 1, 080 chicks to send around the world to help people who are hungry! Special thanks goes to our fourth graders, and their special friend Chester, who brought the Buck-A-Chick program to everyone at St. Luke!! But, that's not all! In addition to the flock of chicks, during Lent, the Sunday School also collected money for other animals in the Global Barnyard. Through the weekly offerings, St. Luke also purchased 5 ducks (\$100), 4 pigs (\$120) and 3 goats (\$150). WOW! These animals will be able to help a lot of people who are hungry!

In the Community

Valley Forge Handbell Festival, Saturday, May 19, at 4:00 p.m. Kevin McChesney, Guest Clinician and Conductor. Eleven Handbell Choirs with 140 bell ringers playing 599 bells accompanied by The Sounding Brass Quartet, Timpani, and Percussion. Please join us in the Valley Forge Middle School Gymnasium, 105 West Walker Road, Wayne, for this exciting event.

Living Faith Church of West Chester is proud to present a night of strength, hope, bonding, fellowship, and awareness **June 15**. Music will be provided by FlintFace. FlintFace is a native of Philadelphia and has been going around to local schools and churches bringing awareness to our youth about breaking the awkwardness around talking about suicide and abuse. FlintFace encourages us to support one another and respect each other for who we are. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. All are welcome to attend. We will need adults to help in driving. Any questions please contact Jen DiMartino at ssisser5@verizon.net or at 484- 221-0380

Daisy Shop of Devereux: Do you have old floral vases taking up space in your cabinets? Consider donating them to The Daisy Shop of Devereux. Simply drop them off at the shop located at 119 Old Lancaster Road, Devon. Call Mary Kay at 610-964-3210 if you have any questions.

Pray

In Our Prayers

Members: Susie Martin and her family + Larry Williams and his family + Donna Nansteel + the Absher family + Dwight Peterson + Christine and Rob McClay and their family + Ann-Marie Rowe + The Christman family+ Robert Squiteri, Sr.+ Lovey Carroll + Hedy Powell + Pete Jackson + Sam Long + Gustafson family + Emilie Christensen.

Homebound Members: Ginny Landis + Ilona Markos + Evelyn Goodchild + Margaret Janson + Marie Cuthbertson + Bob & Bea Moser

Family and Friends: Skip Koup + Louise Koup + Logan Schweiter + Betty Clark's sister, Emily Carter + Walter Holland + Lynne d'Entremont's mother, Betty Stevens + Susie Thomas + Dave Helfrich, Jen DiMartino's dad + Jill Demsey + Hugh Sutherland + Cecil Knox + Cammie Lubking.

The Wider Community: The people of Japan + Pastor Diu and the people of Mikanjuni Lutheran Parish in Tanzania + Those without jobs + Members of the Armed Forces serving at home and abroad + Our country during this critical time + The staff and the homeless clients of the West Chester Salvation Army + Victims of natural disasters + the people of Egypt + Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world + Grace Lutheran Church, Hatfield.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to submit a prayer request to the pastors and/or prayer team, you can call or e-mail either pastor or, the church office. You can also submit prayer requests by using the Connection Cards on Sundays or by putting a request in the prayer box across from the church office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

Sunday	5/13	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Cherub Choir in Choir Room
		9:00 a.m.	Junior Choir in Schlack Hall
		9:35 a.m.	Youth Choir in the Sanctuary
		9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		5:30 p.m.	2 Copper Coins
Monday	5/14	10:00 a.m.	Needles and Pins
		7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
Tuesday	5/15	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		2:00 p.m.	<i>LOOK DEADLINE</i> A Matter of Balance
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Thursday	5/17	7:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Small Group
		11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		4:15 p.m.	Youth Ministry Small Group
		6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
Friday	5/18	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
		7:00 p.m.	Coptic Vespers
Saturday	5/19	9:00 a.m.	Coptic Worship
Sunday	5/20	8:30 a.m.	Worship
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		9:35 a.m.	Youth Choir in the Sanctuary
		9:45 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		1:30 p.m.	Pre-Gathering Youth Event
		5:30 p.m.	2 Copper Coins
		7:00 p.m.	Youth Gathering Prep Meeting

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Welcome Center	Dawn & Joe Moynihan	Marie Lambeck
Assisting Minister	Ron Neumar	Sparky Lok
Acolytes	Elizabeth DeBerardinis	Sara Flatt
	Alexis King	Jeanette Silvia
Communion Assistants	Rob Loose	Jeanette Schlegel
	Chris Lewis	John Thebus
	David Hughes	
	Wendy Mercier	
Greeters	Elsa & Barry Spiegel	Judy & Bill Milby
Lector	Wendy Mercier	Lloyd Sheneman
Nursery	Kate Nelson	Kim Slomeana
Children's Church		Nancy Shaw
Ushers	Team of Ron Kostka	Team of Bob Mitchell
Altar Guild: Janet Neumar, Andrea Olson, Mary Jane Verrei, Jean Long.		
Counting Team: Ned d'Entremont, Marv Meyer, David and Janet Hughes.		
Flower Arrangers: Sallie Sobeck, Michelle Hawk.		

Altar Flowers are a gift from Sallie Sobeck in memory of Nancy Blough and in honor of Laura Shevlin and Sallie Reed on their first Mothers' Day.

Everlasting Candle is given by Sallie Sobeck in memory of Nancy Blough.

We rejoice with Bridget & Doug Gustafson at the birth of their daughter, Ella Greenleigh. Ella was born Monday evening. Everyone is doing well.

My Next Step Today

- I will thank God for the women in my life who have mothered and mentored me.
- I will ask God to help me discern how my life can “bear fruit that will last.”
- I will commit a random act of kindness this week!
- I will celebrate what God is doing at St. Luke as I participate in and support our shared mission.

Saint Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation open to all people seeking a closer relationship with God. We strive to know, love and serve Jesus Christ by practicing the “Marks of Discipleship”, Christian disciplines that deepen our

faith journey:

Pray daily

Worship weekly

Read the Bible

Serve at and beyond St. Luke

Connect with others

Give Generously

Invite others to join us on the journey