

# The LOOKlet for September 5, 2010

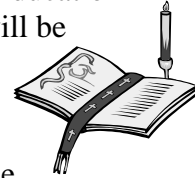
## Kick Off Sunday

Join us for **Kick Off Sunday**, on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. During **worship: Blessing of the the backpacks, the pencils, and the notebooks:** At worship on Kickoff Sunday, we'll greet a new school year with the prayers of the Saint Luke Community. Students of all ages are invited to bring their school backpacks or other gear and receive a blessing during worship



**Kick Off Sunday** is the beginning of the Christian Education 2010-2011 year. **At 9:45 am** next Sunday parents may register their children for Sunday School at the table outside of Schlack Hall. While the kids are off to get acquainted with their new teachers, all adults are welcome to get acquainted with each other during a coffee and bagels social in Schlack Hall.

**Bible Fair on Kick Off Sunday:** During the Christian Education hour, as part of our annual Kickoff Sunday event, We will be having a Bible Fair in Schlack Hall. We will have a number of different types of Bibles on display and you can leaf through them and place an order for the type of Bible that speaks to you best there and then pick it up the following Sunday.



In the evening, we will also have our **Youth Group Kickoff from 4-6 p.m.** at the church. This will be a wonderful time of games, fellowship, food, and worship for all youth grades 4-12. At the same time we will have our **Confirmation Welcome** for all of our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents where we will discuss our shared Confirmation Ministry.

**Making Sense of Scripture Course coming this Fall!** Be sure to sign up for the course titled, "Making Sense of Scripture," on Kick Off Sunday



in September. Join Pastor Sue and co-teacher Wendy Mercier as they lead us in a conversation, one that they imagine discussing around the kitchen table, about seven major questions of the Bible. Taken from David Lose's book of the same name, "Making Sense of Scripture" is a dialogue that encourages readers and class participants to bring their questions or doubts to the table when reading Scripture.

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

## **Opportunities to Practice the Marks of Discipleship**

### **Serve**

#### ***DIRECTIONS, DISCIPLESHIP, AND DESSERT!!!***

A Gathering of St. Luke Leaders on Wednesday, September 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.: All interested members of St. Luke are invited to an important gathering on Wednesday, September 8.

As we pray together and reflect on Scripture, our pastors and councilors will share a vision for moving forward at St. Luke through strong Ministry Teams.

Our goal is to create a community where all of us can grow as disciples and leaders. There will be opportunities for sharing in small groups and for giving feedback to council. Join us for a memorable evening.

RSVP to [office@saintlukedevon.org](mailto:office@saintlukedevon.org), or call 610.688.0122.

Coffee and dessert will be served; *childcare will be provided*



#### **We Need Sunday School Teachers for 2010 - 2011!**

We are still looking for two more enthusiastic teachers to share in teaching Second or Fourth Grade this year. Please prayerfully consider joining us

in elementary ministry! Call Heidi Romeiser with questions at (610) 429-1464.

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

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** Saint Luke hosts its next Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 24, from 1:00 pm to 7:00 p.m. in Schlack Hall. There is a critical need for blood donors. In fact, someone is counting on you at this very moment to give the gift of life. All blood types are needed, but type O negative donors can make the difference between an adequate blood supply and a shortage. To sign up, fill out the sheet on the Blood Drive table in the gallery between the Narthex and Christian Ed wing. Via the internet, you will find a link to the sign-up for our drive on the home page of the website [www.saintlukedevon.org](http://www.saintlukedevon.org)

**Fundraiser for 2012 trip to Nat'l Youth Gathering:** Join Annie Webb and your fellow St. Luke Scrapbookers for an all-day workshop on Saturday, September 18 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the St. Luke Youth who will be attending the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2012. Registration fee is \$25. Registration forms are at the Welcome Center.



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The **Simply Giving**® Program is an automated giving program designed to help you conveniently, consistently, and safely contribute to St Luke. Several members have shared how much they like the program because of its convenience. They also mentioned that they appreciate that their financial gifts to St. Luke continue even if they are out of town and aren't able to be at a worship service. Some other benefits:

- No additional cost to you
- You continue to receive quarterly statements from St. Luke
- Avoid the inconvenience of writing checks
- You can change your contributions at any time

You can enroll in **Simply Giving**® at any time. During the month of September, St. Luke will donate \$25 to your favorite charity (REACT, Silver Springs, or ELCA World Hunger Appeal) for each member who

signs up. Instructions, and forms will be available in the narthex every Sunday during September.

**Riding for Good:** St. Luke member Ingrid Spangler is riding in the **150-mile National MS Society City-to-Shore Bike Ride** at the end of September to raise money for research into the cause and cure of multiple sclerosis. To make a contribution toward her fundraising goal, please visit

<http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/ingrid> or mail checks payable to "National MS Society" to Ingrid Spangler, 321 S. 11th Street, Apartment 3, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Safe Harbor**, the homeless shelter in West Chester that we've supported over the years, needs the following: Men's new underwear and T-shirts, small to 3XL, Women's new underwear all sizes, Men and women's socks. There will be a basket in Information Center outside Schlack Hall to collect these items.



**Ernie's Corner:** Ernie's Corner is a fund-raising project to benefit the local food bank, REACT. The name honors our former member Ernie Wogen, who set out green beans from his garden and requested donations for World Hunger.

***Anyone who has garden produce to share may bring it to the table outside the middle entrance doors on Sunday morning.***

Take what you like, contribute as you wish. An exact accounting of the income is kept, and at season's end a check is sent to the Thrivent Chapter to be matched with available Thrivent funds. REACT receives a check in early November. Contact Sean Moir for more information at [moirs@comcast.net](mailto:moirs@comcast.net).



**Oktoberfest!** Support the work Lutheran Disaster Response on October 2 at the second annual Oktoberfest LDR at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glenside! The event is from 2:00-6:00

p.m. and tickets are \$20 before the event, \$25 at the door. Have children attending? Pay \$10 each for the first two children between 5-21. Additional children in your family come at no cost. Oktoberfest also needs volunteers! For tickets go to "donate now" at [www.stpaulsglenside.org](http://www.stpaulsglenside.org) and to find out more about

volunteering, contact Julia Menzo at 215-424-3741, ext. 203 or via e-mail at [jmenzo@libertylutheran.org](mailto:jmenzo@libertylutheran.org).

## Connecting at St. Luke

**WELCA Fall Program:** The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will hold their fall brunch at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Chester Springs on Saturday, October 16. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Brunch & the Program begin at 10:00. More information is at the table near the front doors in the Narthex.

**Caregivers:** Will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 15 at the Church. Please note that this is the third Wednesday of the month and not our usual second Wednesday.

**Members of the young people's choirs,** Cherub, Junior and Youth, along with their parents and siblings, are invited to kick off the year with a pool party and dinner at the Charles' home. Please contact Jack TODAY if you're able to attend. Call 610.287.9366 or e-mail [jdcharles@saintlukedevon.org](mailto:jdcharles@saintlukedevon.org)

## Pray

### In our Prayers

**Members:** Sheryl Loos and her family, on the death of her mother + Donna Nansteel + Laura Astle + Steve Luce + Christine McClay and her family.

**Homebound Members:** Margaret Harris, Ginny Landis, Mae Simon

**Neighbors and Friends:** Harry Alwine, Jr. + Emily Carter + Dave Carlin + Ginny Good's Sister + Sandy. **The Wider**

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



**September Report:** We have located a supplier for recyclable coffee cups; and, starting with the Fall Kickoff, Sept. 12th, we will start using these new cups. They are made of partially recycled paper, and they are able to be recycled again after we use them. We are still encouraged to remember that we have china mugs available in Schlack Hall, and our super-efficient dishwasher makes using them eco-friendly.

## Thank You

**Feast Incarnate** serves those impacted by HIV/AIDS. We thank all of you who have supported the Feast with wonderful food and donations; and especially, the hardy, devoted servers and drivers who shared their hands, hearts, and smiles with our guests. Look for the sign-up board as we begin a new year in October. *Elsie Mullin* 610-728-5467

## Around the ELCA



**If you could ask** presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson a question about the ELCA, what would it be? I invite you to submit your question at our next online Town Hall Forum with Bishop Hanson on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 5 pm EDT. **Participating is easy and convenient:**

- Watch the event live from 5-6 pm EDT at [www.elca.org/townhall](http://www.elca.org/townhall)
- Log in to post questions online
- Post comments using Facebook Connect
- Tweet about the event using the hashtags #ECLA and #BishopHanson
- View open captioning

Whether or not you have a question to ask, you'll be part of a nationwide conversation with other ELCA members about issues that matter to all of us. What a remarkable opportunity!

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**At the 10:00 service**, there's a children's time for ages 4 through 8, in the Choir Room following the Children's Message. These young people return to worship at the Offertory.

**New Directory this fall:** On Kickoff Sunday, September 12, don't forget to stop by Schlack Hall and the Narthex, where draft pages of the next church directory will be set out for your review. It will be a BIG help if each member or family would check their listing to ensure that the finished product is as accurate as possible.



### **Save the Date: Intergenerational Women's Retreat**

Friday, October 8th (5pm-10pm) and

Saturday, October 9th (8am-2pm)

This year's retreat will focus on exploring our faith and our faith journeys. Experiences will include:

- creating a memory book about your faith journey
- sharing experiences/thoughts with others
- worship, Bible study and prayer
- participating in a prayerful nature walk
- enjoying other creative experiences and expressions of faith
- eating chocolate and other goodies

Participants are asked to bring a favorite(s) Bible verse(s) and a favorite Bible character. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Please contact Kristen Gay if you are interested in helping (by e-mail or phone: 610-408-8755 or [kristengay@comcast.net](mailto:kristengay@comcast.net)).

## Council Update

Present Council members:

President: **Bill Andrews**

Treasurer: **Jennifer Wright**

Secretary: **Marv Meyer**

Councilor for Support: **Liz Harmon**

Councilor for Worship and Music: **Dawn Heckert**

Councilor for Witness: **Sean Moir**

Councilor for Congregational Life: **Jodi Donohue**

Councilor for Learning and Faith Formation: **Bill Bayer**

Councilor for Evangelism and Communications: **Open**

Please pray for the members of our Congregational Council.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE

Today	9/5	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
Tuesday	9/7	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		7:30 p.m.	Elementary Christian Ed Team
Wednesday	9/8	7:00 p.m.	Directions, Discipleship, & Dessert
Thursday	9/9	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Saturday	9/11	6:30 p.m.	Freedom of Choice
Sunday	9/12	8:30 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Worship

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	8:30	10:00
Welcome Center	Joni King	Peter Schickel
Assisting Minister	Samantha Menapace	John Thebus
Acolytes	Jamie Webb Tommy Webb	Kathryn Roessler Michelle Squiteri
Communion Assistants	Sue Ellen Tom Clay	Ruth Holtz Marie Lambeck
Greeters	Liz & Ron Harmon	Terry Jenkins
Lector	Dawn Moynihan	John Thebus
Children's Church		Jackie Guy
Nursery	Dona Redmond	Sara Williams
Usher	Tom Clay Scott Clay Jarle Rokke Jim Redmond Don Sonnenberg	Don Christensen Bruce Willbrant John DeVol
Altar Guild	Beverly Dotter, Alison Roithmayr, Betty Clark, Donna Kearns	
Counting Team	Ned d'Entremont, Marv Meyer, David Hughes, Janet Hughes	
Flower Arrangers	Wendy Scheirer	Michele Hawk

**Altar Flowers** are given by Ron Neumar & Janet Neumar in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.  
Also by Kathy Schneider in celebration of Katie & Beth Tourtmans' birthday.

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### **My Next Step Today Is:**

- I will think of ways that I already carry the cross in my own life.
- I will look to carry Christ's love into the world and to my neighbor in need.
- I will give thanks for Jesus gift of new life that comes to us through his sacrifice on the cross.
- I will talk with someone about how I express the love of God in my own life.