

St. Luke's REPORTER

February 2016

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Ash Wednesday is February 10th. We will have our Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. with the imposition of ashes and communion. There will also be a spoken service at noon for those who are not able to attend in the evening.

Beginning on Wednesday the 17th we will once again have a soup supper each week at 6 p.m. We are asking for volunteers to make and bring their favorite soup recipe to share. If you would like to do this, please sign up on the bulletin board for the week you would like to make soup.



“We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life ...”

(1 John 1:1)

In this Lenten season, we are made increasingly aware of the ways Jesus came to be among us in flesh and blood. Our encounters with Jesus happen in many ways, and are experienced through all of our senses. During our Lenten journey, we will use the midweek worship services to reflect upon our experiences of touch, sight, taste, hearing, and smell. Join us for our Wednesday evening prayer services at 7:00 each week.

There are some special devotional booklets for the season of Lent on the table in the narthex. You are invited to take one to use for your daily devotions during the season.

Lent is coming very early this year. It's way too early for me. I feel like I have barely made it past Christmas, and I sure don't have anything ready for Lent yet. But it always seems like the years that I'm not ready for it are the years that I need Lent the most.



The word "Lent" is a shortened form of the Old English word for lengthen. It's the season of the year when the daylight times gets longer each day. I don't know about you, but my spirit is definitely lifted by more sunlight. I'm one of those people who deals with Seasonal Affective Disorder. That's one of the reasons I absolutely love living here in Texas. Winters in the midwest are far gloomier and cloudier, and I get a whole lot more sunlight here.

Maybe the lengthening of the days is part of the reason I have always loved the season of Lent. My spirit gets fed with more sunlight. However, I think more of the reason is that I love the time of reflection that also comes along with Lent. In this liturgical season, we intentionally spend more time with our minds focused on our faith and our need for God in our lives. The traditional practice of giving up something for Lent is meant to help us reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us, so we sacrifice something as a Lenten discipline. I've never been one to practice that tradition, but I do try to spend more time in reflection and gratitude. Instead of giving up something, I try to take on the practice of feeding my spirit.

So yes, I may not feel ready for Lent yet this year, but that means I need to feed my spirit more than ever. I hope you will join me in the effort to intentionally slow down and spend time with my soul. If you have not been in the practice of attending midweek worship, this could be the year to try. We'll spend some time feeding not our spirits, but also our senses in this journey of Lent.

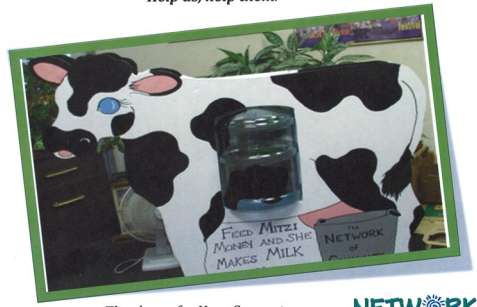
If you cannot make it to the Wednesday worship, please try to spend some extra time in prayer and scripture. Or take a walk each day with your eyes focused on seeing God around you. Or pick up some time volunteering, and giving back in some way out of gratitude for all that you have in your life. In some way, slow down your life and let God enter in. Let this be your Lenten discipline, that your days may be long and your spirit be filled.

St. Luke's will have a guest the first two weeks of February. And that guest is Network's MITZI the cow. Mitzi will be corralled in the gathering area.

As you are probably aware, Network furnishes milk for needy families when they seek food assistance. Network spends over \$2,000 a month for milk. They could use our help. Mitzi will eat all forms of money. **If your donation is by check, please make it payable to Network of Community Ministries.**

\$2,160.00 can provide milk for families for an entire month!

Help us, help them.



Thank you for Your Support

NETWORK
We Impact Lives

Feed Mitzi! This year our “Souper Bowl of Caring” donations will go to Network for milk. Mitzi will be here for two weeks beginning February 1.

The Men's Breakfast will be held on February 20th at 8:30 a.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn on 190 and Waterview. If you would like more information, contact Ralph Rizzo



The Social Seniors will have a Game Day on Friday, February 19th, 12:15 p.m. at the home of Gail Johnson, 805 Sherbrook Dr., in Richardson. Snacks will be provided. Sign up if you plan to attend.

The North Texas SeniorFest 2016 will be held on February 27, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 1801 West Plano Pkwy. There is information and brochures in the Social Seniors section of the bulletin board in the Gathering Area. Please join us for an interesting day with a variety of workshops to attend and meet other Lutherans from the area.



The pot luck supper for February will be held on Saturday, the 20th at the home of Steve and Susan Molina, 6969 Aspen Creek Lane, Dallas, 75252. Carol and Denny Brant are the co-hosts for the event. 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.

Women of St. Luke's

The February Bible study for Mary Ruth and Rebekah circles continues with the second lesson of four exploring the book of Philippians (Christian Citizenship 101 – Paul's Letter to the Philippians) by Rev. Phyllis N. Kersten and E. Louise Williams.

“Servant-shaped Soldiers” is the title and the theme verses are Philippians 1:27–2:18. This lesson may be found on page 42 of the January/February Gather magazine or may be downloaded at gathermagazine.org. The Leader's guide is on page 47.

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

February 3: Activity Day, 9:00am in the Gathering Area.

Come join in as we work on Quilts, layettes, school and health kits for Lutheran World Relief. There is work for women able to stand, and work for those who need to sit.

February 9:

10:00am - Mary Ruth Circle will meet at church in the adult classroom. Hostess: Corinne Perkins, Study Leader: Emily Hoffman.

7:30pm - Rebekah Circle members meet in the home of the hostess. Hostess: Carol Rizzo, Study Leader: Shirley Sigler.

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

February 13:

9:00am - Sarah Circle meets in the Church Conference Room. Hostess: Brenda Milner, Study Leader: Diane Thorpe.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, March 5: Time for our spring “Quilting Bee,” 9:00am

Please bring a salad to share for the luncheon. All women are invited for great fun and fellowship as work is done on items for Lutheran World Relief. A quilt dedication will be held on Sunday, March 6th.

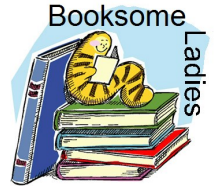
Items needed for the 2016 Ingathering: Baby sweaters (with hood or cap), bath towels, hand towels, wide tooth combs and bar soap (4 oz or larger). See list in the Gathering Area.

All women of St. Luke's are invited and encouraged to come.

Please feel free to join any of the circles at any time.

Booksome Ladies

On Wednesday, February 17th, the Booksome Ladies will meet in the Conrad Library at 9:30 a.m. Our book for discussion is The Personal History of Rachel DuPree, by Ann Weisgarber. This novel opens a window on the little-known history of African American homesteaders, and introduces the heroine, Rachel DuPree, who embodies the spirit that built America. Rachel, hired help in a Chicago boardinghouse, falls in love with Isaac, the owner's son. He says he will marry her only if she will give up her 100 acres from the Homestead Act to him so that he can double his share. She agrees to the bargain and together they stake their claim in the badlands of South Dakota. Fourteen years later, during a terrible drought, Rachel, who is again pregnant, struggles to feed her family, and realizes she is isolated by more than geography. She is determined to save her surviving children, but realizes Isaac will never leave his ranch, as it is land ownership that means a measure of equality with the white homesteaders. Somehow, Rachel must find the strength to do what is right for herself and her children. You won't forget Rachel and her bold actions as you realize the plight of black women and their children on the American frontier.



Since we will be selecting books for the coming months, please bring your suggestions. Everyone is warmly welcomed to this friendly group.

Enjoy winter reading!
Martha Eastwood



Dear St. Luke's

Thank you to all that brought finger food for Jeff Reed's funeral. There was a great variety of food and it was greatly appreciated.

The Bereavement Committee

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.

**JUDY REED & FAMILY
BILL PERKINS
BARBARA MILLER
DAVE SALLEE
ROSEMARIE HAM
RITA HUMPHREY
BERNIE HUMPHREY
IRMA YOUNG
JOHN ABBOTT
DIANE THORPE
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RONDA MEIVES
PAULINE GLENN
DAVID REED
GLEE BAKER
JEAN CARLSON
DICK MINER
CARLA BENDER
JEREMY TOTZKE**

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

"My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

Betty Kennedy, Prayer Chain Chairperson
972-235-6309
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February Anniversaries

Kevin and Shameka Young	2-01-03
Ted and Carla Bender	2-17-65

February Birthdays

Dorothy Merritt	2-09
Sam Sherrod	2-10
Natalie Sherrod	2-10
Tom Petersen	2-11
Barbara Tate	2-17

Lyra Clausen	2-19
Gary Sloan	2-21
Louise Rambadt	2-25
Barbara Stiles	2-25
Andrew Thomas	2-17

New directories were put in the mailboxes a few weeks ago. There are many that have not been picked up. Also if you did not pick up your 2016 offering envelopes, check you mailbox for them too.

Correction to directory: Please correct the following address.

Phil and Doris Houston
440 Independence Pkwy #1305
Plano 75075

New Members received in January:

Shirley Brouillette
13695 Goldmark Dr. #1211
Dallas, 75240
972-596-8640

Jill Lawson
17250 Knoll Trail Dr. #1003
Dallas 75248
817-357-5202

Tana Rutledge
435 Lexington Ln
Richardson 75080
469-328-5891

Robert (Bob) White
203 Murray Ln
Richardson 74080
972-690-5848

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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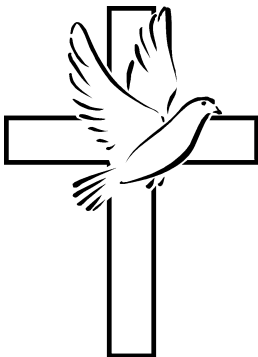
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Sunday Schedule

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.

Phone number: 972-234-8804

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