

CHILDREN, YOUTH and FAMILY

COME ON WEDNESDAY ~COW~

Due to construction, we are making some changes to the fall schedule. As you read this edition of the Messenger, you will note that most of the fall programming is scheduled to happen, however, there will be NO COW MEAL, until the completion of the construction some time around the end of October or beginning of November. Details will be coming when available. Thank you for your understanding.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS....

SURVIVING MIDDLE SCHOOL – A CLASS FOR 6TH GRADERS

All 6th grade students are invited to join Jeannine in reading and discussing a fun book entitled “Surviving Middle School.” This is the second year this class is being offered and last year’s students found the class really exciting and helpful! In fact, we kept meeting even after the class was over! This 6 week class will begin on September 15 and will meet from 4:15pm-5pm. The cost is just \$10 to cover the cost of the book. Register by e-mailing Jeannine!

CONFIRMATION YOUTH...

Confirmation Start Up Info

An orientation for all Confirmations students and their parents will be held on **Wednesday, September 8 at 6pm** in the sanctuary. At this time all schedules will be passed out and information about social events and parent involvement will be shared. There will also be a brief training given by head ushers as most students and a parent will help with ushering throughout the year. Acolyte and altar guild training will occur during the first few weeks of class. The first **Sunday** class will be **September 12 from 9:45am–10:45am**. The first Wednesday class will be on **September 15 from 5:30pm-6:40pm**.

Please remember that if you signed up for **Drama you will meet starting at **5pm**. Please bear with us during the first month or so of Confirmation as classrooms and dinner opportunities may change due to the building project wrapping up.



JULY MISSION TRIP TO IOWA ~ BECAUSE IOWA MEANS MORE THAN CORN

During the last week of July, five St. Luke’s high school students went to the Knoxville, Iowa area to work on 4 family owned sustainable farms. The group spent four days each on a different farm picking corn, milking goats, pulling weeds, putting up a fence, and painting a barn. All our meals were cooked by members of the group who shopped for naturally grown and sustainable foods from the Downtown Farmer’s Market in Des Moines and at the New Pioneer Food Co-op in Iowa City. Please join Henrik Weber, Delaney Thomas, Justin Gustafson, Danielle DiChristofano, Kelly McCurry, and Jeannine Oakes for an adult forum in the fall for more stories and pictures from this educational mission trip! But in the meantime check out our blog from the week at www.becauseiowameansmorethancorn.blogspot.com

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Rally Day includes:

- ☺ Worship 8:30 am and 11:00 am
- ☺ Sunday School/Education Hour 9:45 am
- ☺ Bibles given to children in Kindergarten and 6th Grades
- ☺ Preschool to grade 6 meet in Sanctuary - Back Pack Blessing
- ☺ Confirmation and Youth Forum will meet
- ☺ Choir Commissioning 8:30 am and 11:00 am (during worship)
- ☺ Teacher Installation 11:00 am (during worship)



BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE (B.Y.O.B)

The theme for this year's Sunday School is **Bring Your Own Bible (B.Y.O.B)**. All students are encouraged to bring and use their Bible each week. We will have prizes for students who bring their Bible on a consistent basis, and the rotation classes will have "Bible Drills" for candy during the openings each week. Our theme verse for the year is Hebrews 12:1, *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."* We will continue with an "older grades vs. younger grades" style of collecting our children's offerings again this year. The bulletin board will be decorated with a race track so the kids can see who is ahead. All offerings will be used to buy Spark Bibles for St. Luke's classrooms. All kindergarteners, 2nd, and 3rd graders will receive a new Spark Bible this year. If you are interested in purchasing your own Spark Bible to use each week (as they go with our curriculum) visit this website: <http://www.activatefaith.org/bibles/>

Sunday School Revival Hour:

FLEXIBILITY IS THE KEY WORD FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Due to construction on our new building wrapping up during the months of September and October, Sunday School will meet in the sanctuary for a longer period of time before dividing into just a few groups. All PK3 through 6th graders will meet together for stories, music or special presentations then divide into a few smaller groups for crafts, lessons or other activities! Make sure to come to Sunday School in September to see what exciting guests will be here for a "Revival" style Sunday School Hour! And make sure to **Bring Your Own Bible (B.Y.O.B)**!

CHECK YOUR MALBOX



**KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR INFORMATION
AND
TEACHER TRAINING MEETING**

**INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT....call Jeannine Oakes
at 847-825-6659 or email her at joakes@stlukespr.org**

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration packets were mailed in August and forms are also available on our website. Please turn in your forms to Jeannine Oakes by September 9.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

All forms were mailed in June and should already be turned in. Please submit any remaining forms to Jeannine before Orientation on September 12.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC



The Music Ministry at St. Luke's provides an opportunity for everyone to share their musical gifts in the worship life of the congregation. From Cherub through Junior, Youth, Adult Choirs, and various instrumental ensembles, there's a place for everyone. You may also sing and play on a short term basis throughout the year. Come and join us! All are welcome.

Children's Choir Fest: Cherub and Junior Choirs will meet together on **Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 4:30-5:30 PM** for choir registration, snacks, games and singing. Both choirs will sing together at the 11:00 service on Sept. 19, the Sunday following Rally Day. Anyone who would like to help at Choir Fest or throughout the year, please contact Melinda at (847) 384-9375, or melinda.hoiland@comcast.net.

Choir	Age Group	Rehearsal Time	First Rehearsal	Director
Cherub Choir	K-2 nd	Wed. 4:30-5:10 PM	September 8	Melinda Ramseth Hoiland
Junior Choir	3 rd – 6 th	Wed. 5:15-6:15 PM	September 8	Melinda Ramseth Hoiland
Orff Ensemble	3 rd – 6 th	Wed. 6:15-7:00 PM	September 15	Melinda Ramseth Hoiland
Youth Choir	7 th – 12 th	Wed. 7:00-8:00 PM	September 8	Anne Krentz Organ
Chancel Choir	Adult	Thurs. 7:45-9:00 PM	September 9	Anne Krentz Organ
Sanctuary Choir	Adult	Sun. 9:45-10:30 AM	September 12	Anne Krentz Organ
Celebration Ringers	Adult	Wed. 8:00-9:00 PM	September 8	Anne Krentz Organ
Spirit Ringers	Youth/Adult	TBD	TBD	BethAnn Lynch (847) 698-9783
Recorder Consort	Youth/Adult	TBD	TBD	Melinda Ramseth Hoiland
Flute Choir	All ages	TBD	TBD	Melinda Ramseth Hoiland

Chamber Music Series at St. Luke's. *The Chicago Philharmonic Players* (formerly the Montag Ensemble) will perform the first of a 3-concert series on **Sunday, Sept. 26 at 3:00 PM** in our sanctuary. The ensemble consists of flute, violin, viola, cello and piano. They will perform works by Haydn, Mozart and Brahms. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and students are free. Call the Chicago Philharmonic Office at 847-866-6888 to purchase tickets. Upcoming series dates: Feb. 6 at 3:00 & Good Friday, April 22 noon worship service.

Happy 1st Anniversary Sacristans! *What's a sacristan?* They assist leaders before worship. *Want to learn more?* Stop by and job shadow any Sunday, no advance notice needed.

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER



September 5 - Pentecost XV

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle prays for churches in *Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia, Yugoslavia*

Choose Life

“Discipline” and “Discipleship” share the same root word. In his writing and with his life, Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminded people that there is a “cost of discipleship”. What are the disciplines of discipleship that deepen your life? That refresh your heart? That call you into a closer, deeper, more intimate relationship with the God of Abraham & Sarah, Isaac & Rachel and Jacob & Leah?

September 12 - Pentecost XVI

Rally Day 8:30 & 11:00

Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle prays for churches in *Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania*

Searching and Sweeping

The shepherd who searches for his lost sheep and the woman who sweeps the house in search of her lost coin capture our imagination this morning as they reveal truth about God who rejoices when the one who was lost is found. Though we might feel more lost than found, God welcomes both sinners and saints to eat together at the table God has prepared for all.

September 19 - Pentecost XVII

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle prays for churches in *Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine*

Faithfulness in Little, Faithfulness in Much

Today we hear one of Jesus’ most challenging parables. It’s often called “The Parable of the Dishonest Manager”. How can a dishonest person be praised by Jesus? We’ll find out together. For through the parable Jesus calls his followers to faithfulness – faithfulness in the small matters of life, faithfulness in the grand matters of life.

September 26 - Pentecost XVIII

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle prays for churches in *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia*

Crossing the Chasm

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Abraham tells the rich man that a great chasm has been fixed so that no one can cross from heaven to hell. Yet in the cross, Jesus closes the chasm between rich and poor, privileged and underserved, insiders and outsiders, so that all may take hold of the life that really is life.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

1 12:00 Afternoon Bridge

2 9:30 Bible Study

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Come On Wednesday
begins September 15.
The COW dinners are currently in the planning stages and will be announced at a later date.

NO COW Dinners
4:30 Cherub Choir
5:00 Youth Drama Troupe
5:15 Junior Choir
5:30 Confirmation
6:45 Off Ensemble
7:00 Youth Choir
7:00 Adult Education

4:30 6th grade: Surviving Middle School - beginning Sept. 15 until Oct. 20

7:30 Cabinet Coordinators

7:00 Bridge Group

7:00 Youth Choir

8:00 Al-Anon

8:00 AA

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8:00 Al-Anon

5 Pentecost 15
(last summer service)

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8 4:30 Choir Fest

9 9:30 Bible Study

10 **MESSENGER DEADLINE**

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8:30 Worship
10:00 Worship

6:00 Stewardship Committee
7:00 OMC

8:00 NA

7:00 Confirmation Orientation
7:00 Youth Choir
7:00 Adult Education
7:30 WEI/CA/Sarah
8:00 Celebration Ringers
8:00 Al-Anon

7:45 Chancel Choir
8:00 AA

8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

12 Pentecost 16 RALLY DAY

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15 **4:30 ~COW~**

16 9:30 Bible Study

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8:30 Worship
9:45 Education Hour/Bibles/
Back Pack Blessing
9:45 Sanctuary Choir
11:00 Worship

9:00 WEI/CA/Elizabeth
12:30 WEI/CA/Eunice
1:00 WEI/CA/Joanna

4:30 6th Grade - Surviving Middle School

6:00 Stewardship Committee
7:30 Church Council
8:00 NA

8:00 Celebration Ringers
8:00 Al-Anon

7:45 Chancel Choir
8:00 AA

8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

19 Pentecost 17

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22 **4:30 ~COW~**

23 9:30 Bible Study

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8:30 Worship
9:45 Education Hour
11:00 Worship

7:00 Prayer Shawl
7:15 Property Task Group
7:30 Global Links

4:30 6th Grade - Surviving Middle School

8:00 NA

8:00 Celebration Ringers
8:00 Al-Anon

7:30 WEI/CA/Naomi
7:45 Chancel Choir
8:00 AA

8:00 AA
8:00 Al-Anon

4:00 Wedding

26 Pentecost 18

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29 **4:30 ~COW~**

30 9:30 Bible Study

8:30 Worship
9:45 Education Hour
9:45 Sanctuary Choir
11:00 Worship

9:00 Ladies Coffee

4:30 6th Grade - Surviving Middle School

7:00 Member Care Cabinet
7:30 Ouraich Cabinet
8:00 NA

8:00 Celebration Ringers
8:00 Al-Anon

7:45 Chancel Choir
8:00 AA

3:00 Chicago Philharmonic Chamber Concert