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“ From the Desk of  
**Rev. Anita Bradshaw** ”

Dear St. Luke Community,

Even before I arrived at St. Luke, I heard in the search process – the church needs to grow in membership. This is not a simple matter of following a recipe and having instant results. It means a variety of strategies internally and externally to make us ready to receive and welcome newcomers into our community.

I will be offering some workshops later this spring on what it means to be a growing, vital, healthy and thriving church. These sessions will challenge us to think about how we currently do things and what we might want to do to move forward.

Here are some immediate thoughts:

- Pretend you are a visitor to St. Luke and know nothing and no one in the congregation. Approach the church through those eyes and see what ideas come to mind. What questions would you have? What concerns would you have? What would you need to feel welcome and at home?
- Do I look for newcomers each Sunday and make a point of welcoming them personally? Do I get to know them a bit? Do I introduce them to others?
- Why do we want to grow our church? What do we hope to accomplish?
- Am I ready for the changes that might need to happen to grow and am I ready for the changes that might happen with new people and new ideas?

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# WORSHIP

- Sundays at 10:30am -

## **February 7**

**10:30- Worship with Communion, Reflection Stations**

**11:30-12:30- Annual Meeting**

Preaching: Anita Bradshaw

Welcoming: Sue Kirchhoff

Greeting: Kim Capel, Raya & Cloe

Liturgist: Liz Heuser

Ushers: Carol Lowry & Linda Thomson

Sound: Jim Gregory

## **February 10**

**6:00- Ash Wednesday Service, Taizé-style, Imposition of Ashes**

## **February 14**

**9:15- Spirited Learning (Syrian Refugee Series)**

**10:30- Worship with Reflection Stations**

Preaching: Anita Bradshaw

Welcoming: Cindy Eyden

Greeting: Bob & Carol Thomas

Liturgist: Peg Keenan

Ushers: Janie & Steve Warner

Sound: Ken Corens

## **February 21**

**9:15- Spirited Learning (Syrian Refugee Series)**

**10:30- Worship with Reflection Stations**

Preaching: Anita Bradshaw

Welcoming: Janet Kramer-Barr

Greeting: Chip & Laura Goodall

Liturgist: Lori Cocking

Ushers: Nancy Anderson & Don Ellenberger

Sound: Tim & Tyler Lowe

## **February 28**

**9:15- Spirited Learning (Syrian Refugee Series)**

**10:30- Worship with Reflection Stations**

Preaching: Anita Bradshaw

Welcoming: Lynn Cox

Greeting: Lori Johnson & Sandy Steelman

Liturgist: David Cline

Ushers: Frank Babka & Peter Whatley

Sound: Larry Stickler

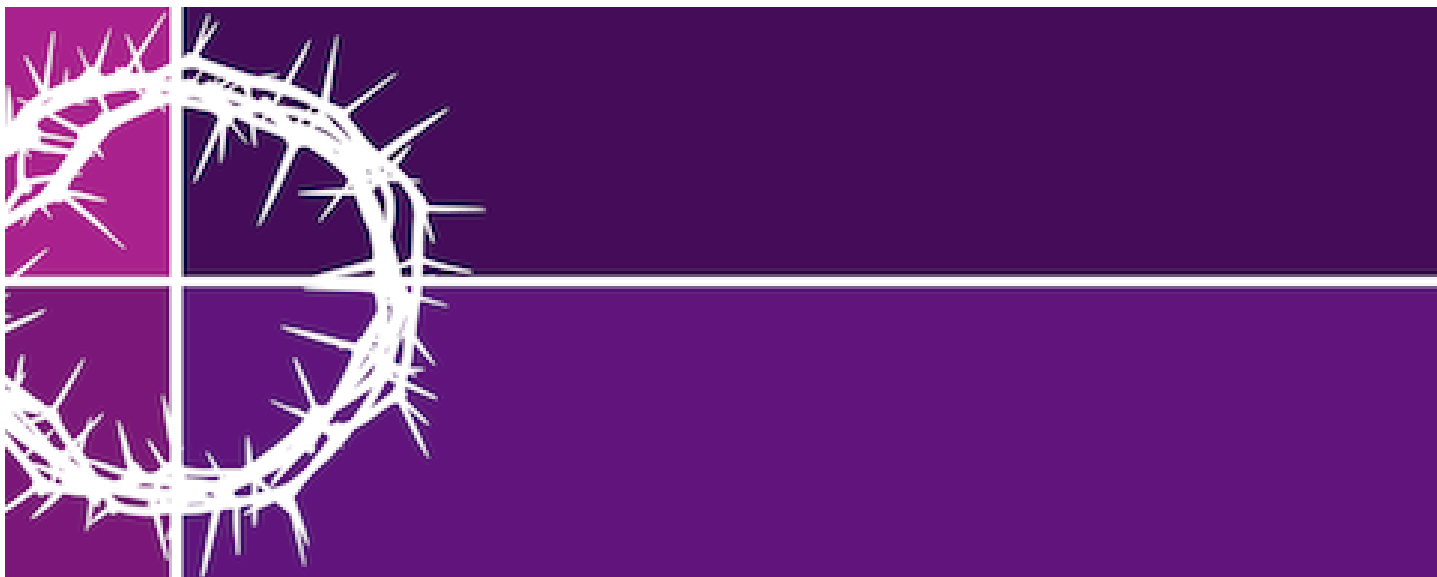
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Those are just starter reflection questions. We will explore some of the latest ideas around church growth and congregational life cycles in the coming weeks. We will take a look at what the research is telling us about what folks are looking for in a church and what they want and need. And we will reflect on where we are at St. Luke and what we need to do to get where we want to go.

Most importantly, we will consider what God is calling us to in this time of transition. The Membership Focus Group and I have begun some great conversations. I look forward to expanding those conversations in the wider congregation.

Blessings and I look forward to continuing to work with you, play with you and grow in faith with you. See you in church!

Grace and Peace,  
Anita



## Lent is Almost Here!

This year we will be offering several ways for St. Lukers to take a moment and pause in Lent to consider our spiritual lives. I want to thank the Worship Focus Group for their good work in planning our Lenten season.

The first is our Ash Wednesday service on February 10 at 6:00 pm. We will come together for a short service, Taizé-style, and with the imposition of ashes for those who would like to receive them.

Second, we will include in the opening of worship a sung *Kyrie*. It is a simple way to remind ourselves of the grace of God present in our lives.

Third, on March 20 we will celebrate Palm and Passion Sunday at our regular 10:30 am Sunday service.

Fourth, we will gather on Maundy Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 pm for a service of communion remembering the Last Supper and a service of Tenebrae with candles and a reader's theatre to remember the last day of Jesus' life.

Fifth, following the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service, we will offer a 24-hour vigil of prayer for all those who wish to sign up to pray for an hour. You can pray at the church or at your home, but our hope is that everyone will take an hour to meditate, pray and reflect. More details on how to sign-up to come.

All of this will lead us to a celebration of Easter on March 27. I invite you, even if you are skeptic about these celebrations to give them a try and perhaps rethink what the tradition and your faith are for you.

Anita Bradshaw, Transitional Pastor

# SESSION SLICES

- from Session Meeting on January 19, 2016 -

We spent the majority of the meeting discussing the budget which will be explained to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 7th.

Conversation with Session - 15 members attended the Conversation with Session on 1/3/16. Nine session members were present as well. We will meet again on April 3rd. Those attending felt that these meetings were helpful and would like to see them continue on (maybe quarterly). We acknowledged the important work that the Archives Committee has done and gave them our support to continue doing so. Anita reviewed her transition plan. Don gave an update about the lift - hopefully done in February. Molly gathered ideas about best ways to use the Time and Talent survey results. Anita is working with folks on forming a Funeral Committee to address future needs.

Happy New Year from your Clerk of Session, Jill Engeswick

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## - Notes of Thanks -

Through the St. Luke Sharing Tree Tradition, the students at the New Beginnings Program for Pregnant and Parenting Teens in Chaska received board books for their children and a \$10 Target gift card for themselves for Christmas. Once again the compassionate folks at St. Luke have made life a little better for local families who need support. The girls (27 of them) felt your love and appreciated your kindness. Thank you so much!

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WOW... Thank you! We had a great week of toy distribution. In the past week, we served:

400+ families

over 1,200 kids (birth - 18 years)

more than 5,500 gifts (toys, games, puzzles, etc.)

We couldn't do our programs without you.

Resource West

## Did you know?

Abridged from *Every Member a Minister, A Brief History of the People of God at St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Compiled by the St. Luke History Group, 1993, Contributed by Linda Thomson*

**1993** People who joined and are still members: Steve Warner.

### **1993 Happenings:**

- \* An Archives Committee was begun.
- \* Jeanne Meyer was hired as Financial Secretary.
- \* A 35<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration was held; it included planting the driveway berm and lower level planters, a storytelling dinner, and all-church picnic.
- \* Dick Lundy announced his retirement in June 1994.

### - PEACE QUOTE -

The pioneers of a warless world are the youths who refuse military service.

Albert Einstein



BEFRIENDER  
MINISTRY

## BeFriender Ministry

"The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing, and face with us the reality of powerlessness, that is a friend who cares." Henri Nouwen from *Out of Solitude*.

BeFrienders at St Luke provide care for adults in our faith community through confidential listening presence. Contact BeFriender coordinators **Mary Lou Hoff**, 952-920-1976 and **Ginny Larson**, 952-210-8388.

## St. Luke Hosts Three-Part Series on the Syrian Civil War and Refugee Crisis

More than 250,000 Syrians have lost their lives in four and a half years of armed conflict, which began with nonviolent anti-government protests before escalating into a full-scale civil war. The conflict is now more than just a battle between those for or against President Assad. It has acquired sectarian overtones, pitching the country's Sunni majority against the president's Shia Alawite sect, and drawn in neighboring countries and world powers. This is an epic humanitarian crisis with more than 11 million Syrians displaced---half the country's pre-crisis-population. Four in five now live in poverty.

St. Luke will hear from several Syrian-Americans about what their organizations are doing to support Syria's citizens and refugees, and how St. Luke can help.

Each of these events will be held on Sundays at 9:15 in the West Room prior to worship.

**February 14 – Mazen Halabi** is a community activist who came to the U.S. when he was 18 and has family still in Syria. He will talk about the mission and humanitarian work of SAMS- Syrian American Medical Society.

**February 21 – Susan Boulad** is an international law student at the University of Minnesota. She has been a prominent face and spokesperson in the Metro Area's events for support of and humanitarian aid for Syrian refugees and citizens.

### **February 28 - Details To be Announced**

The discussion will center around how we as individuals, St. Lukers, and the U.S. can respond to this devastating humanitarian crisis in Syria.





# February Change for Change: Syrian American Medical Society



The **Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS)** is our Change for Change recipient for February. SAMS is a renowned and respected organization that supports healthcare throughout Syria by:

- sponsoring field hospitals and ambulances
- training Syrian medical personnel
- sending lifesaving humanitarian aid and medical equipment to where it's needed most

SAMS also supports Syrian refugees in neighboring countries with critical psychosocial support and medical care.

Several Minnesotans are active in the organization. Please contribute generously to support the network of over 2,000 healthcare professionals who are dedicated to saving lives affected by the Syrian crisis. All coins and bills put in the red envelope in the collection baskets will go to SAMS. You are also encouraged to write a check. This month put "SAMS" in the memo line.

For more information, visit [sams-usa.net/foundation/](http://sams-usa.net/foundation/)



*Photo credit: SAMS Facebook page*


## Impact at a Glance

 **1.4 Million**  
PATIENTS TREATED


 **95**  
MEDICAL FACILITIES

 **90**  
AMBULANCE SYSTEMS


 **\$13.8 million**  
value  
MEDICAL SUPPLIES


 **4**  
DIALYSIS CENTERS


 **802**  
MEDICS SUPPORTED


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TRAUMA CARE FACILITIES


 **13**  
ICUs

 **11**  
OB/GYN CENTERS

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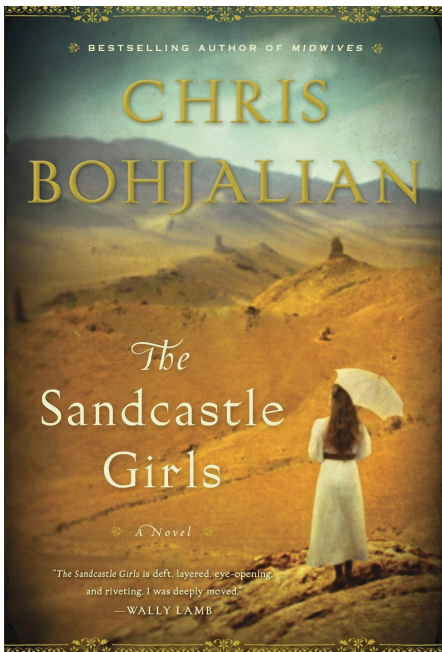
 **11,303**  
beneficiaries PSYCHOSOCIAL  
CARE

 **99,646**  
PATIENTS SERVED BY  
MOBILE CLINICS

 **32 served 128,182**  
beneficiaries LABS/BLOOD  
BANKS

## St. Luke Book Group

The St. Luke book group will meet Wednesday, February 10, at 9:30 am, at the home of Gretchen Otto, 2500 Sylan Rd S, Minnetonka, 952-545-6191.



We are reading "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian. This spellbinding tale travels between Aleppo, Syria, in 1915 and Bronxville, New York, in 2012—a sweeping historical love story steeped in the author's Armenian heritage, making it his most personal novel to date:

When Elizabeth Endicott arrives in Syria, she has a diploma from Mount Holyoke College, a crash course in nursing, and only the most basic grasp of the Armenian language. The First World War is spreading across Europe, and she has volunteered on behalf of the Boston-based Friends of Armenia to deliver food and medical aid to refugees of the Armenian genocide. There, Elizabeth becomes friendly with Armen, a young Armenian engineer who has already lost his wife and infant daughter. When Armen leaves Aleppo to join the British Army in Egypt, he begins to write Elizabeth letters, and comes to realize that he has fallen in love with the wealthy, young American woman who is so different from the wife he lost.

*Personal note: Our own Katie Williams is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College. Also, I have letters that were written by my grandfather who was serving as a medical missionary in Armenia during that time period. He also helped the genocide victims.*

March 9 - *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins

April 13 - *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

May 11 - *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult

All are welcome. *Submitted by Liz Heuser*

## Library Corner

There are a number of books for all ages in St. Luke's Library (located on the lower level). Just sign the check out card in the book, and then return it within three weeks to the black return bin inside the Library door.

Enjoy!  
Julie

## Reminder from the Presbytery e-newsletter...

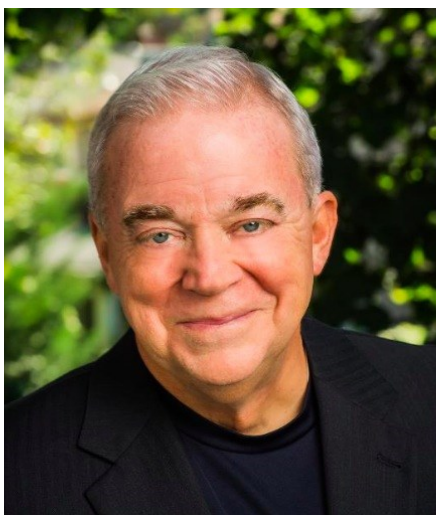
The Resource Center for Churches offers church resources that can be borrowed- books, dvds, print, curriculum, and more. Check out their website ([rcc-mn.org](http://rcc-mn.org)) for listings. The RCC is located in the Church Center (122 West Franklin Ave) in Minneapolis, and is a project of Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Church of Christ churches in Minnesota. Email the RCC at [info@rcc-mn.org](mailto:info@rcc-mn.org) or by calling 612-870-0861. Lizabeth Bougie, the RCC Director, is also available for consultation. Normal hours are noon to 4:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday, and by appointment.



# SEASONED LUKERS

## Upcoming Event:

**Westminster Town Hall Forum / Jim Wallis, America's Original Sin: Racism and White Privilege  
February 4 / Noon / Meet at St. Luke to carpool at 10:30am**



Jim Wallis is a public theologian, political activist, author and international commentator on ethics and public life. He is president and CEO of Sojourners, a network of people committed to spiritual renewal and social justice and editor-in-chief of Sojourners magazine. He teaches at Georgetown University and recently served on the White House Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. He currently serves on the Global Agenda Council on Values of the World Economic Forum. His bestselling books include *The (Un)Common Good* and *Rediscovering Values: A Guide for Economic and Moral Recovery*. His latest book, *America's Original Sin*, is as personal and prophetic challenge to overcome the racism that persists in American Society.

Remember to sign up with the church office ([office@stluke.mn](mailto:office@stluke.mn)) and indicate if you are able to drive for carpools. We will meet at the church at 10:30 to carpool to Westminster Presbyterian Church. There is musical entertainment in the half-hour before the talk begins. After the talk those who are interested will have lunch together at the restaurant across Nicollet from the church.

## Expansion of Seasoned Lukers Age Range

There are two main social groups at St. Luke, Home Brew and Bible and Seasoned Lukers. Since Home Brew and Bible is for parents with kids or youth in a St. Luke program and for Gen-Xer's or younger, Seasoned Lukers want to reach out and include more people in between these two groups. In order to be more inclusive, Seasoned Lukers will now be open to anyone age 50 and up who has the time and interest in our activities. Please know that fresh, new ideas of activities are always welcomed.

Seasoned Lukers are members/friends who enjoy fellowship through activities centered around art, theater, recreation, learning, and parties. For information contact:

Nancy Anderson, [nancyanderson50@gmail.com](mailto:nancyanderson50@gmail.com) or 763-541-0244;

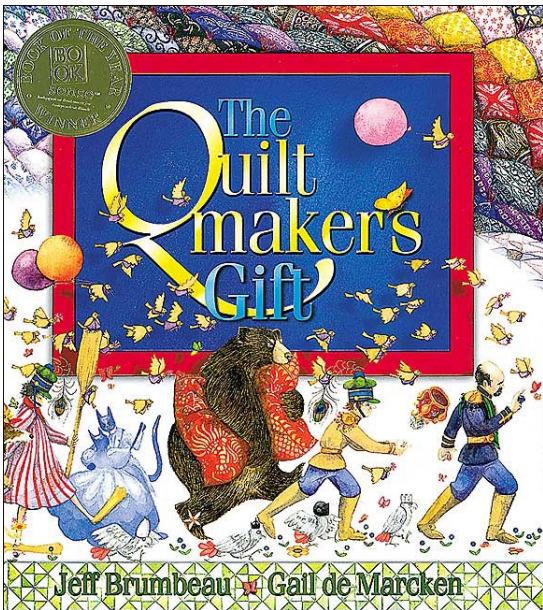
Chuck Hommeyer, [chommeyer@aol.com](mailto:chommeyer@aol.com) or 952-475-0814;

Sue Kirchhoff, [suek@q.com](mailto:suek@q.com), 763-473-6283; or

Cindy Suplick, [cjsuplick@gmail.com](mailto:cjsuplick@gmail.com) or 952-938-8392.

# St. Luke Intergenerational Production is back!

**Sunday, March 13** we will be performing *The Quiltmaker's Gift* adapted by Kim Capel from the book of the same name. **Rehearsals start Tuesday, February 9** and continue every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6:30 - 8:00 through the 20th. Participation is open to all age 6 and up regardless of experience or ability. It is all about the community building and connection! We request that children 2nd grade and under have a parent or responsible adult/high school student attend rehearsals with them to help keep them on track. Participation is not limited to St Luke members. Extended family and friends are invited and encouraged to participate provided they can attend the rehearsals.



Tuesday and Thursday rehearsals will contain the same content, cast members can come to either Tuesday or Thursday rehearsals or both. The last week of rehearsals, March 8, 10 and Saturday March 12 are required rehearsal to participate in the production. We will do as much review each week as possible as time allows, so if you need to miss a week, you can catch up. We are also planning to video the choreography and publish to allow you to practice on your own.

We will have one quilt/blanket making workshop open to the entire congregation where we will make simple quilts and blankets to be used as the set and props. We will also have a quilt and blanket drive. Blankets and quilts will be donated after the performance.

Questions? Call, text or email Kim Capel, 763-300-2813 or [kcapel@gmail.com](mailto:kcapel@gmail.com)

## ICA NEEDS YOU

Minnesota Food Share's March Campaign is the largest annual food and fund drive in the state. We need to help our local food shelf qualify for extra funds by raising the most money and food possible.

Ways to help are:

1. Gather friends to attend the Sizzle for a Cause, a local chef competition with amazing food, drinks and fun at Cast & Crew (in the Old Log theater) Thursday, February 25.
2. Attend the Empty Bowls fundraiser at Hopkins Center for the Arts, Tuesday, March 15.
3. Pick up a brown paper bag and fill it with suggested items. Bags will be at church by the front door by March 6.

See posters on back wall for more information.

### ALSO

Consider volunteering at ICA Food Shelf. There is nothing more gratifying than helping people get food for their families. There are immediate needs for volunteers to work in Client Support (helping people shop), Food Logistics (sorting food), and Food Rescue (transporting food from local grocery stores.) Contact ICA at 952-279-0283 or [Volunteer@icafoodshelf.org](mailto:Volunteer@icafoodshelf.org).

# St. Luke Educational Scholarships

Since 1972, the St. Luke Scholarship Fund has awarded educational scholarships to St. Luke participants. Funding for these scholarships has come from generous donors in the congregation and is administered by the Legacy Focus Group. We are pleased to announce that applications are being accepted for several scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 2016.

One **\$2,000 St. Luke Scholarship for STEM Excellence** will provide financial support for a high-achieving undergraduate student pursuing work in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The combination of one of these fields with ecology/environmental studies will be given added weight. Applicants must be members of St. Luke Presbyterian Church and/or have shown regular, active participation in St. Luke or St. Luke youth programs for at least two years. Preference will be given to applicants with high grades, ACT scores above 30, and those having been accepted into a school of science, technology, engineering or math. Applicants will not be limited by financial status. One \$2,000 scholarship, payable to the educational institution, shall be granted per year, if qualifications are met. This scholarship is not renewable.

Three **\$1000 Woolworth Scholarships** will be awarded to motivated high school seniors from St. Luke with a goal of graduating with a bachelor's degree in science, history or education. The scholarship shall be for a period of one year, payable to the educational institution.

**Application forms are due by February 19, 2016.** Award notifications will be made no later than March 29, 2016 and a formal presentation will be made during a worship service in April or May. Applicants may apply for both scholarships, if qualified, but can only be awarded one. More information and application forms may be obtained by emailing [nsfisher09@comcast.net](mailto:nsfisher09@comcast.net).

Also, the Legacy Focus Group will be administering the **Karen L. Johnson Scholarship** for youth and their chaperones engaged in mission, service and educational travel experiences. Information about the application process for these travel scholarships will come in the spring of 2016.

*-submitted by Nancy Fisher on behalf of the Legacy Focus Group*



## 'Reel to Real' Movie Night

February 26 / 6:00-8:00 / at St. Luke / Pizza and Fruit provided

### **The Way** (2010, PG-13, 123 minutes)

"The Way" is a powerful and inspirational story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an American doctor who comes to St. Jean Pied de Port, France to collect the remains of his adult son (played by Emilio Estevez), killed in the Pyrenees in a storm while walking the Camino de Santiago, also known as The Way of Saint James. Rather than return home, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. What Tom doesn't plan on is the profound impact the journey will have on him and his "California Bubble Life". Inexperienced as a trekker, Tom soon discovers that he will not be alone on this journey. On his journey, Tom meets other pilgrims from around the world, each with their own issues and looking for greater meaning in their lives: a Dutchman (Yorick van Wageningen), a Canadian (Deborah Kara Unger) and an Irish writer (James Nesbitt), who is suffering from a bout of writer's block. From the unexpected and, often times, amusing experiences along the way, this unlikely quartet of misfits creates an everlasting bond and Tom begins to learn what it means to be a citizen of the world again. Through Tom's unresolved relationship with his son, he discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose".



## February Birthdays

- 1 Lila Cargill
- 3 Christian Ruud
- 5 Michael Egan
- 6 Rich Wildberger
- 7 Peter Frederick
- 8 Gloria Hays
- 9 Maggie Corens
- 9 Phyllis Messenger
- 10 Laura Brandt
- 11 Eric Pointer
- 13 Emily Staples
- 13 Calder Sutton
- 14 Tania Bottoli
- 14 Mary Thacker
- 15 Jenna Horgan
- 15 Gretchen Otto
- 19 Gina Gresham
- 19 Leslie Schmidt
- 19 Ben van Lierop
- 20 Scott Benton
- 20 Matthew Bonner
- 21 Don Ellenberger
- 21 Karen Hoffner
- 21 Andy Kizilos-Clift
- 22 Jonathan Brandt
- 23 Arlene Jullie
- 23 Sarah Roth
- 24 Richard Drill-Mellum
- 24 Pam Gustafson
- 24 Dale Woodbeck
- 26 Dick Rademacher
- 26 Barb Williams
- 27 Gerry Graves
- 27 Jamie Henderson
- 29 Cody Kirk

# Faith Formation Update

There is good news to report from the Faith Formation Focus Group! Most recently, we held a successful youth group meeting on MLK Day instead of spending the entire weekend at the Fire and Ice camp. We had decided to opt out of that trip for a number of reasons, including 12 hours of travel time and lack of programming at the center. Since schools were closed that day, we offered a mid-day youth group meeting to further examine the role of race in our past and discuss events in the Black Lives Matter movement. We watched the movie, "Selma" and Lori Alford facilitated a discussion among the eleven youth who came to church on their day off of school.

Along the lines of re-capping recent events, we also hosted the worship experience on Sunday, December 20th. Although there has traditionally been a pageant, we wanted a more meaningful and interactive experience for all involved. During worship we invited adults from the congregation to meet with kids at reflection stations located throughout the sanctuary. We asked adults to "meet a child you don't know today and hear what they have to teach you." We've received a tremendous amount of positive feedback about the day. Several people have remarked that they did indeed meet someone they hadn't known and have also formed a relationship grounded in the common religious experience. The 15 stations were staffed by 43 of St. Luke's children and youth that morning.

You may have also noticed that the carpet in the sanctuary has been removed. The reason is that we are asking children to sit with their families as they come into the sanctuary so that they can learn what it means to participate in worship. After the opening prayer they are invited to go to the East Room to participate in reflection stations. (If you haven't seen the kids doing this, please pop in when you can: it's a wonderful process of youth leaders teaching Bible stories to younger children, exploring through reading, art, and of course, play!) Depending on the length of those lessons, children return to the sanctuary for the offering and final prayers. The nursery is now expanded, open and staffed for families with small children.

Finally, the events coming up are very exciting. There is a youth lock-in on February 12th on the theme of "Hearing the Call to Serve." We will also be organizing an upcoming service project packaging food at Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen. Youth in grades 6-12 will soon receive continued leadership training that will support the education of younger children in learning the stories of Jesus.

As we enter Lent, we'll spend time in Reflection Stations creating "Lenten Lapbooks" that kids will bring home to follow through the days of Lent. This book will be a great way to experience the stories of Lent and Holy Week as a family so be sure to come to church on February 7th!

Looking into the spring/summer timeframe, we are developing a service project for our youth group in June. All youth (6th-12th grade) have an opportunity to give back to a St. Luke member. On Saturday June 11 we will meet to remove old paint and do prep-work for a new paint job at a member's house. On June 18 we will gather to put on the new paint. Stay tuned for more details!



# NEWS OF THE ST. LUKE COMMUNITY

## **Poetry Reading**

Ready for a pleasant break in the midst of winter? Join Minnesota Poet Laureate Joyce Sutphen and St. Luker Carol Allis for a joint poetry reading Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 10:00 to 11:30 am at the Edina Poetry Club, Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina. No charge. Visit their websites at [www.joycesutphen.com](http://www.joycesutphen.com) and [www.poemsforordinarypeople.com](http://www.poemsforordinarypeople.com). Come join us – this is poetry you can actually understand!

## **You are invited**

Gloria Hays is turning 85 years old! Help her celebrate on Saturday, February 6 from 2:00 to 4:00 at 9889 Penn Ave. S, Bloomington. Hosted by her daughters. No gifts. RSVP to [ava.tamis@gmail.com](mailto:ava.tamis@gmail.com).

## **Fund Raiser for Jai Buikema, / Silent Auction, Live Music, Appetizers, Wine, Beer available**

### **Thursday, February 11 / 6:30-9:30 / St. Luke**

Jai, the son of Cliff Buikema and Jo Shubert grew up in St. Luke. Some of you may recall his arrival from Calcutta as a one-month old weighing four pounds in 1979. Many may remember him as a spirited child and talented teenager. Last year, Jai was diagnosed with chronic kidney disease and is in need of kidney transplant. A fundraiser is being planned by friends and family to cover future out-of-pocket expenses and medications not covered by insurance. Costs are estimated to be \$8,000 out-of-pocket annually plus monthly medication expenses.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation, checks can be made out to "Jai's Health Account" and sent to Cliff Buikema, 17825 Tioga Trail, Wayzata, MN 55391.

Jai is still in need of a donor. For more information about the living donor kidney donation process go to [www.umnhealthlivingdonor.org](http://www.umnhealthlivingdonor.org) or call 612-625-1710.

# FEBRUARY 2016

Current as of date of publication. Please keep an eye on the calendar at [www.stluke.mn](http://www.stluke.mn) for up-to-date events.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> 10:30 AM Worship w/Communion, Reflection Stations 11:30 AM Annual Meeting	<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Yellow Book Group 7:15 PM Singing Club 7:30 PM AA	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 6:00 PM Worship FG 7:00 PM ACA Study Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 10:30 AM Seasoned Lukers - Westminster Town Hall Forum 5:00 PM Orange Book Group 6:30 PM The New Jim Crow Podluck 7:00 PM ACA 7:00 PM Depression, Anxiety and Grief Support Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>14</b> 9:15 AM Spirited Learning 10:30 AM Worship, Reflection Stations 12:00 PM BeFriends	<b>8</b> 7:15 PM Singing Club 7:30 PM AA	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 1:00 PM Membership FG 6:30 PM Quiltmaker's Gift Rehearsal 6:45 PM Deacon Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9:30 AM The Book Group 6:00 PM Worship 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Jai Fundraiser 6:30 PM Quiltmaker's Gift Rehearsal 7:00 PM ACA 7:00 PM Depression, Anxiety and Grief Support Group	<b>12</b> 4:00 PM People Serving People 6:00 PM Youth Lock In	<b>13</b> 7:30 AM Hermanos
<b>21</b> 9:15 AM Spirited Learning 10:30 AM Worship, Reflection Stations	<b>15</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b> 6:30 PM Peace and Justice FG 7:15 PM Singing Club 7:30 PM AA	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Quiltmaker's Gift Rehearsal 6:45 PM Session Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM ACA Study Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 2:00 PM Challenge Deadline 4:00 PM Families & Children in Crisis FG 6:00 PM Spirited Learning FG 6:30 PM Quiltmaker's Gift Rehearsal 7:00 PM ACA 7:00 PM Depression, Anxiety and Grief Support Group	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Homebrew and Bible	<b>20</b>
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