



LOVE, NOT JUDGEMENT, IS FOUND HERE.

FEBRUARY 2020

“WRITE IT OUT IN BIG BLOCK LETTERS SO THAT IT CAN BE READ ON THE RUN. THIS VISION-MESSAGE IS A WITNESS POINTING TO WHAT IS COMING.”

– HABAKKUK 2:2-3



On January 11, forty people gathered in the gym for a morning of talking, praying and dreaming. Together we answered some pretty hard questions:

Who are we?

What are our strengths and assets?

What are we known for?

How do others see us?

What are your dreams for St. Luke’s?

After a time of brainstorming what bubbled up were three central themes:

- New member/visitor assimilation, growth and hospitality
- Community outreach especially to women in recovery with children
- Financial stability

Now here is what is so exciting about what happens next. We didn’t walk away on that Saturday in January saying, “well that was nice” and just leave it for someone else to do or think about. Teams (not committees) are being formed to address these themes and to pair resources, ideas, activities and ministry opportunities with them. So if you did not make it to 2020 Vision and see something that excites you, let me know or send me an email (DrRevRL@aol.com) and I will connect you with the right team.

God is doing great things at St. Luke’s!



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Please be sure to give them all a big welcome.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The number of children attending Sunday School & Children's Church is continuing to grow! We have Sunday School all together and then after the Children's Message we all go into the nursery to have a snack. After, we split up into nursery & K-4th grade. So far it has worked well with the younger children playing and the older doing activities related to Sunday School & the Children's Message. Since our numbers are growing, we need help during the Children's Church time.

Please consider volunteering for a Sunday to come learn with us during church. The children love to have visitors come help! We also would love to have any donation of snacks. With our numbers growing we eat a lot!!

Also there will be a Children's meeting held on Monday, February 10 at 6:00. If you are a parent or work with children or are interested in the children, please come to this short meeting. Just want to discuss a few items that are coming up! Child care will be available if needed. Thank you for your support of our children!

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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

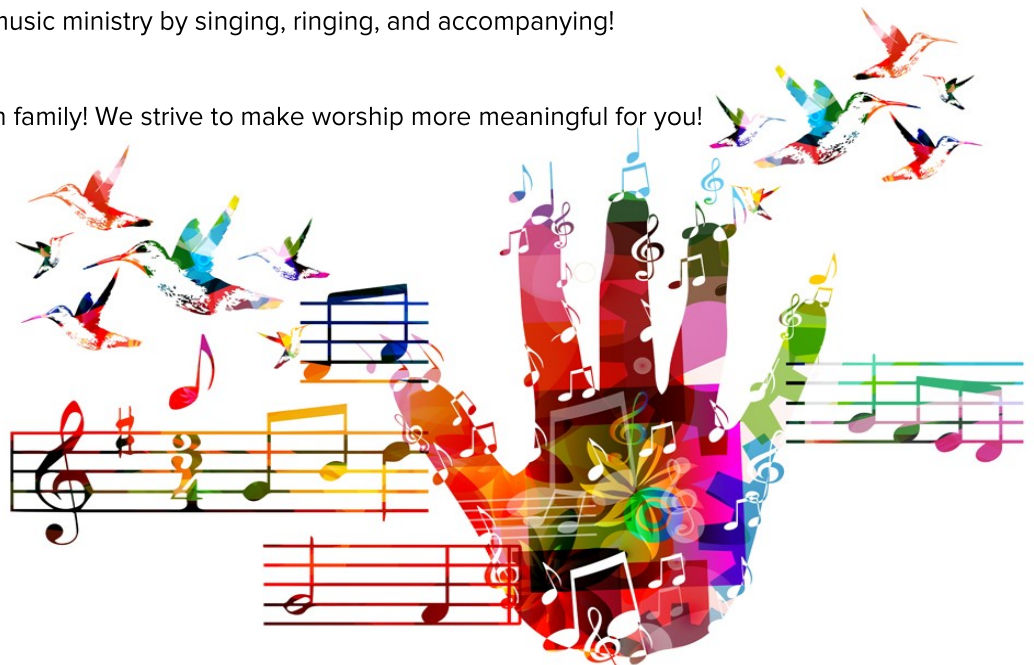
The Chancel Choir would like to welcome *Beth Fisher* and *Geoff Guy* as new members! Beth sang with us for the Christmas cantata and we convinced her to stay. Geoff has found room in his busy schedule and we are glad to have him as well.

Several members of the congregation have spoken to me about joining the choir. We would LOVE to have you come on a Wednesday evening and give us a try! Regular rehearsals for the Chancel Choir are at 6:30PM on Wednesday evenings. A nursery is provided and, if you give me a heads up on children coming, we can make sure we have the workers to provide for them. Some of you have stated that your voices are "out of shape," but rehearsing regularly helps. We don't expect perfection!

Thanks to all who contribute to our music ministry by singing, ringing, and accompanying!

Thanks also to our supportive church family! We strive to make worship more meaningful for you!

Gratefully,
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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

It is with mixed emotions that this will officially be my last newsletter. Sunday, January 26th was my last Sunday as St. Luke's Youth Spiritual Director. Our last time together was filled with laughter & of course we ended with a devotional. I was presented with this lovely plate signed by all the youth plus a few other friends and it is so special to me not because it is so beautiful, but because of all the love it represents. You all will always be in my heart & in my prayers.

May God richly bless you & may His face shine upon you.

Momma T, | Spiritual Director of Youth | tanielang50@gmail.com



Crafting 4 Missions

So what is Crafting 4 Missions and what do we do? Crafting 4 Missions has 2 activities whose purpose is "mission oriented." One is monthly and the other is quarterly.

Monthly: We meet the 4th Thursday at 5:30pm in the gym. At this meeting, we bring whatever we are working on at home craft-wise. Group is open to not just church members.

Quarterly: Crafters 4 Missions has a quarterly scrapbook/craft crop. This is an all-day event. We charge for the use of the table space and it's open to everyone. Each participant brings their supplies for whatever craft they are working on and spends the day crafting and socializing. The profits are given to several worthy causes in the area.

Debbie Laffitte

Crafters

We meet the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday of each month from 10:00am –12:00pm. We mainly work on making mats from plastic grocery bags for the homeless. We also make crochet and knitted hats for babies and we make items for the Pumpkin Patch boutique. If you're not into doing these things, you can work on your own project. The main reason we meet is to share craft ideas and to socialize with each other. The monies we make go to Missions at St. Luke's and getting things done for the kitchen.

Ann Willis
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Healthy Lifestyles

New Year & A Healthier You is our theme for 2020. Join us each month on the 2nd Sunday at our new time of 1:00PM for Healthy Lifestyles. We will start each meeting with a low impact exercise program followed by a group discussion of healthy lifestyle topics. -Debbie



Crafting 4 Missions / Methodist Men

Crafting 4 Missions meets 2/27/20 @ 5:30pm
St. Luke's Methodist Men meets 2/27/20 at 6:30 pm
Debbie Laffitte/ Larry Blair

Methodist Women February Meeting

Join us Feb. 20th at 12 noon in the Conf. Room. All women are invited. Bring a sack lunch.

Upper Third

The Upper Third gathering of February 13, 2020 will hear about the work of the Alzheimer's Association by Heather Medaries. Bring a pot luck item to share.
Thank you, Donnie

St. Luke Book Club

The next meeting of the St. Luke's Book Club is Sunday, February 16th, at 3:00 p.m. We will be doing something different. In order to promote better use of the church library (and to spare us the cost of purchasing a book!), we are each finding a book on the shelves of our library to read during the month and share at the February meeting. You will find a good selection of both fiction and non-fiction from which to choose. Join us on this adventure and sign out your selection on one of the clipboards at the back. We are looking forward to discovering some very good reads!

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SUNDAYS, 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM

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SUNDAYS

FEBRUARY 2,9,16,23

WORSHIP, 8:30 & 10:45 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:30 AM
YOUTH GROUP, NOON - 2 PM
AA, 7 PM

FEBRUARY 9

CIRCLE SERVICE, 5:15 PM
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES, 1:00 PM
FEBRUARY 16
BOOK CLUB, 3:00 PM
VALENTINE'S DINNER, 6:00 PM

MONDAYS

FEBRUARY 3,10,17,24

AA, 7 & 7 PM

FEBRUARY 3

WIRC TEAM, 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 10

SPIRITUAL FORMATION, 6:00 PM
CHILDREN'S MEETING, 6:00 PM

FEBRUARY 17

MISSIONS MEETING, 6:00 PM
TRUSTEES, 7:00 PM

TUESDAYS

FEBRUARY 4,11,18,25

SR. HIGH PRAYER BKFST, 6:50 AM
CENTERING PRAYER, 4 PM
YOUNG ADULTS, 5:45 PM
(11TH IS TACO TUESDAY)
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GRP, 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 4

WORSHIP COMM, 2:00 PM

FEBRUARY 4,18

STAFF MEETING, 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAYS

FEBRUARY 5,12,19,26

KOINONIA, 7 AM
HANDBELLS, 5:30 PM
CHANCEL CHOIR, 6:30 PM
AA, 7 PM

THURSDAYS

FEBRUARY 6,13,20,27

AA, 6:30 & 7:30PM
JOURNALING, 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 13

UPPER THIRD, 11:30 AM

FEBRUARY 20

WOMEN'S MINISTRY 12:00 PM
COMMON GROUND, 5:15 PM

FEBRUARY 6,20

CRAFTERS, 10 AM

FEBRUARY 27

CRAFTERS 4 MISSIONS, 5:30 PM
METHODIST MEN, 6:30 PM

FRIDAYS

FEBRUARY 7,14,21,28

LOW KEY SERVICE, 6 PM
AA, 8 PM

SATURDAYS

FEBRUARY 1,8,15,22,29

AA, 10 AM
AL-ANON, 10 AM

FEBRUARY 15

SRSG, 10 AM-2 PM