

St. Luke's

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15 & 16, 2010

Weekly News and Information

S.O.S.—Attention All Ladies! Our SOS group will be meeting at St. Luke's on Tuesday, August 17th beginning with a potluck supper at 6 PM. We will be reviewing Chapter 4 which we discussed in our May sessions. We'd love to have any ladies join us!

Bible Class & Sunday School are both using the theme "Take the Next Step", in their classes this year. It's about not just standing strong in our faith but also being aggressive toward our goal of heaven by choosing to live by faith, like the Heroes of Faith did in Biblical Times. I hope and pray everyone will take the opportunity to be better Christians, strengthened by God's Promises, choosing to live by faith for themselves and for their loved ones. What Parent doesn't want to be better for their children? Or what spouse doesn't want to be better for their husband/wife? Let's make a choice toward that goal in September. Make a choice to take the next step and learn God's Promises better, share God's promises better. I know that is my goal of sharing God's promises better with my own family. Classes will start on Sunday, September 12th at 9:10 a.m.

Sunday School Meeting – All Sunday School teachers will meet on August 25th at 6:30 P.M. Please notify Sybille Rhodes by August 15th if you are able to help in any way with teaching this year.

Congratulations, Joanne Tetzlaff—You are invited to join us as we recognize Mrs. Tetzlaff's 25 years in the teaching ministry. On September 12, 2010 immediately following the late service, there will be a potluck luncheon in her honor (sign up on the sheet in the narthex on August 29 for your dish to pass). On August 29/30, there will be a door offering collection that will be presented to Mrs. Tetzlaff on the day of the luncheon. If you know someone who had Mrs. Tetzlaff as a teacher, please extend an invitation to them to join us.

Mr. John Marten (Facilities Manager) after 20 years of faithful service at WLA will be retiring on December 31, 2010. WLA will be accepting applications forms to replace Mr. Marten starting August 16th. An application form and cover letter explaining the job description may be picked up in the school office or found on-line at www.wlavikings.org. Deadline for job applications will be September 16th.

INSTALLATION SERVICE—ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Pastor John Boggs and our part-time teachers will be installed on Sunday, August 15th at 2:00 PM in the WLA chapel. Pastor Aaron Steinbrenner (Pastor at Peace, Harford and WLA class of 1989) will preach and Pastor Paul Lidtke will conduct the liturgy and install Pastor Boggs and our part-time teachers. We thank these men for their faithful service

Last Week's Attendance – August 8 & 9, 2010

Sunday 9:00 A.M.: 118 Monday 7:00 P.M.: 63 **Total: 181**

Last Week's Offerings

**General Fund	\$3,925.00
**Plate Offering	60.00
**Debt Retirement	65.00
**Forward in Christ	5.00
Parish Improvement	5608.58
Communion Fund	126.00
Student Aid Fund	80.00
Budgetary Offering **	\$4,055.00
Total Offering:	\$9,869.58

About Today's Lesson

First Lesson – Genesis 15:1-6

1. What promise had the Lord made to Abram?

The Lord had promised Abram a son in his old age and that through his offspring he would become the father of many nations. Jesus was the offspring or seed to whom this promise ultimately referred (Galatians 3:16). Abraham is the father of many nations because he is the father of all those who believe in Jesus, both Jew and Gentile (Romans 4:16-17).

2. At this point in his life, how was Abram feeling about the promise God had made him?

Abram was beginning to wonder whether God would keep his promise, or whether he had himself misunderstood God's promise. His faith was being exercised!

3. What did the Lord do, and how did Abram respond?

The Lord reiterated his promise to Abram. He told him that a son from his own body would be his heir, and Abram believed the Lord. He waited patiently upon him.

Second Lesson - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

4. What is the scriptural definition of faith?

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." In other words, seeing is not believing. Instead, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29). Faith-life is exercised by waiting patiently upon the Lord.

5. How is Abraham such a wonderful example of faith?

The writer to the Hebrews points out the many times that Abraham trusted the Lord "even though" (see verses 8 & 11) the visible evidence suggested he should not.

Gospel - Luke 12:32-40

6. What attitude does Jesus encourage Christians to have about this world and the things of this world?

Christians should not be engrossed with the things of this world. Jesus goes so far as to suggest that we should sell our worldly possessions and give to the poor. The reason for Jesus' encouragement is simple: the things of this world have no lasting worth. In time worldly things will all be exhausted, stolen or destroyed. Why waste time on the constant pursuit of such things?

7. Instead of worldly things, with what should we concern ourselves?

Jesus repeatedly encourages us to set our hearts on the kingdom of God, on the eternal things that are in store for us in our heavenly home. He wants us to be ready when he comes again because he will only take those to heaven who are waiting patiently upon the Lord.

This Week at St. Luke's 8/15/2010

Today

9:00A.M. Worship Service

Monday

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service
Faculty In-Service @ WLA

Tuesday

6:00 P.M. S.O.S. @ St. Luke's

Wednesday

8:00-10:00 A.M. Church Office Hours

Thursday

6:30 P.M. School Sub/Committee
7:00 P.M. Church Council

Friday

Next Sunday

9:00 A.M. Worship Service

Next Monday

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service

Serving the Lord This Week

Service Deacons: Rick Reehl &
Organist: Heidi Goelzer & Lauren Prochnow
Altar Guild:
Church Cleaning:

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God's Word for Today

None of us likes to be kept waiting, especially in our instant-gratification world of today. We want to see results now! We want to see the doctor now! We want to see our car fixed now! Promises aren't worth much; we want to see it! That's what makes a Christian's faith-life so difficult because faith-life means waiting patiently. But that's exactly how faith is exercised; that's how faith is strengthened; that's how faith grows! And our faith in God will not disappoint us because he always keeps his promises.

ORDER OF SERVICE: CW Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN: CW 442, "Have No Fear Little Flock"

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 15:1-6

PSALM: CW 33, Page: 79 *Responsive: Men 1st/Women 2nd*

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

VERSE OF THE DAY:

*Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

SERMON HYMN: CW 484

"Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

SERMON:

Take the next step by faith!

Refuse to shrink back, instead

Choose to Live by Faith

PRAYER HYMN: CW 482

"Forgive Us Lord"

CLOSING HYMN: CW 422

"Jesus Lead Thou On"

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Goelzer **Organist:** Joanne Tetzlaff, Sunday
Lauren Prochnow, Monday

Welcome to St. Luke's Oakfield

- † It is our prayer that our worship service will allow you to encounter your Creator and Savior today through His Word and give you an opportunity to praise Him with songs and prayers.
- † If you have any questions about the service, the readings or sermon, please feel free to ask our Pastor after the service. Feel free to join in any part of our service that you feel comfortable with.
- † Large bulletins, listening assisted devices and children's worship tote bags are available from the ushers.
- † We do ask that everyone who participates in worship today sign the worship attendance register in the narthex.
- † Parents, if your child become restless, that's okay... We're glad they're here and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word! Perhaps a moment or two with mom or dad is all that is necessary. Our Church Nursery is located in the narthex
- † We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our denomination to speak to the pastor before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Upcoming Worship Opportunities at St. Luke's

August 22nd & 23rd – The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Service at 9:00 A.M. Service of Word

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

The Word doesn't bring peace, but division.

August 29th & 30th – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

with Lord's Supper

Sunday Service at 9:00 A.M. Divine Service II

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

The door to heaven is narrow.

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