



# St. Luke's **MESSENGER**

November/December 2014

## PASTOR'S CORNER

*"One like a child of humanity..." Daniel 7*

The prophet Daniel had a dream where he saw the nations of the world, symbolized by grotesque inhuman monsters, destroying God's creation and people. In the midst of this misery and suffering, Daniel then saw God himself arrive to sort things out. It is then that he sees "one like a child of humanity" coming on the clouds. In contrast to the inhuman beasts of the nations, this "child of humanity," who represents God's faithful people, is truly human and God lifts them above the chaos and suffering to be vindicated and victorious.

This dream of Daniel's was very important for Jesus. Jesus identified himself and his followers as this "child of humanity" or "son of man" because Jesus trusted that even if he and his followers experienced persecution, suffering, and death at the hands of the nations of the world, that God would not abandon them. Jesus trusted that his heavenly Father would always stand up for those who embraced their true humanity and their God-given purpose of caring for and serving the rest of God's creation.

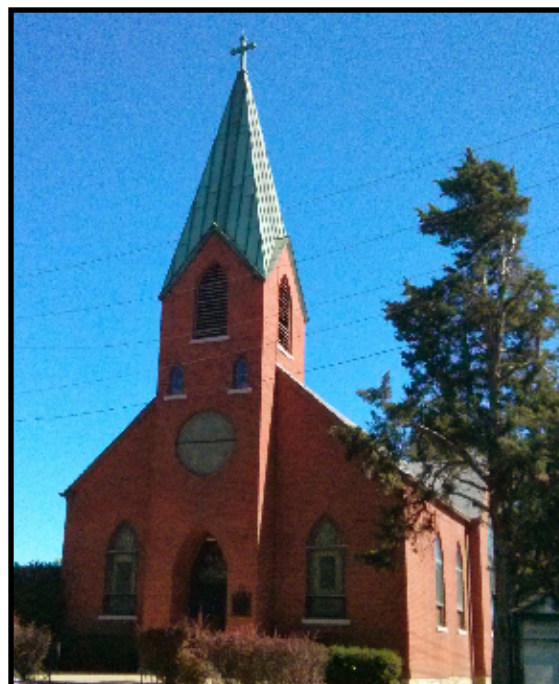
So as Jesus went to the cross, rejected and hated by all, he kept this hope in the forefront of his mind. He trusted that if he simply listened to God's word in all things that he would be rescued and victorious even if he was killed.

This radical and even crazy trust of Jesus in his heavenly Father was shown to be true. On the third day, after having been defeated and killed by the Jewish and Roman nations, God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus was lifted up out of the pit of death and was shown to be the truly human one who was faithful to what God wanted humanity to be.

Therefore, the question we must ask ourselves is this: Are we embracing our true humanity by following in the footsteps of Jesus or have we forsaken our humanity to become distorted beasts by following the world's path of greed, violence, and hatred?

It is hard to embrace the path of true humanity, the Way of Jesus, because the beasts of our world are a constant and terrifying threat. The cultures and nations of our world openly embrace power, wealth, and the fight to be on top, and it is easy for us to think this is just the way life has to be. Resisting the inertia and momentum of this is hard and never fun, for we could end up outcast or even dead if we do so. But Jesus urges us to not be seduced into forsaking our true humanity. We must look to Jesus being raised from death and trust that our heavenly Father has already won the victory and will do the same for us.

Pastor Luke



### Worship and Bible Study Schedule

#### **Sunday**

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| 9:00am  | Worship Gathering        |
| 10:30am | "Text of the Week" Study |

#### **Monday**

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| 6:00pm | "Follow Me" Gospel Study |
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#### **Wednesday**

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| 4:30pm | Kids Time       |
| 6:15pm | Choir Rehearsal |

## Fall Festival and Kids Time Recap

WHAT A WONDERFUL MONTH for the Kids Time Crew!

The month of October was full of great things for the children of our community. At the beginning of the month we had our very first annual Fall Festival, complete with grilled hot dogs, ice cream novelties, carnival games, bobbing for apples, tattoos, and a favorite for all...a good old fashioned cake walk. I cannot tell you how excited the kids were to see these amazing cakes donated by our friends. Thank you to everyone who donated: cakes, food, prizes, ice cream and most of all their time! The kids had a blast and it is safe to say the volunteers did too. We had more

than 75 people from the neighborhood stop by that night.

During the second to last week the kids got really creative and made some pretty fantastic works of art when they painted 25 beautiful perfect pumpkins which had also been donated to us! Laura Baack shared with us her wonderful Halloween devotional which reminds us all to let the light of Jesus Christ into our hearts. This Halloween or next, why not consider carving a cross in your pumpkin to let your neighbors know you too have the light of Christ within you.

Karen Wagner



### We welcomed ten new members this Fall!

- Kyle Adams
- Stephanie & Karis Eberlein
- Daniel Gibson
- Mason Frazell-Hoover
- Donna Hopkins
- Lynne Munding
- Julie Phillips-Kammrath
- Kathy Polzkill
- Chris Spence

### Journey from Creation to Exile (Through Nov 23)

How does the Old Testament all fit together?

### The Prophet Daniel & His Dreams in Exile (Nov 30 to Dec 21)

What hope does Daniel give to those waiting for the world to be set right?





## Baptism Anniversary

- Payton Sanders (11/1)
- Jordan Mankin (11/5)
- Jamey Story (11/13)
- Jake Mankin (11/22)
- Sonia Gardner (11/25)
- Lorraine Hachinski (12/1)
- Judy May (12/1)
- Mary Richards (12/20)
- Dean Bridge (12/29)
- Carter Ryan (12/31)



- Carol Bunch (11/4)
- Lorraine Hachinski (11/6)
- Laverne Lauber (11/17)
- Charles Payne (11/20)
- Travis Renne (11/20)
- Sonia Gardner (11/22)
- Phyllis Gallagher (11/26)
- Skylar Ryan (11/28)
- Mariann Neeper (12/1)
- Thomas Baack (12/4)
- Jack Wagner (12/28)

## Wedding Anniversary

- Jim & Jennifer Wagner  
(11/1/1969, 45 yrs)
- Bill & Lucy Mellot  
(12/22/1964, 51 yrs)



## Board of Directors' Corner

At our October 23 meeting the Board had the opportunity to discuss several of the very exciting happenings in and around the St. Luke's community. Throughout this newsletter you will find great updates on our growing Kids Time ministry, the Fall Festival, and an exciting opportunity that we have to give our worship space a much needed face-lift. Financially, we are in a good position capitalize on ministry opportunities as they present themselves in order to continue to do the great work in the community that we have been called to. As the needs in our neighborhood continue to rise we had the opportunity to discuss the possibility of creating a community ministry liaison position - while this is something we are still exploring, the position would help us to coordinate with the various groups and non-profits that we work with to increase our impact on the community. This is an opportunity that we are very excited about and we ask for your prayers to help us discern how to best proceed. With our children's ministry in mind we have set aside a Sunday, December 21, to be a time that our kids can help share the Christmas Story with us as a congregation - this special service will be at 10am and will be the one time that weekend that we gather for worship. We are also working with an Eagle Scout to beautify and add some recreational equipment to our park area - there will be more details on this in the coming months as we work out plans and designs. Thanks for your prayers and support, it is certainly an exciting time to be St. Luke's.

## Kids Time!!!

Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 pm! Snacks, games, Bible stories! Pizza dinner, once a month!

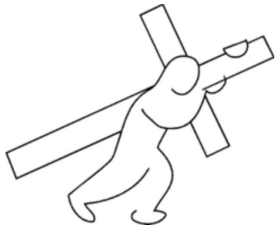
Join us on Sunday, December 21 @ 10:00 am, for a special Christmas service and message from our Kids Time children!

No Kids Time: Nov 26, Dec 24, & Dec 31



## Aug/Sep Emergency Assistance

- Birth Certificates/IDs: 88 individuals
- School Supplies: 213 children
- Clothing: 46 individuals
- Food & Commodities: 873 individuals
- Utilities: 55 families
- Rent: 28 families



Come check out our website and find access to great resources like the church calendar, sermons, reading suggestions, and more!

[www.stlukeskck.org](http://www.stlukeskck.org)



## UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- We will have Saturday Services **only during Daylight Saving Time.**
  - Last Sat Service in 2014 -- Nov 1
  - First Sat Service in 2015 -- Mar 14
- **Thanksgiving Eve, Nov 26** -- 7:00 pm
- **T-Giving Dinner, Nov 27** -- 3:00 pm
- **Kids Time Service** -- December 21.  
*On December 21 only, Sunday worship will be moved to 10:00 am.*
- **Christmas Eve** -- 4:30 & 9:00 pm

## SANCTUARY FACE-LIFT FUNDRAISER!!!

As you may have noticed our sanctuary has some cracking and crumbling plaster and is also in need of a new paint job (last one was 30 years ago). As such, the Board of Directors has decided to hire a local company to replaster and repaint the sanctuary of our church in early 2015. This project will cost around \$7,000. ***If you want to be part of funding this, please send a check to St. Luke's designated for "Sanctuary Face-Lift Project."***



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