

# The LOOKlet for February 19, 2012

## Worship

**TODAY**, Reformation Lutheran Church's Choir and their Pastor, the Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells, join us for worship. **Pastor Wells** is the dean of the Northwest/Olney Conference of the Southeastern Pa. Synod. Pastor Wells is a fellowship pastor of the Pentecostal Church of Jesus Christ and the founder of Revelation Ministries (Atlanta, GA). He also hosts a weekly radio program, "A Positive Message for Powerful Living with Pastor Lamont Wells," every Friday at 1 p.m. on Gospel Highway 11, 1110 AM, which is broadcast in Philadelphia and available nationwide via the internet ([www.wnap1110am.com](http://www.wnap1110am.com)). A dynamic speaker and prophetic preacher, Pastor Wells shares his message of religious ecumenism and social justice which motivates him as a pastoral leader, team builder, and community organizer.

### Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 22

On Ash Wednesday, we share in the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion at **four services**.

**7:00 and 10:00 a.m.**, in the chapel, brief service of spoken Holy Communion with imposition of ashes; no sermon.

**Noon and 7:30 p.m.**, Full communion liturgy with imposition of ashes; Pastor Staniz preaching.

### Midweek Worship on Wednesdays begins February 29.

**Lenten Wednesday Luncheons** at 11:45 a.m., we gather for a simple soup and bread meal prior to Worship at 12:30 p.m.

**Lenten Wednesday Soup Suppers:** In the evenings, all are invited to come early, at 6:15 p.m., for a short worship activity with our Lenten theme, "The Hungry Feast," prior to supper. At the evening meals, kid-friendly food will be available for the finicky! Make Saint Luke your family dinner stop on Wednesday evenings in Lent.

6:15 p.m.                      Worship Activity

6:30 p.m.                      Soup Supper

7:30 p.m.                      Worship

Contact Jodi Donohue at 610-408-8093 or [Jodi@donohueracing.com](mailto:Jodi@donohueracing.com) for more information.

## Youth

**Youth Gathering 2012:** The youth and adult volunteers heading to the Youth Gathering this summer are overwhelmed with gratitude for the amazing generosity of the St. Luke congregation in supporting our fundraising efforts. Pastor Matt introduced a challenge just two short weeks before the annual meeting to raise \$5,000. For two Sundays and during Pizza Bingo, donations kept pouring in. Heading into the annual meeting, the kids were thrilled that we had exceeded that goal, then it doubled during the meeting! We are so thankful for all of you who donated, prayed for us and got excited about this challenge.

Pastor Matt has something up his sleeve, or more appropriately, under his hat to honor all the hard work our Youth did to help achieve this goal. He will have a mohawk-related announcement and surprise for our youth which will be revealed on Confirmation Sunday, March 4. Stay tuned! Thank you again, words cannot express how absolutely astounded and lifted up we feel!

**2012 SEPA Sr. High Youth Gathering:** Youth in grades 9-12 from across our synod will gather at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia for SHYG 2012, **February 24-26**. The theme this year is ***LEAK JESUS: Overflow with Christ!*** This will be a great event for all St. Luke Youth, including those who do not plan to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please e-mail Pastor Matt if you are interested in this great weekend! ***Adult volunteers will also be needed!***

**Youth Gathering 2012 Meetings:** During the meetings, we will begin to explore the Gathering theme, *Citizens with the Saints*, while also preparing for our trip and for events before and after the Gathering. February's meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m.** Future meetings will occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of March-July at 7:00 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. small group will not meet on those Sundays.

**Confirmation Sunday:** Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 4**, when we celebrate with our 9<sup>th</sup> grade youth as they become confirmed members of our congregation. Confirmation marks not only the completion of a lot of work and learning, but the beginning of a new chapter in each of our faith journeys. Please pray for our confirmation students as they discover the new ways that God is calling them to follow Jesus and make the mission of Saint Luke come alive in the world today.

### **Youth Dates for February**

Feb 24-26 - Sr. High Youth Gathering

Feb 26 - YG Meeting

Mar 4 - Confirmation

## **Study God's Word**

**Table Talk**, a lively discussion of topics of current interest from a faith perspective, meets in the Conference Room. Today at **9:45 a.m.**, we will consider the topic "Doctors and Big Pharmacology." You are encouraged to come and share your ideas or your stories.

### **New Adult Class During Lent, "Making Sense of the Cross."**

Seven weeks at 9:45 a.m **beginning Sunday, February 26.**

The heart of the cross is an element of mystery that can't be resolved either easily or entirely. Some of the questions we will examine include: "What does the cross say about God?" and "Did Jesus have to die?"

Even if you can't come for all 7 weeks feel free to come as you can. Led by Pastor Sue Ericsson.

## **Give Time, Talent, Treasure**

**Today is Commitment Sunday** when we return our pledge cards to indicate our giving in 2012. During our "pay it forward" stewardship campaign, we have had the opportunity to reflect on God's abundant blessings in our lives and to witness how we pass those blessings on to the important mission of St. Luke. In so many ways, we can see how "pay it forward" has taken hold of St. Luke and is leading us in new and exciting directions. When we trust God and stop worrying about money, we discover the joy of giving and take another step forward in growing spiritually. *If you forgot your commitment card today, please see an usher for a blank card, or feel free to bring it to the church office or return it by mail at any time.*

## Serve

**Blood Drive at St. Luke:** The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Friday, March 30, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in Schlack Hall. As we prepare for the drive, please consider volunteering to make some calls to set appointments for donors. No cold calling-you're talking to folks who have donated here in the past-just helping them set their time to come in. With a few more volunteers, we can keep the number of calls each makes to around ten. Sign up on your connection card to help out with this life-saving service.

## Give

**You Can House a Pastor:** A Pastor from out-of-town, attending a Training event for Interim Ministers at St. Luke in April, asks if one of our families would be willing to put him up for the three nights of the conference. The Rev. Richard Weisenbach is looking for a room on the nights of **April 23, 24 and 25**. Contact Pastor Weisenbach at 339.203.1600.

## In the Community

**The Musical Coterie of Wayne** is looking for new members. Rehearsals are on **Mondays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. beginning March 5**. Save May 7, 2012, for the annual Spring Concert here at St. Luke. You'll see St. Lukans among the members and Jack Charles directing the orchestra.

**Sunday, March 4, from 12:00-3:00 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church,** 1000 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA, will offer a program on worship renewal led by The Rev. Dr. Mark Oldenburg from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Our facilitator will lead us through the 5 meanings of Communion: Communion, Sacrifice, Memorial, Thanksgiving, and Mystery. He will help us to learn/think about when each may appear, and how they can appear more clearly in actual practice. Trinity welcomes pastors, musicians, worship leaders and all others who are passionate about worship to gather for learning and conversation. To print out the registration brochure, go to [www.trinitylansdale.com](http://www.trinitylansdale.com) under worship tab.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**, Lansdale, invites you to a **Service of Renewal, Sunday, March 11**. The celebration begins with an intergenerational learning event at **9:00 a.m.** Worship with installation will be at **10:00 a.m.** and a reception will follow the service. Bishop Claire Burkat will preach at the worship service. Please join us. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 1000 W. Main Street, Lansdale. Website is [trinitylansdale.com](http://trinitylansdale.com).

**St. John's Lutheran Church** in Phoenixville presents **Mainstreet Brass Quintet** in concert Sunday, March 11, at 4:00 p.m. The group performs varied repertoire spanning the the centuries-from florid 17<sup>th</sup> century canzonas and Bach Transcriptions, to memorable show tunes and blues classics from Jelly Roll Morton, W.C. Handy, and Fats Waller.

## **Welcome**

**Welcome in Baptism:** Taryn Wollick, daughter of Matthew & Amanda Wollick, granddaughter of Charles & Lorraine Wollick and Joseph & Suzanne Dunphy. Sponsored by Jennifer DeLuca and Karem Dilks.

## **Pray**

**Today is a day of prayer for unemployed and underemployed.** Many of you probably know people who have lost their jobs and cannot get another one. You may also know people who are working 2, 3, and even 4 jobs that pay low wages, just to keep bread on their tables. Many of these people have no benefits and sometimes no health insurance. They may be unemployed or working part-time for more than two years. No matter how hard they work at getting a job, the present economy is difficult to overcome. The most harmful and hurtful aspect of losing your job is the feeling of being lost, alone, and forgotten. During this Day of Prayer, we hope that we can share the painful burden carried by these people and let them know that they are not alone and that we are praying for them and for their families.

**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, 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. We have removed the prayer request link from our Web Site after encountering a series of problems.

## In Our Prayers

**Members:** Donna Nansteel + the Absher family + Dwight Peterson + Christine and Rob McClay and their family + Evelyn Goodchild + Vil Williams + Ann-Marie Rowe + the family of Margaret Harris + the Kinzel family + Fran Francisco and her family at the death of her mother, Alice Hale + the Lok family at the death of Maureen's father & Sparky's mother + Dylan Feaster.

**Homebound Members:** Ginny Landis, Ilona Markos.

**Family and Friends:** Skip Koup + Logan Schweiter + Betty Clark's sister, Emily Carter + Walter Holland + Lynne d'Entremont's mother, Betty Stevens + Jane Conrad + Tom MacPherson + Gretchen Englund + Pastor Jo Ann Wilhelmson + Frank Coll + Susie Thomas + Shannon, granddaughter of Muriel and Rob Loose Sr.

**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.

## My Next Step Today

- I will attend one of the services on Ash Wednesday (Feb 22) as the beginning of my Lenten discipline.
- I will give thanks for the commitments we have made today to support St. Luke financially.
- I will strive to support our mission with my time, energy, creativity, and giving.
- I will pray for our sisters and brothers at Reformation Lutheran Church

## THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

Sunday	2/19	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
Tuesday	2/21	5:30 p.m.	2 Copper Coins Rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		12:00 p.m.	AARP
		7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
		7:30 p.m.	Youth Ministry Small Group
Wednesday	2/22	7:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
		10:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
		12:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
		7:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
		8:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday	2/23	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday	2/25	9:00 a.m.	Coptic Worship
Sunday	2/26	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
		4:00 p.m.	Rejoicing Spirits
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rehearsal		
7:00 p.m.	Youth Gathering Meeting		

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Welcome Center	Elizabeth & John Muir	Caroline Madden
Assisting Minister	Sparky Lok	Lois Mamourian
Acolytes	Sam Muir	Gabe Harms Clayton Johnson
Greeters	Kay Bensing	Betty Clark
Lector	Sherri Moir	Dawn Heckert
Communion Assistants	Liz Harmon Anne Marie Tank-Nielsen John Muir	Dawn Heckert Judy Milby Ron Neumar
Nursery	Callie Clifton	Laura Grace Ailor
Children's Church		Christina Ailor
Ushers	Team of Ron Kostka	Team of Jodi Donohue
Altar Guild:	Maggie Kraegel, Donna Kearns, Pat Lappin, Lynne Leban.	
Counting Team:	Ned d'Entremont, Marv Meyer, David Hughes, Janet Hughes.	

Flower Arrangers: Sylvia Tellefsen, Carol DeVol.

**Altar Flowers** are a gift from the Praplaski family in memory of Michael.

Also given by Cynthia Wallquist in memory of her mother, Ruth Wallquist.

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