

The LOOKlet for March 7, 2010

Opportunities to practice the Marks of Discipleship Worship

Lenten Midweek Worship continues on Wednesdays through March 24.

Each Wednesday our worship will have a slightly different feel and emphasis. This week our theme for Lenten worship will be Healing. We will have prayers for healing for ourselves and others, with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. Pr. Sheneman will bring the word at 12:00 noon and Pr. Ericsson will share reflections in the evening.



At midday we gather for a Soup Lunch at 11:45 a.m. followed by a simple service of Word and Sacrament at 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday evenings at St. Luke begin with Soup Supper, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The suppers will include family and kid-friendly activities – a nice prelude to bedtime or homework!

Evening worship begins at 7:30 p.m.

Would you like a ride to worship at night on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday? Several people are offering to pick you up and drive you home! Call the church office or use the connection card to let us know.

A big shout out to all those who led us in understanding more about Hunger. So far we have raised over \$5,300 for hunger relief worldwide.

Study God's Word

Every Day: If you are interested in reading through the Bible in a year, here's how to do it one day at a time!

Daily Bible Readings for the week

3/7	Psalm 66	Mark 10	Numbers 15-16
3/8	Psalm 67	Mark 11	Numbers 17-18
3/9	Psalm 68	Mark 12	Numbers 19-20
3/10	Psalm 69	Mark 13`	Numbers 21-22
3/11	Psalm 70	Mark 14	Numbers 23-24
3/12	Psalm 71	Mark 15	Numbers 25-26

3/13	Psalm 72	Mark 16	Numbers 27-28
3/14	Psalm 73	Romans 1	Numbers 29-30

A new “No Experience Necessary” Bible Study meets in room 100 in the Christian Education wing and is running for seven consecutive weeks. *No Experience Necessary* is ideal for those brothers and sisters who would like to study the Bible but are reluctant to do so because they have never been trained in Bible Study techniques. The material in this course is presented in a manner which will inject fun and excitement into the process of studying the Bible.

The Thursday morning Bible Study meets at 11:00 in the Conference Room.

Good Friday Workshop: a Journey Through Holy Week On Friday, April 2, Families with children and folks of all ages are invited to join fellow “travelers” on a Journey through Holy Week. Groups will walk to various locations throughout Schlack Hall, listening to and experiencing Christ’s journey from Palm Sunday to the empty tomb, and the resurrection. Sign up using the insert in your bulletin. There’s a box to drop them off in the information center, outside Schlack Hall.

Are you on Facebook? If you are, then join Pastor Jon’s online Lenten small group about prayer for a chance to connect and talk your prayer life, concerns, needs and hopes. Simply send a friend request to “Pastor Jon Suloff” or just search for the group “St. Luke Lutheran Lenten Prayer Group”.

Give: Time, Talent, Treasure

March 19 is the next date for our Meade School Mentors! New faces are always welcome as we travel with the Ardmore Rotary Club to the Meade School located at 18th and Oxford in Philadelphia. Each mentor spends about 1 ½ hours reading with a 4th grader. We meet at Whitehead Hall at Haverford College at 9:45 am and return by 12:45. Future dates are April 9 and 23. Questions? Contact Lois Mamourian (610-687-4799) or e-mail Donna Nansteel (dnansteel@gmail.com)

Thank You to everybody who helped support the Strafford Station Apartment fire victims. The woman who we were asked to assist has moved into her new apartment within the same complex, and thanks to St. Luke’s generous support, she has been supplied with everything she needs to get her life back on track.

Parent and Mentor Training--Passing on the Faith: Join us for the 2nd offering of the Full Circle parent and mentor training. Come to learn tangible ways to pass on the faith to youth in your life. Thinking about volunteering with youth ministry? Godparent? Relative? Seasoned parent looking for new ways to incorporate faith into your family's daily life? This is for you!

Three sessions March 7, March 21 and April 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. (during youth group). Please sign up ahead of time if you intend to come by e-mailing Diana (dianabooren@gmail.com)

Youth News

2 Small Groups starting a new topic

Thinking about joining a small group but not sure if you'd fit in to what they were doing? Two of our small groups are starting new topics, so now is the perfect time to join! A great way for the new confirmands to stay involved.

7th-12th graders are invited Sunday evenings from 7:30 –

8:30 p.m. and high school girls can also come Monday evenings. Contact Diana for more information if you're interested.

Serve

Needles and Pins, the St. Luke ministry that makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief, will meet Monday March 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Saint Luke hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, April 23. Donate blood, volunteer – there are lots of ways to help out. Watch your April LOOK and the weekly LOOKlet for details.

Music at St. Luke

The **West Chester Music Education Majors Showcase** will be held next Sunday, March 14, at 4:00 p.m. The concert will feature voice majors Megan Horwatt, Kristen Waterson, Dan Moyer, our tenor section leader, and Christian Bradford. They will be accompanied by piano major Sarah Jane Gober. At the reception which will follow where you will be able to meet the performers. Please spread the word as we are trying to help these talented young people find jobs teaching music in our schools.

The Women's Chorus from the College of William and Mary will be performing at St Luke on Thursday Evening March 25 at 7:00 p.m. We are looking for people to help with housing for the singers. If you are interested, please see Jack Charles.

In the Community

The US Census is looking for part- and full-time temporary workers. The Census Bureau is currently testing applicants for 2010 Census employment. Most jobs will be from April to July 2010. Applicants need to pass a basic-skills test to become eligible. Workers are sought in Chester and Delaware Counties. They work 20 – 40 hrs. per week @ \$17.75/hr. Call 866-861-2010 or go to www.2010censusjobs.gov. Brochures are available in the office.

Happy Birthday, Johann! On March 21, The Main Line Ecumenical Choir hosts J.S. Bach's Birthday Party at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Wayne. The 3:00 p.m. concert features Bach compositions, "Magnificat in D," the motet, "Jesu Priceless Treasure," and "Concerto for Two Violins". St. Lukans Janet Bellak, Sue Hirsh, Lois Mamourian and Jim Siewert sing with the Choir.

AARP has seats available for bus trip to Dutch Apple Theater, April 27th to see "Meet Me in St. Louis". \$88.00 includes motor coach, full course luncheon buffet and matinee. Bus departs St. Luke at 10:00 a.m. and returns at 3:30 p.m. Contact Betty Clark prior to March 15, if interested.

The Great Valley Senior Center, located in the Great Valley School District Administration Building at 27 Church Road in Malvern, offers educational and recreational programs that encourage seniors to be active in their community. The Center will host an **AARP Driver Safety Program** on March 24 and 25 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Participants must attend both sessions. Classes will be held in room 124 at the Great Valley School District Administration Building, 27 Church Road, Malvern. The cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for all others. Seating is limited and registration is required. For more information, please call Great Valley Senior Center at 610-889-2121 or call the Registrar at 610-647-1311.

Grow Christian Relationships

Make St. Luke Your Family Dinner Stop on Wednesday Evenings in Lent!

You are invited to bring your family to St. Luke each Wednesday evening in Lent for a Soup Supper from 6:30 – 7:30. Adults and kids will be invited to participate in a short, fun activity that will help people get to know one another. Activities will take place at the table and be designed to generate fun and conversation. After dinner you can go home to deal with bedtime and homework, or remain for Lenten worship in the sanctuary. Either way, we hope to see you there! For more information contact Sara Williams at sew1995@yahoo.com or Jennie Boschi jennieb240@comcast.net.

2010 Beef and Beer! March 13, 2010, Join us in Schlack Hall for the 4th annual Beef and Beer. Great roast beef sandwiches and sides, fabulous micro-brews and wine, great company, and terrific music by Cool Confusion!! The

donation is \$25 and includes all food/drink/entertainment. 21 and over only, please. To get on the "Will Call" list, either sign up on the poster in the narthex or e-mail Annie Webb at dawebbs409@msn.com. Feel free to bring friends outside our St. Luke Community. **Please RSVP TODAY** so we have an accurate number for the caterer!

Please consider setting aside April 10, 2010, for a Men's Ministry trip to Washington, DC. Join former Congressman Jim Moody (D-WI) for an exclusive tour of the US Capitol and spend time exploring the Rotunda and Statuary Hall when there is no one else around. Sit on the House Floor and access other parts of this spectacular building not usually open to non-members. Mr. Moody, a former member of the powerful Ways and Means committee, is a distinguished economist and now an analyst with Merrill Lynch. We'll also have a conference call with our congressional representative – sort of a private town hall session. Further details will follow.

Nifty Fifty & SLIPs are invited to a Book Review and Luncheon Wednesday, March 24, at the Desmond Hotel. Save the Date and contact Ginny Good with questions. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Checks should be made to "Penn's Grant Chapter." **Saint Luke Independent Persons** is a group of single and widowed adults that meets for fellowship and support.

Around the ELCA

In December 2009, ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson hosted our **first-ever** online Town Hall forum. Thousands of ELCA members across the country watched and participated online in a nationwide conversation about the mission and ministry of this church. **The second online Town Hall forum is TODAY at 5:00 p.m..**

There are many easy ways to participate: www.elca.org/townhall

Pray

Lent at St. Luke  Get your Prayer On

Pray for Others – An Opportunity: For whom will YOU be praying during these weeks of Lent? Our Sunday School classes have a project going in Schlack hall to show us where their prayers and love for others will go during this holy season. The whole congregation is invited to join in! The prayers will be gathered on the Worship & Music bulletin board in the Gallery,

outside the church office. Take a heart from the bag on the bulletin board, write on it the concerns for which you'll be praying and tack it up around the cross. By the end of Lent, we hope to surround the cross with prayer – all of our prayers.

In our Prayers

Members: Ruth Butterfield + Ilona Markos + Bill Warren + Jo Olsen at the death of her father + Lynne Spangler, at the death of her mother + Jeb Keiper + Mae Simon + Pete Jackson + Christine McClay and her family + Stephen Luce

Homebound Members: Margaret Harris, Ginny Landis

Neighbors and Friends: Alice Hofman + Rich Buller + Dorothy Fox + George and Sue Bissinger

The Wider Community: The people of Haiti + Pastor Mntangi and the people of the Mikanjuni Parish in Tanzania + 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 + People of the Gulf Coast + Bethel Lutheran Church, Biloxi, Mississippi + Victims of natural disasters + Peace in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the world.

Happy Birthday to Pr. John Kinzel, whose family is here to worship with him this morning. In honor of his special day and to show of their love and respect, the family has given money to St. Luke in Pr. Kinzel's honor to be given towards our badly needed new communionware. Happy Birthday, John!

Thank you to all who helped by bringing soup or bread and/or helping with set up and cleanup for Wednesday's Lenten Soup Lunch and Supper. We had a great attendance for both events. Special thanks to Bill Andrews, Liz Harmon, Sean and Sherri Moir, Jen Wright, Marv Meyer, Ben Smith, Dawn-Heckert Mitchell, John Thebus, Monica Gilbert, Ann Marie Rowe, Betty Clark, Ray and Jackie Guy, Pam Schlender, Elsie Hart, Linda Roccas, Marie Lambeck, Cathy and Bill Houck, Nancy Shaw, Sara Williams, Jenny Boschi, Pastor Sue, and Pastor Jon. Help is always needed for these meals. If you'd like to help by bringing soup or bread or by helping to set-up or clean-up, please sign-up on this week's connection card.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

Sunday	3/7	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Christian Education
		9:45 a.m.	<i>When God Says "No"</i> Prayer Group
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	3/8	10:00 a.m.	Needles & Pins
		6:30 p.m.	Synod <i>Diakonia</i> Program
Tuesday	3/9	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		12:00 Noon	Sarah Circle
		7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Team
Wednesday	3/10	7:00 a.m.	<i>Unbinding Your Heart</i> Prayer Group
		11:45 a.m.	Lenten Luncheon
		12:30 p.m.	Worship
		5:30 p.m.	<i>Contemplative Prayer</i> Group
		6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
		6:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper
		7:30 p.m.	Worship
		8:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
		Thursday	3/11
4:30 p.m.	Young People's Choirs		
Friday	3/12	11:00 a.m.	<i>Short and Sweet</i> Prayer Group
Saturday	3/13	6:30 p.m.	Freedom of Choice
Sunday	3/14	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		9:45 a.m.	Christian Education
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		5:30 p.m.	<i>No Stones</i> rehearsal

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30

11:00

Welcome Center	Alison Roithmayr	Peter Schickel
Assisting Minister	Rich Banyard	Dawn Heckert-Mitchell
Acolytes	Elizabeth DeBerardinis	Austin Lenker
	Allison Loose	Trey Milby
Lector	Sherri Moir	Judy Milby
Greeters	Lori Long	Judy & Bill Milby
Communion	Bill Baver	Judy Milby
Assistants	Larry Williams	Betty Clark
Nursery	Jen & Rod Wright	Beth Huebner
Ushers	John Muir	Bob Mitchell
	Clark Muir	Joslyn Heckert-Mitchell
	Roland David	Steve Ross
	Sam Long	Marcia Skoglund
	Diane Sandvik	Ron Spangler
		John Brna
Altar Guild	Cathie Hozinez, Michele Hawk	
	Donna Kearns, Janet Neumar	
Counting Team	Don Christensen, Paige Skelly, Bob Martin	
Flower Arrangers	Liz Harmon, Phyllis Pfister	
Sound System Operators	Chris Lewis	Greg White
Fellowship Host	Ben Smith	

My Next Step Today Is:

I will plan to bring my family to the Lenten soup suppers on Wednesday nights

I will pray for an end to hunger in our world

I will come to at least one midweek Lenten worship service

I will plan to attend the Parent and Mentor training to learn how to pass on the faith to youth in my life.