



St. Luke's MESSENGER

March/April 2014

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Seek first God's rule." Matthew 6:33

As we begin our journey to the cross during the Lenten season, these words of Jesus from his famous "Sermon on the Mount" are a great thing to keep in our constant focus. It was Jesus' own focus on God's rule over his life and the world, that led him to live the way he did and walk to the cross.

When we hear this phrase, "seek first God's rule," we often think about ordering our priorities in life and making sure that "God" is above our family, friends, work, nation, etc. But what is a "priority" anyway? It is something that comes "prior" or "before" everything else in life. It is therefore our "lord" or "master" and as Jesus says, "You cannot serve two lords (priorities)."

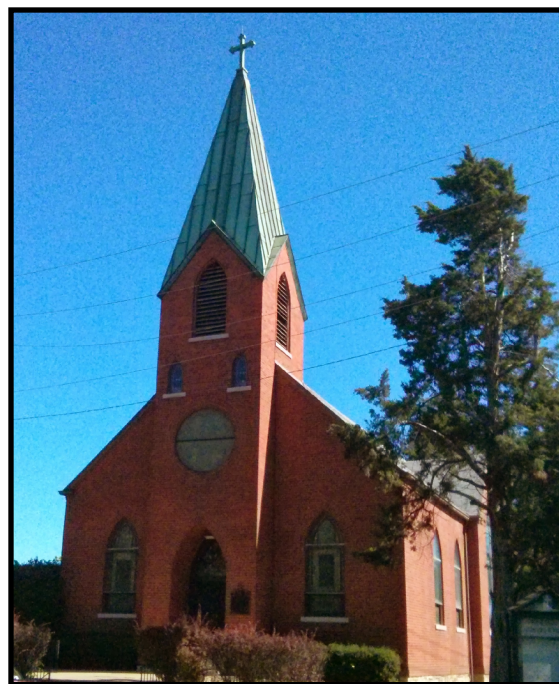
Therefore, this phrase, "seek first God's rule," is not about "getting our priorities" right--it is about dropping all our attempts to have multiple "priorities" so we might have a single-minded focus on one thing. In fact it could easily be translated "seek only God's rule." Jesus is inviting us to drop the "priorities" of family, friends, work/school, nation, and even

food/shelter/clothing so that we might devote ourselves completely to the seeking of his rule in our world--so that we might have one and **only one** priority in life.

Dropping all our "priorities" that we try to juggle in life may seem like a scary task, but Jesus believes it will be freeing for us. If we seek only God's rule then the hard work of trying to keep all the plates in our lives spinning will fall away. Jesus is inviting us into a simple existence where we only have one task and objective--promising that if you focus on only this task then "all these things will be given to you as well." What are "these things"? They are the basic needs of life--food and clothing. Jesus promises that if we drop all our worrying and working to take care of ourselves and our "priorities" and instead seek God's rule in our lives and world, then our heavenly Father will provide for us, every step of the way.

So what are your "priorities" in life? Are you tired of the juggling and ready for something simpler?

Pastor Luke



Worship and Bible Study Schedule

Saturday

4:30pm Worship Gathering

Sunday

9:00am Worship Gathering

10:30am Bible Study - Text of the Week

Monday

12:30pm Bible Study - "Parables of Jesus"

6:00pm Bible Study - "Follow Me"

Wednesday

4:30pm Kids' Time

Community Ministry Corner

News & Needs of MLM's Community Care Center

As the cold weather continues requests for gas & electricity assistance are high. The need for hats and gloves continues and we have several women who are crocheting scarves. Donations of warm clothing, coats, thick socks, and boots or if you have extra yarn and would like to donate it for special projects, all items are welcome!

| One Family's Story |

Often thanks come in different ways to the MLM Community Care Center. A family who came to MLM for help with food over a year ago had a very difficult situation in their household. Their nineteen year old daughter had been diagnosed with colon cancer. They had first been seen by Riverview Health Services who then referred the family to the MLM Center. We were able to help the family with food and USDA commodities and in turn referred the family to the Kansas City Medicine Cabinet to help with some of the nineteen year old daughter's medication and medical supplies. The young woman did not recover and died. A short while later their nine year old daughter received the same diagnosis and died within the same year as her sister. The family remembers how kindly they had been treated at MLM and wanted to donate thousands of dollars of

medical supplies. When the family came in to donate the supplies, much of it was better suited for Riverview Health Services and so we asked the family if that would be okay. They recalled how kind we were when they needed some help and they wanted to give back. The loss they experienced was more than most of us would want to deal with. Yet they were very gracious and giving and our exchange was full of hugs and sympathy.

Kansas City Medicine Cabinet

The final totals are in for the KCMC services provided in 2014 through St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the areas of Dental Care, Diabetic Supplies, Hearing Aids, Optical, and Prescriptions.

Total services: 464 households and \$90,928.67

We are looking for a new person to assist with the Kansas City Medicine Cabinet. Excellent training is provided by MAAC Link and KCMC staff. If you are interested please contact Yvonne at the church office, 913-281-3102.

Yvonne Brown, MSW
Director of Community Ministry



14th Annual St. Luke's Charity Golf Classic

Join us to help raise funds for St. Luke's so that she and her partner ministries may continue to provide love and care for those in need in Kansas City, KS. In 2013 these ministries at St. Luke's provided approximately \$450,000 in financial aid and "in-kind" services to over 10,000 individuals.

The Charity Golf Classic will be held **May 9th at Painted Hills Golf Course** located at, 7101 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, KS. Painted Hills is a spikeless course. The schedule of events is as follows:

- Check in: **Friday, May 9th, 2014, at 7:00 am**
- Start time: 8:00 a.m. (The tournament ends when participants are finished).
- Prizes will be awarded to "1st and 2nd place finishes in Both A & B flights". Other great prizes will be awarded!
- Post-Classic party: This year we will have the dinner and awards at the golf course in the Fairway room located upstairs and will begin immediately following the Classic. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Send in your entries as soon as possible and help us continue our work in Wyandotte County.

Visit us at our website to get the entry form and for further information:

<http://stlukeskck.org/more/st-lukes-charity-golf-classic/>



Baptism Anniversary



- Kendell McKee (3/01)
- Amanda Dombrowski (3/04)
- Zander Dombrowski (3/04)
- Tatum Dombrowski (3/04)
- Stephen May (3/06)
- Caitlin Vogel (3/11)
- Austin Tate (3/11)
- Matthew Bridges (3/13)
- Nicholas Skinner (3/25)
- Brianna McMahon (4/02)
- Lila Barnhill-Crum (4/04)
- Roxanne Deines (4/05)
- Yvonne Brown (4/10)
- Lluvia Rocha (4/11)
- Madison Lair (4/11)
- Merilee Lea (4/13)
- Paul Jagusch (4/16)
- Sarah Brown (4/16)
- Paula Mather (4/18)
- Jake Mather (4/18)
- Geronimo Rocha Jr. (4/21)
- Makayla Deines (4/28)

- Douglas Tilton (3/01)
- Damon Dombrowski (3/02)
- Roxanne Deines (3/06)
- Dakota Bryant (3/06)
- Caitlin Vogel (3/09)
- Zachary Brough (3/10)
- Kimberly Miesner (3/13)
- Courtney Harrison (3/15)
- Samantha Peknik (3/17)
- Makayla Deines (3/18)
- Kayla DeCoster (3/20)
- Ann Hauser (3/21)
- Brittany Brown (3/29)
- Selena Farhath (4/01)
- Amanda Martin (4/03)
- Shika Brown (4/06)
- Edna Schons (4/06)
- Mike May (4/06)
- Yvonne Brown (4/07)
- Barbara Welch (4/12)
- Santana Gutierrez (4/13)

- Lois Keller (4/17)
- Paula Mather (4/18)
- Chloe Bridge (4/18)
- Shane Kieffer (4/25)

Wedding Anniversary



- Tim & Rita Anderson
(3/5/94, 20 years)
- William & Mary Richards
(3/20/54, 60 years)
- John & Rebecca Harrison
(4/27/85, 29 years)

Board Corner

A community of faith in which all people matter. That is who we are, that is who we have been, it is who we will continue to be. Since our celebration of the Christmas season, we have seen great opportunities to celebrate the Lord's coming and to share the good news of his kingdom with our neighborhood and world - though our words and actions, this is what we do - or better, this is who we are. At the end of December our 10 year lease agreement with Hillcrest Transitional Housing (for the church's duplex) ended and as of February we have begun utilizing half of that space in partnership with LUMA (Lutheran Urban Mission Agency), to provide housing to their Deaconess Intern and the other half has been utilized as a hospitality space for a family in need of shelter. In the months to come we will continue to work with our community partners to best utilize that space to love and serve our neighbors. A special thanks goes out to Hillcrest Transitional Housing for 10 years of a great partnership - we will look forward to continuing to work with them in the future. Pastors Luke and Scott have also been working with community partners (Miller Stauch Construction, Kansas District LCMS, MLM) to develop a hygiene and shower ministry to serve our population experiencing homelessness - we will have more details and news about this exciting new opportunity in the months ahead. Be sure to check out the website and to get the word out for the Golf Tournament!

LWML News from Lutheran Women in Mission

The LWML women are finalizing their budget and projects for the year and coming up are:

March 2 -- KC Crossroads meeting
 March 12 -- Lenten Soup Supper
 March 15 -- Bible Study and Breakfast
 March 28-30 -- Kansas District Convention in Wichita
 March 30 -- 5th Sunday Mission Breakfast
 April 5 -- Spring Fling @ Bethany
 April 13 -- Palm Sunday LWML Bake Sale
 April 19 -- LWML Bible Study & Breakfast

All women and friends of the congregation are invited to join us as fellow women in mission!

Homeless Services Coalition, Chili Cook-Off Challenge

Thursday, Mar 6, 2014 from 5:00-8:00 pm @ Salvation Army Gym, 6723 State Ave, KCK, 66102 -- Cost: \$10

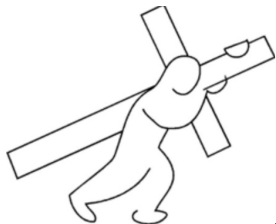
Lutheran High School Spring Music Tour 2014

Friday, Mar 28, 2014 @ 7:00 pm at Lutheran High School

MLM Spring Fling -- Christmas Store Benefit

Saturday, Apr 5, 2014, 8:00-Noon @ Bethany Lutheran

Please come for games, craft items and baked goods sale, a silent auction, and a pancake breakfast.



St. Luke's has a new website!!! Come check it out and find access to great resources like the church calendar, sermons, reading suggestions, and more!

www.stlukeskck.org



Lenten Midweek Schedule

"Seek First God's Kingdom and Justice"

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Soup Supper @ 5:30 pm

Ash Wed -- "Do Not Do Justice to Be Seen By Others"

March 5 @ St. Luke's (no soup supper)

Lent II -- "Do Not Store Up Earthly Wealth"

March 12 @ St. Luke's

Lent III -- "Do Not Worry About Tomorrow"

March 19 @ Immanuel, 3232 Metropolitan Ave

Lent IV -- "Seek and You Will Find"

March 26 @ Bethel, 2801 N 83rd St

Lent V -- "Enter Through the Narrow Gate"

April 2 @ Grace, 3333 Wood Ave

Lent VI -- "The One Who Listens and Does"

April 9 @ Faith, 530 Quindaro Blvd

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday -- "Whatever You Did for the Least"

April 13 @ 9:00 am, St. Luke's

Maundy Thursday -- "This Is My Body"

April 17 @ 6:00 pm, St. Luke's

Good Friday -- "This Is Jesus, the King"

April 18 @ 7:00 pm, Grace, 3333 Wood Ave

Holy Saturday -- "Go Guard and Secure the Grave"

April 19 @ 4:30 pm, St. Luke's

Easter Sunday -- "There They Will See Me"

April 20 @ 6:30 am & 9:00 am, St. Luke's

Breakfast from 7:30 am to 11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:30 am

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