

DiscipleShip

Spring Issue, 2016

St. Luke Lutheran Church & School



Exciting Summer Youth Activities at St. Luke Lutheran *Camps, Snapology, and VBS, Oh my!*

July 11 – 15, 2016

Preschool Adventure Camp—Spend the week exploring the wonders and surprises of God’s creation. For preschool children who have turned 4 or 5 before September 1, 2016.

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Summer Bridge Camp—This is a great opportunity to review and reinforce those basic skills sometimes lost over the summer. For children completing Kindergarten through Grade 2.

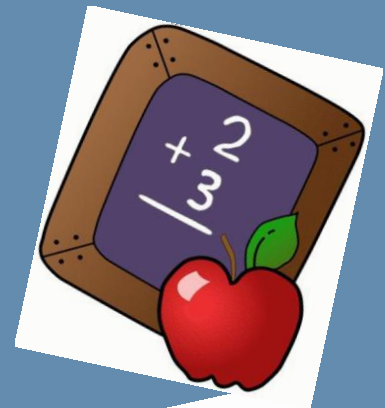
July 18 – 21, 2016

Snapology Camp—NEW this year! Design your own amusement park. Learn how to use Lego bricks and other building materials to make coasters and awesome rides. Can you create the next Disney World? Grades 1-4

July 25 – 29, 2016

Vacation Bible School—It’s a Barnyard Roundup – where Jesus gathers us together. VBS is a great opportunity for children to hear and experience the saving message of Jesus Christ each day in fun-filled music, games, crafts, and other activities. Ages 4 – Grade 6.

Fees apply to camps. Vacation Bible School free. Registrations for camps and VBS begins May 1, 2016.



St. Luke Lutheran School Science Teacher, Melissa Busler, Debuts Novel, “Vicky’s Newsworthy Summer”

Our school’s science teacher, Melissa Busler, was recently a featured author at the Cranberry Public Library’s Author Expo with her debut novel, “Vicky’s Newsworthy Summer”. Busler wrote the book to offer younger teens a fictional story that was fun and contemporary.

“I wrote my first book simply from a love of writing, which I have always had for as long as I can remember and a desire to put out a YA (young adult) novel with a moral in it—something without curse words, vampires, death, etcetera, which at the time seemed all the rage,” she explains.

“Vicky’s Newsworthy Summer” tells the story of a 14-year-old girl’s plan to finance a trip to New York City with a monthly neighborhood newsletter. Busler hopes to start on a sequel to “Vicky’s” this summer. She is seeking an agent for her second novel, “When Pirates Took Over My School”.

Official Acts January - March 2016

Funerals:

Ruth E. Honsperger
6/19/23 – 2/25/16; service on 2/29/16

Ron E. Byers
2/26/59 – 3/8/16; service on 3/11/16

Mark W. Miller
11/25/22 – 3/6/16; memorial service
on 3/12/16



Hunger Facts

Fact #1

Every day in 2013, more than 17,000 children under 5 died—most from preventable causes like hunger.

Fact #2

Worldwide, 805 million people—about 1 in 9—are hungry.

Fact #3

About 1 in 9 people live on less than \$1.25 per day.

WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE

30 Hour Famine Set for April 29 & 30, 2016

Let’s support our youth ages 12 and up to help them make it “A Hunger Free World!” The 30 Hour Famine uses videos, games and the actual process of fasting to teach about global hunger. Youth will participate in the famine, fundraising, a lock-in at the church, and service projects. We need parent volunteers to help!!

Please contact Marni Rettig at mrettig@stlukecabot.org with any questions or for more information.

“This is the kind of fasting I want...Share your food with the hungry.”

~ Isaiah 58:6-7 (NLT)

St. Luke Lutheran School News

St. Luke Lutheran School Plans Celebration Weekend

Did you know in 1866...

- A loaf of bread cost about 5 cents.
- Andrew Johnson was the president of the United States.
- Andrew Johnson vetoed the civil rights bill.
- The first ambulance went into service.
- Root beer was invented.
- David Farragut was appointed first U.S. Admiral.
- The world's first roller rink was opened.
- The first yacht race across the Atlantic was held.
- St. Luke Lutheran School was founded.



“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Philippians 4:4

What an exciting 150th year it has been so far at St. Luke! God has blessed us in so many ways. June is quickly approaching and we want to make sure you are aware of the whole weekend of fun events planned here at church and school.

Friday, June 3

6:00 – 8:00 PM Family picnic, bonfire, and games
 8:00 – 10:00 PM Open Mic—come and share your talents—go solo or bring your whole band. Dustin Paulsen is the contact person; sign up or ask for info at dpaulsen@stlukecabot.org.

Saturday, June 4

4:00 – 7:00 PM School Open House. Come and visit your old classroom and see the new ones.
 6:00 – 7:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation at Worship
 7:00 – 10:00PM Alumni Reception. The reception will be held at the Concordia Haven 1 dining hall. Visit with old friends, make some new ones.

Sunday, June 5

8:00, 10:30, & 10:45AM Worship services at St. Luke Lutheran
 12:00 – 2:00PM Luncheon for congregation, alumni and friends; School Open House

We are looking forward to getting together with old friends and making some new ones and hope lots of people will come and join in the festivities.

Our spiritual discipline for the month of March was Service. We had Lutheran Bible Translators missionary, Nathan Esala and his family come and speak to the congregation. He also did two special assemblies for us at school. We recently colored bookmarks which were handed out to our congregation Easter weekend. On Wednesday, March 23 everyone participated in our annual Servant Day. Miss Fett organized a variety of activities for us. We underlined verses in Scripture, decorated crosses, helped make dresses, worked on worship invitations, put together special containers filled with dry soup, and tied fleece blankets, just to name a few. All of these items will be shared with those in need, both here locally and around the world.

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Dress a Girl Around the World

Saturday, April 16
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM in the
Art Room

This project is to make dresses and dolls for orphans and underprivileged girls here in the U.S. and around the world.

Donation Items Always in Need:

- ~ 6" x 6" scraps of cotton fabric
- ~ Extra wide double fold bias tape
- ~ ½" or ¾" white elastic
- ~ Hair colored yarn
- ~ Gathered lace (3" length of ½")
- ~ Flannel in baby and kid colors
- ~ Thread
- ~ ½" cloth ribbon
- ~ Batting
- ~ Rickrack
- ~ Face colored fabric or old panty hose (washed please)
- ~ Joann Fabric coupons or gift cards
- ~ Money donations are also welcome

This is open to all women of the congregation, confirmation age & up. **Non-sewers** are encouraged to come, as there are things for them to do as well. *Come when you can—leave when you must.*

Light lunch provided. Please RSVP so we can prepare enough. *Please bring (if possible) scissors, rotary cutter, mat, or portable sewing machine. Please bring your MITE BOX.*

More information:

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 Diane Olmstead 724-584-2377

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We want to thank Concordia Lutheran Ministries for allowing Mr. Dino Capestrani to use their video equipment to make a DVD of us in a variety of worship settings. Our spiritual discipline in April is Worship and our parents will receive a copy of this fine DVD. It is also posted on the school website at school.stlukecabot.org. Why don't you check it out? Thanks again to Concordia and Mr. Capestrani.

Thanks be to God for blessing our school for 150 years and we pray for many more years of His grace as we continue to "Shape Young Hearts and Minds for Jesus".



Owen choosing material for St. Luke LWML project "Dress a Girl Around the World".



Talon enjoyed coloring cards to be given to St. Luke Food Pantry.



The students packed 200 bags of soup to be delivered to Katie's Kitchen and given to St. Luke Food Pantry.



Madison tying 1 of 20 fleece blankets the students completed to be sent to Ronald McDonald House.



Pastor Nathan Esala and his family, missionaries from Ghana for Lutheran Bible Translators, presented the students with an assembly and visit their classrooms.

Willis F. Follstaedt Memorial College Scholarship: Applications are now being accepted for this scholarship. To be eligible you must be a graduate of St. Luke Lutheran School and a member of St. Luke Lutheran congregation. Anyone meeting this criteria and is now in college or who will be applying for college in the fall of 2016 can see a Parish Board member or inquire in the school office for an application. **Deadline: May 25, 2016.**

‘Smart’ Planning Gives Twice

Being smart has both spiritual and temporal dimensions. Intelligence from faith often produces an outcome different from worldly intelligence. Christian stewards recognize that they are not owners but managers, called to protect property and provide for people under their care so it/they flourish to the potential and purpose intended by the Creator.

Intelligence in the temporal dimension usually reflects natural laws. People tend to focus on their own blood relations, where emotional and physical connections exist. Modern laws of property distribution follow the logic of ancient laws to give property ‘through the bloodline’ using Latin words like ‘per stripes.’ Under the law, being smart follows such logic. Family members are the natural objects of bounty, so most people limit estate planning decisions to benefit their own families.

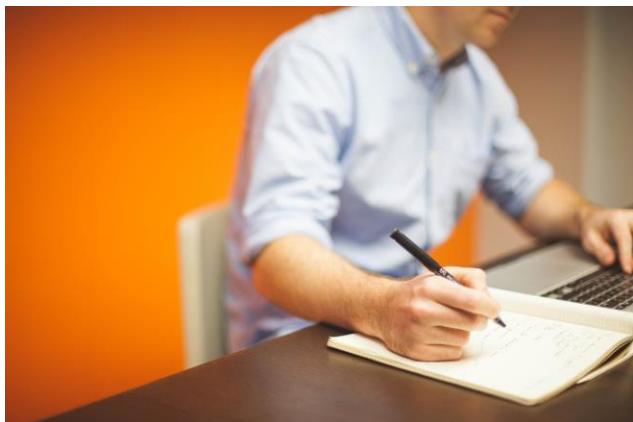
The intelligence of faith comes from a person’s soul and spirit, and informs a person’s physical connections. Being aware of our “faith smarts” involves how a concern for others, even the least of these, is remembered in planning.

A Christian’s motivation flows from their baptism; from Christ’s redemption from sin and eternal death. God’s Word tells us that such grace is a gift of God. It results in spiritual intelligence—in listening to God’s calling to serve others and to be generous for the purpose of advancing Christ’s kingdom.

Current tax laws encourage a smart planner to explore ways to conserve tax shrinkage in property transfers. These laws give incentives to charitable gift planning through estate and income tax deductions. Thus, even though our laws don’t require such sharing, public policy confirms that generosity makes our world better.

Whether smart planning remembers family or ministry or both, intelligence that plans with both the heart and the mind can be how God blesses the people we love and ministries we care about.

For more information, contact Robert Wirth, LCMS Foundation Gift Planner at robert.wirth@lfnf.org or 716-863-4427.



Joyshop Spring LWML Rally

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Zion Lutheran Church

209 North Main Street

Accident, MD

RSVP by Friday, April 22, 2016
to Charlotte, 301-387-5154

Registration fee: \$7

Registration: 10:00 – 10:30 AM

Ingathering: Monetary Only (for
hosts to buy school supplies for
needy students in Accident
Elementary School)

Speaker: Representative from
Orphan Grain Train

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April 9, 2016
8:30 AM – 2 PM
\$10
Rev. Scott Stiegemeyer

Sign up online at stlukecabot.org