

St. Luke's REPORTER

April 2016

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Thank you to the many women and men who came to help pack boxes for Lutheran World Relief last Wednesday. In only two hours they packed a total of 45 boxes consisting of 104 School Kits, 77 quilts, 101 personal care kits, 104 baby care kits and 40# of soap. The boxes were delivered to Bethel Lutheran, which is the loading site for shipping to LWR, on Thursday.



Thanks also to all of you who donated supplies to help fill these boxes this year and to all who spent many hours tying quilts and putting the kits together on the first Wednesday of each month..

April 9, 7 pm – Mesquite Marshalls Arena Football

The Flock is hosting an event for all ages. We are going to Mesquite Arena to experience Football at it's finest! It is fast paced and high scoring so should be a lot of fun. We have 20 seats close to mid-field at only \$13.00 each! Our seats are in a 4 row grouping of 5 seats in each row. We can take 15 in the church bus plus a car or two as needed. Bus parking is free, and if you wish to drive yourself it is \$10/car to park. We plan to meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and carpool over to the game.



Carol Herrman has the tickets and will be available after church on 4/3 for you to purchase or call Carol to save your seat tickets for you. Let her know ASAP at 214-907-3634 or herrmancorefamily@att.net

Pastor Kris will have new member class on Sunday, April 10th, following the worship service for anyone wishing to join St. Luke's . If you are interested in joining, please let her know. New members will be received on April 17th.

It's still Easter! So many people think Easter is one day and done, but it's a season of 50 days. We'll be singing those joyful Resurrection songs for several more Sundays yet, but I do admit, nothing compares with Easter Sunday. Our choir was just fabulous again this year, and I got chills during the Hallelujah Chorus. Thank you, Dale and Hank and the choir, for all your wonderful music that enhanced our worship during Holy Week and Easter.



This year, I may have been more focused on the emotions of worship thanks to the recovery time I spent at home after my knee surgery. For those of you who are unaware of that, I had arthroscopic surgery on my left knee on March 14 to clean up a torn meniscus on both sides of the knee. Instead of spending the weeks before Easter trying to cram in as many homebound visits as I could, I was mostly on my bed with an ice machine and elevation. While I missed those visits (and hope to make them up in early April,) I did have much more time to reflect on my sermons and the preparation for worship itself. It helped me to become much more aware of things like the little resurrections we experience so often around us.

For example, I can see some new life through the knee surgery itself. I knew I had frequent pain in that knee ever since a fall I took last May, landing hard on that knee. But until I came out of this surgery with no pain at all in that knee, I didn't realize how accustomed I had become to the constant ache for months. It had gotten to the point where I was so used to it, I had forgotten how it felt to have no pain. My doctor also cleaned up some rough cartilage, so he said I should have at least 10 years before I get any arthritis in that knee, even though I already have it in the other. So there's new life in that old knee!

See? Resurrection! Our choir at worship is also an example of that new life. This is our second year of having the SMU choral scholars singing with the choir, and I am always blown away by how wonderful the choir sounds. Our long-time members have renewed energy and power to their voices, too. There is a constant spirit of new life blowing in worship with those lovely voices. So there is always the possibility of new life.

We just had another example of new life this week at St. Luke's. For a few months now, we've had to dip into savings on a regular basis to be able to make budget with a number of unexpected expenses combined with lower offerings. Our worship attendance has been consistent, but the

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offerings have not been for some reason. So our savings has been bailing us out regularly. However, this week one of our members made an incredibly generous offering after selling some stock and that has gotten us back into healthy territory again. I am so very grateful for this offering, and to the spirit of new life and resurrection that it also brings with it. I pray that we don't become too dependent upon this kind of "resurrection" though, and that our own spirit of generosity finds new life as a result too. But I am grateful. Just very grateful.

Yes, Easter continues for 50 days, but even after the season is over, the new life remains. We celebrate all of the ways God brings us life, and the ways we experience Jesus in the world around us. May you all be blessed with an awareness of this life and peace, and may God bless you with joyful and loving hearts!



The pot luck supper for April will be held on Saturday, the 16th at the home of Ollie Enger and Barbara Miller, 2562 Bluebonnet, Richardson. The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. **It is very important that you sign up if you plan to attend** so they will know how many people to expect! The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

The Men's Breakfast will be held on April 23rd at 8:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn on 190 and Waterview. After breakfast we will return to the church for a program presented by Joe Seilling and two other veterans who will be talking about their experiences in the Korean War. If you would like more information, contact Ralph Rizzo



The Social Seniors will have a Game Day at the home of Louise Rambadt, 13731 Goldmark Dr, Dallas, on Friday, April 15 beginning at 12:15 p.m. Meet at the church at 12:00 if you would like to carpool to her apartment. Call Ursula Peters for details.

Women of St. Luke's

The April Bible study for Mary Ruth and Rebekah circles completes the fourth and last lesson exploring the book of Philippians (Christian Citizenship 101 – Paul's Letter to the Philippians) by Rev. Phyllis N. Kersten and E. Louise Williams.

“Keep on keeping on” is the title and the theme verses are Philippians 4:4–23. This lesson may be found on page 26 of the March Gather magazine or may be downloaded at gathermagazine.org. The Leader's guide is on page 32.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

April 2 (Saturday): Leadership Team Meeting, 9:00am in the adult classroom. Hostess: Brenda Milner, Devotions: Carol Brant.

April 6 (Wednesday): Activity Day, 9:00am in the Gathering Area. Lutheran World Relief packing day is finished and now it is time to begin work on quilts, layettes, school and health kits for next year. Thank you to all who helped pack the boxes for shipping.

April 9 (Saturday): 9:00am - Sarah Circle meets in the Church Conference Room. Their lesson will be session two of “*Angels: God's Messengers*” from The Thoughtful Christian. Hostess: Linda Young, Study Leader: Joy Uhler.

April 12 (Tuesday): 10:00am - Mary Ruth Circle will meet at church in the adult classroom. Hostess: Martha Eastwood, Study Leader: Emily Hoffman.

7:30pm - Rebekah Circle members meet in the home of the hostess. Hostess: Barbara Tate, Study Leader: Ursula Peters.

**These two Circles use the Bible study found in the Gather magazine.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

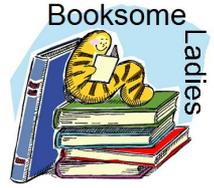
Spring Luncheon

Saturday, May 14 at 11:30 am

All women of the church are invited to a potluck luncheon followed by a fun and entertaining program “*Legendary Ladies*” presented by Rhonda Medina. Rhonda is a professional singer and comedienne who performs impersonations of celebrity women.

Booksome Ladies

On Wednesday, April 20th, THE BOOKSOME LADIES will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Conrad Library. Our book for discussion is What Strange Creatures, a mystery by Emily Arsenault. It is the story of Theresa Battle, a PHD candidate working on her dissertation for seven years, and her older brother, Jeff, a so-called genius, who is creative and loyal, but who is aimless in both work and love. Theresa works in a dead-end copywriting job at a candle company, is divorced, and has a houseful of pets. When Jeff's girlfriend, Kim, asks Theresa to dog-sit her puggle for a weekend, Theresa has no idea it will be the beginning of a terrifying nightmare that will shatter her quiet academic world. Soon Kim's body is found in the woods, and Jeff becomes the prime suspect. Though the evidence is overwhelming, Theresa knows her brother is not a murderer and sets out to prove it. As she investigates Kim's past, she uncovers a treacherous secret – and becomes involved in a potentially dangerous romance. The deeper she delves into this troubling case, the more it becomes clear that, in trying to save her brother's life, she may be sacrificing her own. This book is an interesting change-of-pace!



Haven't read the book? Come anyway. A friendly welcome and interesting discussion awaits.

Peace,
Martha Eastwood

TRASH BASH

Again this year we will take part in the City of Richardson's "Trash Bash" to be held on Saturday, April 16. We will again be working with the Richardson Interfaith Alliance on this project and we will be cleaning up Prairie Creek Park beginning at 8:30 a.m. Following the clean up, we will head to city hall for lunch and stuff. This is also the day the city will have an electronic recycling event and a shredding event going on during the morning hours. If you would like to be part of this annual event, contact Pastor Kris or Gail at the church office for plans to meet at the park. We will wear our "Gods Work. Our Hands" t-shirts.

St. Luke's Prayer Chain

The members of St. Luke's and their families that are being prayed for during the month are listed below.

**FAMILY OF DOROTHY MERRITT
BILL PERKINS
DAN NICOLAYSEN
CARLA BENDER
BARBARA MILLER
DAVE SALLEE
ROSEMARIE HAM
RITA HUMPHREY
BERNIE HUMPHREY
IRMA YOUNG
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JEREMY TOTZKE
DORIS AUTREY
CHARLIE HAMMETT
SUSAN & HOWARD SCHEIB**

Our appreciation to the members of St. Luke's Prayer Chain for their constant and faithful prayers.

*"He sent out his word and healed them."
Psalm 107:20*

Betty Kennedy, Prayer Chain Chairperson
972-235-6309
972-774-2002



April Anniversaries

Bill & Ann Mechler	4-09-1963
Nicholas & Melissa Ezerosky	4-12-2008

April Birthdays

Ricky Maasz	4-03
Arnie Prosser	4-05
Kevin Kraefft	4-08
Sam Eckholm	4-11
Jakob Wimer	4-13
Colin Wimer	4-14
Nancy Roser	4-17
Sheryl Prosser	4-20
Tanner McEwan	4-21

Beverly Ashby	4-25
Jamie Smith	4-25
Laura Vogt	4-26
David Tate	4-27
Jim Dukowitz	4-28
Susan Molina	4-28
Evelyn Spangler	4-28
Jennifer Ritchie	4-29
Jennie Smith	4-29

NOTE: If you have an anniversary or birthday this month and your name is not on our list, please call the church office and give us the information for our records. Thank you.

Help feed the homeless with Joy and Jerold on Sunday, April 17th. For details call or text Jerold at 817-975-7142. There is also a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Jerold (Plumb) is also still accepting clothing to deliver to the homeless. If you have anything to donate, give him call or see him at church any Sunday.

NETWORK OF COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Ingathering days are the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Items always needed are: Jell-O, Peanut Butter, jelly, canned meats and vegetables, soups, paper products, personal hygiene products, baby diapers and baby food. Please place items in the box marked Network in the Gathering Area.

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All members of St. Luke's are invited to submit articles of interest for publication in **THE REPORTER**.

Articles may be submitted in written form using WORD format or electronic form. Please include your name and phone number. Articles should be no longer than 250 words. Those over 250 may need to be edited.



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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

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