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July 2010

## St. Luke Union "Prayer Shawl" Project

There are many church members who have been knitting and crocheting and making beautiful prayer shawls.

We knitters/crocheters claim that a prayer goes into every stitch.

A prayer for healing, good health and love.

People in the hospitals and nursing homes have been receiving them.

The shawls are all

unique, colorful and soft.



We are building up a large supply of them.

If you know someone who you think would like a prayer shawl, please let Pastor Andy or a knitter/crocheter know.

It will be lovingly delivered.

Also, if you would like to join the knitters and crocheters to make a prayer shawl, we would welcome you.

St. Luke Union has a supply of yarn, needles, and directions, if you would like make a prayer shawl.

In the meantime, keep those needles clicking! It is fun and very fulfilling!

### Vacation Bible School

All hands on deck for a "High Seas Expedition!"

When: Sunday, August 1st through Thursday, August 5th  
Time: 5:00 p.m. for Dinner - Expedition fun starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Dinner - Free Will Offering

VBS: FREE!

To register, go online to [www.stlukeunion.org](http://www.stlukeunion.org) and click on the "Vacation Bible School" link or stop by the church office.

Volunteers are still needed. Please visit the website or call Amie Keeton at 827-8871 if you are interested.

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## Ice Cream Social

We will be celebrating summer with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Home-made ice cream, ice cream toppings, and beverages will be provided.

Please bring a cake, pie, brownies, or anything yummy that goes with ice cream to share.

*Agape Committee*



The Redick family would like to thank our St. Luke family and friends for all the prayers that have been offered for our son, Mark, the last year and a half.

We are happy to say we

have removed his name from the church prayer list.

Mark has returned to work as a deputy sheriff, after being off for 16 months, and is able to have a good quality of life.

Thank you!!!

*Denny & Bonnie Redick & Family*

## Money Matters As of May 31, 2010

GENERAL FUND	JAN-MAY BUDGET	JAN-MAY ACTUAL
Receipts	\$105,795	\$102,994
Disbursements	\$100,188	\$ 97,334

## “Directory” Task Force Forming

It is once again time to have a new Church Directory complete with pictures.

A task force to work on this is being formed.

If you are interested in working on this, please let

Pastor Andy or Jessie (in the office) know.

A group of about 5 people is needed.

If you helped with this in the past, you should know it would be easier this time, as much of the scheduling

can be done by people directly online.

We will still need to do some scheduling by phone or in person at church.

You do not need to have worked on this in the past.

## Pastor Andy’s Trivia Question

Do you know the Ten Commandments?

"And God spoke all these words, saying: 'I am the LORD your God...'

ONE: 'You shall have no other gods before Me.'

TWO: 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image - any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.'

THREE: 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.'

FOUR: 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'

FIVE: 'Honor your father and your mother.'

SIX: 'You shall not murder.'

SEVEN: 'You shall not commit adultery.'

EIGHT: 'You shall not steal.'

NINE: 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.'

TEN: 'You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.'



### July Question:

Who was Jeremiah's secretary or scribe?

## Moderator's Notes

Thank you to all who made our annual pilgrimage to Funks Grove a wonderful experience for all.

Fortunately, the rain held off until the afternoon so we could enjoy the service at Funks Grove Church and the potluck at the Funks Grove Nature Center.

At the June meeting of the Vision and Ministry Council, we completed a draft of a new mission statement for St. Luke Union Church.

We agreed that it was important to share the draft with Council members unable to attend the meeting and review the draft again at our next meeting in August.

We have decided to not meet in July unless necessary to do business.

We expect to share the new mission statement with the congregation in the fall.

We will spend time at our August meeting working on the new vision statement.

As some of you may know, I am a jogger.



Because of allergies and aging knees I have moved indoors to the treadmill.

While on the treadmill, I watch the early morning news.

The lead story on the news this morning focused on the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and was entitled the "blame game."

I am not sure why, but I was struck by the emphasis on blame.

Is placing blame on a person, a corporation, or the government the Christian response to a very unfortunate situation?

It seems to me that we spend far too much time in our society attempting to assign blame when something is awry or, more specifically, when something happens in ways that do not meet our expectations.

Instead, our teachings tell us that forgiveness is the Christian response when you have been wronged.

Forgiving someone is not easy, but God has shown us its importance.

So, the next time some situation does not turn out as you expected, I ask you to be forgiving.

Forgive the person or the entity involved in the situation.

It has been my experience that individuals or other entities rarely intend to harm someone.

Instead, figure out how you can move forward without attempting to place blame.

Blessings,

*Brent Paterson,*  
Moderator

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### July Birthdays -

Don Davis - 1  
 Linda Kearfott - 1  
 Jennifer Belletete - 2  
 Robert Sherman - 2  
 Yvonne Harrison - 3  
 Keegan Johnson - 3  
 Pamela Parmenter - 4  
 Paul Dehner - 5  
 Diann Kamp - 7  
 James Darnell - 8  
 Ed Desmond - 8  
 Bill Teubel - 8  
 Margie Marquardt - 9  
 Glenn Stille - 9  
 Hayley Harroun - 13  
 Kris Sulzberger - 13  
 Betty Hering - 14  
 Amanda Trower - 15  
 Wayne Warner - 15



Jackson Moore - 16  
 Kirk Cruze - 17  
 Melissa Gonigam - 17  
 Tammy Desmond - 18  
 Jacob Blankenship - 19  
 Sam Pittmon - 19  
 Mindy Stille - 20  
 Evelyne Thomas - 20  
 Chris Baker - 23  
 Roger Parmenter - 24  
 Erwin Manzke - 25  
 Olivia Trower - 25  
 Miriam Brown - 27

Anna DeBruine - 27  
 Chuck Parlette - 29  
 Frances Sprague - 29  
 Jane Little - 31  
 Jim Moore - 31  
 Dianne Sherman - 31

### July Anniversaries -

Delmar & Terry Small - 2  
 Seth & Carla Essling - 5  
 Denny & Bonnie Redick - 6  
 Daniel & Carrie Bruce - 7  
 Marc & Stacy Herren - 7  
 Kim & Kathy Johnson - 12  
 Wayne & Lynn Warner - 14  
 John & Kathy Otto - 22  
 Jay & Marilyn Hammer - 28

## Home Bible Class

The Home Bible Class will meet on Thursday, July 8th, in Fellowship Hall at 1:30 p.m.

We will study Jeremiah 23:1-24, Chapter 5 entitled "The Righteous Branch" in

our study guide, *Jeremiah, Demanding Love.*

All the ladies of the church and friends are invited to attend this class.

## Thank You

A special thank you to the church family for the prayers for my family at the time of my brother's death.

The many cards were greatly appreciated.



And we pray Allen will be back in the states soon.

Thank you all,

*Clara Greiner*

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Thank you for your prayers and expressions of sympathy on the loss of Del's Mother.

Special thanks to Pastor Andy for conducting the service.

Your sympathy and thoughtfulness will always be remembered with deep appreciation.

*Delmar & Terry Small*

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## Christmas in July

This July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Christmas in July sale.

Proceeds will help fund the Youth Triennium trip and begin a fund for Presbyterian Women's Triennium in 2012.

Do you have Christmas items you would like to purge before the fall sale?

**The sale will also include a bake sale**, so plan on making some of your favorite holiday treats to sell.

In addition to all of the Christmas items, there will be a table available to purchase new items that you are re-gifting!

### Attention Coffee Drinkers!!



We will be trying different brands of Decaf Coffee during Fellowship Hour in July and August.

Please let members of the Agape Committee know if you really like the coffee on a certain Sunday or if you really don't like it.

Items that will make great stocking stuffers or teacher's gifts.

So if you have some items that you received as gifts that aren't "quite you", bring those along to donate as well.

What about some of those Christmas sweaters and vests you're tired of?

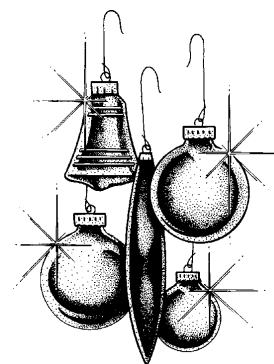
We will also have a holiday clothing display.

The sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

You may bring items to donate on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, (before the sale) after 3:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets for helpers will be on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

See Yvonne Harrison, Karlene Bledsoe or Ruth Trower if you have any questions.



Dear Fellow Church Members,

I want to thank you all for all the prayers, cards and calls.

I really appreciate them. It would be lonely without your prayers and devotions.

Thank you so much,

*Doris Rice*

## Junk Yards and Scrap Yards

### By Laurie B. Vial - Energy Consultant



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I live on a "farmette." Recently a friend and neighbor who is a "junker" came and hauled away lots of stuff left by the previous owners – old furnace ductwork, corrugated steel roofing panels, an old avocado refrigerator, my old water heater and other treasures. He charged me nothing. He takes it to the local scrap yard and keeps the money they pay him. As far as I'm concerned it's a win win.

Our church has an account with the scrap yard also. When I have something smaller like old aluminum window screens I can drop them off there and ask that instead of paying me they

apply the funds to the church's account. Once a month they mail a check to our church. This is part of my Presbyterian church's commitment to greenness. It's another win win.

So set your recycling goals a little higher and consider what larger items you can keep out of the landfill and recycle at your nearest scrap yard. If your church is cleaning or remodeling, make sure they are doing the same. If you don't have access to a pick-up truck or trailer you might be able to arrange for a "junker" to pick up the items. Ask at the scrap yard.

One of the recent wind storms took some soffit and fascia off my house. My carpenter came to repair that section. Knowing my position as an energy consultant, he smiled and said "I assume you want me to recycle the old, torn aluminum?" "You bet!" I answered.

Several huge buildings in Bloomington-Normal are being torn down. I hope most of the material is being recycled and not heading for the landfill. There are ways to recycle old concrete and asphalt and many other building materials. If you are remodeling make sure to discuss options with your contractor and ask them to

make green decisions on construction waste.

And go one step further and choose greener materials when possible for your home or church. There are floors and kitchen cupboards made from bamboo, recycled glass tiles and counter tops, low VOC paint and carpeting from natural fibers or that at least give off fewer toxic fumes after they are installed. This area is exploding with new products almost daily – it's almost hard to keep up. So keep asking about options. Your contractor should be aware of new products and be able to suggest greener alternatives.

Our family makes use of junk yards whenever possible. We work with a great mechanic who often tracks down the needed part at a local junk yard and we pay about a fourth the cost of new. We've always had good luck with these choices. Besides engine parts we have used headlights, hubcaps, a console cover and much more. Junk yards and scrap yards can be a wonderful tool in living green and making and saving money. A win win again.

Until next month, let's all strive to be good stewards of God's earth.

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