



St. Luke's MESSENGER

May/June 2014

PASTOR'S CORNER

"How are the dead raised?" 1 Corinthians 15:35

As we have begun our seven week celebration of the resurrection of Jesus it is always important to stop and reflect on what it means for us as his people. Too often in the church at large I think we have stumbled over Paul's rhetorical question, "How are the dead raised?" We hear about the empty tomb of Jesus and the disciples' encounter with his risen body and we stumble in disbelief. We "spiritualize" what happened and run away from the testimony that Jesus still had a human body and still ate food. Or we think that such a resurrection is something that could only happen to him.

In our world, we are daily faced with dealing with death and it overwhelms us. We see our loved ones age, die, and get buried and we panic. We retreat to the sentimentality that "they are in a better place" or are "in heaven" without looking to the story of Jesus to be our true guide. Now certainly, those who die in the Lord are with him and in his presence, but we learn from John's Revelation that they are also longing for something more. They are longing to share in

what Jesus himself started on Easter morning.

On Easter morning, Jesus' own tomb was emptied by God and this is our hope for each and every one of Jesus' people as well. We "look for the resurrection of the dead" according to the Creed and so we should be looking and hoping for the graves of Jesus' people to be emptied by God. Just as Jesus had a living human body and ate and drank, so too all those who are in Jesus will have a restored body and will be fully human once again.

Paul assures us that death will be defeated. But if our bodies stay dead and rotting in the ground, then death wins. So it is only when our bodies, that we place into God's hands as we put them into the ground, are raised and restored to new life that we will be able to say, "Death has been defeated!"

So "how are the dead raised?" They are raised just like Jesus. He had a renewed and restored body and so will all of his people!

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

Spring clothes and summer clothes are now needed for MLM families. There is still a need for toilet paper and hygiene items. We are excited as work begins on the shower ministry. We were the recipients' of two ingatherings of the LWML, the Kansas District Biennium in Wichita and this April's 26th KC Crossroads Event! They gathered hygiene supplies and made kits for our homeless families as well as protein items and toilet paper. Thanks for the kindness and generosity of the LWML in this area and across the State of Kansas!

Our next USDA Commodity Distribution is the week of June 2nd and we could use help from volunteers when they are delivered and distributed.

A Family's Story

Years ago it was popular to convert one's home to all electric thinking one bill was enough and electricity was the cheaper commodity at that time. Surprisingly that change has come back on some of the people who converted and now they are receiving the most exorbitant bills of all times. Mostly elderly home owners are the families asking for assistance. They have received monthly bills as high as \$829.00. One woman who came to MLM for assistance has that bill, another \$689.00 bill

and a \$462.00, totaling \$1900.00 in three months! With monthly incomes typically under \$900.00 a month, food and other items become luxuries for the household. We searched for available services and referrals to agencies that assist with energy audit and weatherization. We also shared ways these households could have more food security by applying for CSFP, TEFAP and the services once a month at a local food pantry as well as Harvester's Project Strength and Food Truck Distributions. We have done this for all the folks who went all electric and they were thankful for the assistance and information.

Kansas City Medicine Cabinet

The totals to date for the KCMC services provided in 2014 through St. Luke's Lutheran Church: 122 households, 136 Services, and \$24,074.20 spent.

We have our new person to assist with the Kansas City Medicine Cabinet. We welcome Will Jenkins, SER, as he joins the KCMC services. Will is in the process of training and will soon be able to serve clients each morning from 9:00-Noon.

Yvonne Brown, MSW
Director of Community Ministry



Board Corner

We have had an exciting couple of months at St. Luke's. While, our board has undergone some reorganization, we have continued to be a community of faith that makes a great difference in our community. You may have had a chance to see the recent hospitality brochure that we have put together, if you have not please take a look on the website (hospitality tab) or pick up a copy at worship. A few highlights of our hospitality work include: nearly 600 bed nights of safe, warm housing during the past winter months, a new and growing relationship with Kim Wilson Housing, and the beginning of remodeling and update to our restroom facilities to accommodate a new hygiene ministry for folks experiencing homelessness. Also, of note is the great work that has gone into our 14th Annual Golf Tournament, while the printing of our newsletter has happened before the tournament, a great thanks to all those who have put so much work in to make the golf tournament a great success again this year.

Several months ago we became aware of the need for shower facilities for folks experiencing homelessness and through the generosity of the Kansas District and Miller Stauch Construction, we have been able to respond. Our two downstairs bathrooms will be remodeled and updated to provide shower availability and one of our upstairs bathrooms is currently being upgraded to provide the same for persons with disabilities. Along with the construction, we will be looking for volunteers to help manage the use of the facilities and to launder the towels and wash clothes. This new opportunity underscores that St. Luke's continues to be at the forefront of providing care to the less fortunate in our community. If you would like to be involved, please contact one of our pastors for details on specific opportunities.

With some of changes to our board it is also appropriate to give an update as to current board members: Jack Wagner, Jim Wagner, Jennifer Wagner, Ralph Heiden, Georgia Story, Dick Vogel, Chris May, Rose Tiszka, John Wagner, Karen Wagner.

Thanks for your role in making St. Luke's such an exciting community of folks who follow Jesus together!



Baptism Anniversary

- Hannah Harris (5/9)
- Michael May (5/13)
- Rani Nunez (5/15)
- Bob Leive (5/15)
- Karen Tiszka (5/17)
- Mia Canales (5/21)
- Rochelle Ralston (5/23)
- Zachary Brough (5/24)
- Sondra Brown (5/25)
- Debbie Wagner (5/26)
- Joanne Leive (5/27)
- Guy Jagusch (5/28)
- Jennifer Wagner (6/1)
- Carrie May (6/2)
- Lesley Leive (6/2)
- Rebecca Harrison (6/2)
- Nima & Nooshin Soltani (6/2)
- Julie Sutulovich (6/9)
- Ann Hauser (6/13)
- Quintin McKee (6/14)
- Steven McKee (6/14)
- Justina Bridge (6/15)
- Ashley Gillespie (6/17)
- Thomas Baack (6/18)
- Riane Ralston (6/23)
- Judith Wessel (6/24)



- Susan Dombrowski (5/1)
- Todd Deines (5/2)
- Wilbur Gooden (5/4)
- David Zugelder (5/8)
- Bob Leive (5/9)
- Thomas Dombrowski (5/11)
- Delaney Voor Vart (5/11)
- Joshua Bryant Jr. (5/13)
- Amy Lair (5/15)
- Zander Dombrowski (5/16)
- Victoria Mundinger (5/16)
- Riane Ralston (5/17)
- Sarah Martin (5/23)
- Kristi Gooden (5/25)
- Jasmine Brown (5/25)
- Judith Wessel (5/25)
- Amanda Dombrowski (5/25)
- Jasmine Brown (5/25)
- Van Edward Mease (5/31)
- Jayden Trevino (6/2)
- Kimberly May (6/5)
- Haley Bridge (6/8)
- Georgia Story (6/9)
- Charlene Sargent (6/9)
- Rose Tiszka (6/12)

- David Bishop (6/12)
- Justina Bridge (6/12)
- Richard Vogel (6/13)
- Joseph Ramirez (6/15)
- Sandra Rust (6/17)
- Morgan May (6/21)
- Joy Meister (6/21)
- Rachel Telgemeier (6/22)
- Luke Kammrath (6/23)
- Marianna Ordaz (6/26)
- Ann Brough (6/28)
- Emily Wilkinson (6/30)

Wedding Anniversary

- Jake & Jill Mankin (5/9/98, 16 years)
- Dale & Elizabeth Troxel (5/9/00, 14 years)
- Stephen & Chris May (6/3/89, 25 years)
- Bob & JoAnne Leive (6/6/54, 60 years)
- Bob & Carrie May (6/7/86, 28 years)
- Todd & Roxanne Deines (6/10/00, 14 years)
- Arlin & Ardis Holtz (6/22/47, 67 years)



14th Annual St. Luke's Charity Golf Classic

The Charity Golf Classic will be held **May 9th at Painted Hills Golf Course** located at, 7101 Parallel Parkway in Kansas City, KS.

Thank you to all those who have made this tournament a reality and to those from St. Luke's who have helped with food!

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

LWML News from Lutheran Women in Mission

After a busy two months the LWML group will move into a slower time of reflection.

May 17: Bible Study/Breakfast @ 9am, Lounge

Jun 21: New Bible Study/Breakfast @ 9am, Lounge

Jun 29: 5th Sunday Mission Breakfast

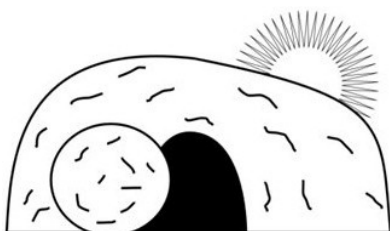
All women and friends of the congregation are invited to join us as fellow women in mission! Keep your eye on the Sunday bulletin; we are planning a couple of craft events.

Exploring Resurrection Hope (May 4 - Jun 8, 2014)

What happens to me when I die? What does it mean that our bodies are raised from the dead?

What is going to happen to this earth and the animals/plants?

Join us on Sundays as we explore Isaiah's visions for a new world and the hope that we have because Jesus' body was physically raised from the dead.



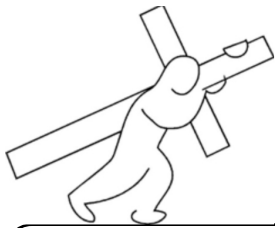
Journey from Creation to Exile (Jun 15 - Nov 23, 2014)

How does the Old Testament all fit together?

What is the message of the Old Testament for us?

Join us on Sundays this summer and fall as we walk through the story of God's people, that begins with the creation of all things and ends with questions about whether God has completely abandoned his people in their disobedience.





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



Gospel Light's
**SONTreasure
Island VBS**



When? June 8 - 12, Sunday - Thursday
from 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Children ages 5-12
(or younger kids with an accompanying adult chaperone)

***Want to volunteer and be a part of this ministry and
outreach to the little ones of our church/neighborhood?***

Contact the church office and let us know!

***Want to help with paying for supplies
and goodies for the kids?***

Then please return the VBS envelope with your donation!



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