

August 2010 Newsletter

Letter from Pastor Norm...

"Do not be anxious about anything...." (Philippians 4:6)

Anxiety. Worry. We all know something about that topic, don't we? So is it possible to heed the advice of the Apostle Paul and not be anxious about anything? Just think of the issues we face these days, from the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico to the war in the Mideast to the global recession. Closer to home, some of us are dealing with sickness, sorrow, unemployment and families in crisis. We have burdens to bear. (By the way, please let me know how I can offer spiritual support if you're facing a problem right now. I'm here to help.)

Some people might be anxious about our churches. Who will be the new pastors at Luck and St. Peter's? What will happen after August 4th when the joint parish agreement between our two congregations officially terminates? Luck and St. Peter's have been together for 60 years, longer than most people can remember. What does the future hold? How do we not be anxious?

Perhaps a lesson from children might help. My grandson Dylan is a carefree four-year old. Sometimes, I pick him up at the daycare center. He always seems happy to see him and excited. We grab his things, climb into the car, and are

on our way. Dylan may ask where we're going or what we're going to do, but usually just trusts me to decide. He knows that I have a plan and it's going to be alright and probably fun. For Dylan, the main thing is being together. As long as he's with me, he isn't worried or anxious about the details. He knows he's with his papa.

It may be difficult to not worry about the details of life. But I believe the more we are aware of God's presence in our lives, the less we need to worry. In fact the verse right before "do not be anxious" in Philippians 4:5 says, "The Lord is near." Anxiety is reduced when we are reminded that we don't face any situation alone. The Lord is near! No matter how overwhelming the circumstances, we can "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

These uncertain times are faith-testing times. When we worry or have anxiety we hopefully will realize that we need to depend upon God even more. We need to remember that God is faithful. God has been faithful to Luck and St. Peter's in the past and will continue to be faithful. We have a great future because God has a mission for us. As we call upon the Lord and remember that He is near, we will find peace. "And

the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

On a personal note, I have taken on a new assignment, starting in August: serving as a chaplain at Regina Hospital in Hastings, MN near where I live. It's part time, but will necessitate reducing my hours in Luck. I will still be here on Sundays and Mondays, as well as at other times. I'm thankful for this new opportunity and for the continuing joy of serving as your interim pastor.

Pastor Norm Belland,

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Fall Fundraiser Planning

Anyone interested in being on a team to brainstorm for ideas and organize the Annual Fundraiser this fall, please contact Josh Hetfield at 472-7979 or jhetfeld@lakeland.ws

LUCK LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Brian Paulsen.

Members present: Pastor Norm Beland, Brian Paulsen, Amy Dueholm, Kathy Deiss, Juanita Dietmeier, Al Tomlinson, Steve McCormack, Butch Nick and Bryan Allen. Absent: Josh Hetfeld.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Norm read a devotion from First Thessalonians Chapter 5 and ended with a prayer.

The Council Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2010 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Al Tomlinson and seconded by Kathy Deiss. Approved.

The Treasurer's Report for May 2010 was reviewed. General Fund Giving as of May 2010 was \$59.3K compared to May 2009 of \$61K, a 2.8% decrease over prior year. Paula has updated the report with the Council changes from last meeting. These changes included adding a column for Budget and Prior Year figures. For the current year, total assets equals total liabilities plus fund balance. Prior year balances are still off a small amount. Paula will continue to research. Kathy Deiss also noted that our CD would be maturing and Council agreed to roll it over for another 7 months. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Amy Dueholm and seconded by Kathy Deiss. Approved.

Pastor's Report: 1.) Attendance has been good throughout the spring season.

With summer comes busy schedules, but members are encouraged to attend either Sunday or Monday services during the summer months. 2.) Both Luck and St. Peter's are making headway in the call process. Call committees have been elected. St. Peter's is in the midst of a 90 day period of discernment regarding their ELCA affiliation. Luck is ready to submit our ministry profile to the Synod. August 5 is the official separation date between Luck and St. Peter's. 3.) VBS plans are in progress for a community-wide program involving several ELCA churches. Dates and times are August 1-5, 5:30pm – 7:45pm. It will be held at First Lutheran Church in Cushing. The theme is "Baobab Blast," which is African. We are planning to bring in exotic animals one night, such as kangaroos and monkeys, for the children to see and learn about. Volunteers are needed! 4.) Gideons will give a brief presentation in worship on June 27 and receive an offering. 5.) The first two Monday services have been held. Attendance has averaged 17. Karissa Giller has provided music. Janet Holdt and Jay and Jennifer Gilhoi will also be assisting with music. 6.) Pastor Norm has accepted a .5 chaplaincy position, starting in August. He will need to cut back to part-time in his interim ministry at Luck. He will continue to be available on weekends and Mondays, as well as some evenings as needed. He has cancelled his plans to be in Norway in July, but will be taking some vacation time. He will do his best to provide ongoing ministry during the interim period. 7.) Pastor Norm requested reimbursement for \$150 seminary tuition expense from the pastor's continuing

education fund. Motion to accept this reimbursement was made by Butch Nick and seconded by Kathy Deiss. Approved. 8.) Total proceeds from the rummage sale, held on June 12 were \$561. Motion was made by Butch Nick to use 100% of the total, \$561, towards the Hope House loan principal. Seconded by Al Tomlinson. Approved.

Committee Reports: *Note: Due to the time needed to discuss the pastoral profile, committee reports were not presented at the meeting.*

New Business: 1.) Council discussed possible gifts for St. Peter's as an appreciation for their partnership over the years. Council will discuss further at a future council meeting. 2.) The Pastoral Profile was reviewed in detail and sent off to the Synod. The next step in the process will be the Synod reviewing our profile and requesting additional information, if needed. We will then be given candidates for the Call Committee to interview. Council does not know at this time how long this process will take. 3.) Butch Nick informed the Council that the Call Committee met on June 9 and elected Butch Nick as the Chair and Jean Giller as the Secretary. They will continue to meet to formulate their interview questions.

Next regular Luck Council Meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Kathy Deiss made a motion to adjourn. Al Tomlinson seconded. Carried.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Dueholm, Secretary

Loaves and Fishes Monthly Report June 2010

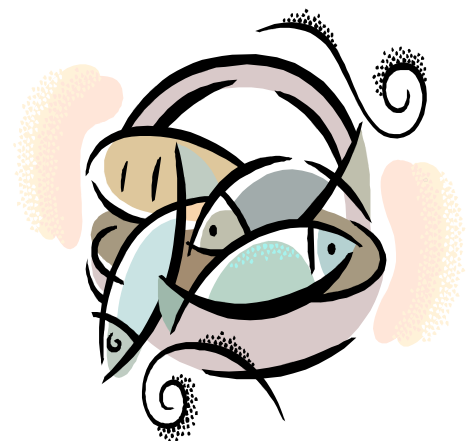
Households Served	119	Luck School District	63
Adults	232	Unity School District	54
Children	108	Other	1
Total	340	New Families	14
		Unity 9	Luck 5

USDA FOOD RECEIVED	57 Cases
NON-USDA (Donations)	2427#
Groceries Purchased	892#
Volunteer Hours	81 hours

Items needed : juice, canned peas, egg noodles, macaroni and canned pears.

Thank You! Have a safe 4th of July weekend! GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Vivian Brahmer, Coordinator 472-2003



ABC Express Preschool
 Luck Lutheran Church
 510 Foster Avenue
 Luck, WI 54853



The ABC Express Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Classes meet at Luck Lutheran Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. for 3-5 year olds.

In order to attend ABC Express Preschool, your child must be 3 by September 7, 2010

To register your child or for more information, please contact Paula Hischer at 472-8207.

THANK YOU!

**Luck Lutheran Church
 ABC Express Preschool**

The ABC Express preschool is participating in the “Nickels for Schools” program where schools earn cash for educational supplies by redeeming Kemps or Land O’ Lakes specially stickered caps from gallons and 1/2 gallons from Kemp white milk and chocolate skim milk, or with proof of purchase symbols from paper 1/2 gallons of white milk, cottage cheese, and sour cream. If you would like to help the preschool in this way, please place your milk caps and proof of purchase in the appropriate container in the educational wing hallway.

Thank you for your support!



**Luck Lutheran Church
 ABC Express Preschool**

The ABC Express preschool is participating in the Campbell’s Labels for Education Program again this school year. It is a great way to earn free merchandise for our preschool and Campbell’s makes it so easy to redeem labels.

If you are willing to help, simply save the UPC codes from Campbell’s products and send them to Luck Lutheran Church or drop them in the baskets located on the Pre-school cubbies in the educational wing hallway. Some of the products eligible for redemption in the program include:

- Campbell’s soup labels
- Campbell’s Supper Bake Meal Kits
- Franco-American SpaghettiO’s pasta
- Prego Pasta Sauces
- Swanson broths and canned poultry
- Pace salsa and picante sauces
- V8 Vegetable juices and V8 Splash juice drinks
- Campbell’s tomato juice
- Pepperidge Farms breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products
- Pepperidge Farms Goldfish crackers
- Campbell’s food service products

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Hischer at 472-8207.

**Thank you for your support of the
 ABC Express Preschool.**

“The Sunshine Team”

Luck Lutheran Church’s prayer shawl ministry—thru the Sunshine Team—has been busy again. We have received one shawl that has been donated and one shawl has been given away. Words cannot express how much of a wonderful ministry this is.

We have had five reported visits to “shut-ins”, along with goodies—of course!!!! What fun is this—try it sometime and be sure and let us know so we can report it...

August 8th from 2:00—4:00 p.m. is the United Pioneer Home’s “Pie and Ice Cream Social”. Each church supporting U.P.H. is asked to bring fie pies to help support their venture. The U.P.H. Auxiliary serves this event, and proceeds will go to help furnish some “Special” items in the new nursing home. Anyone wishing to donate a pie, please contact Sandy Madsen at 472-2818.

Thanks to everyone who gives time and effort for the different projects we do in the name of Luck Lutheran Church!

Educational Merit Foundation: Looking for Host families for foreign exchange students

We are a small non-profit, foreign-exchange student organization looking for caring host families in your community, and we need your help! Out of 72 students, we still have 46 students from South Korea, Germany and France waiting for their match with a volunteer host family. These students need to have a host family and a host school by August 31st to be able to come. Finding host families is becoming more difficult every summer and we need your support to find placements for our students. I do believe that American families benefit as much from the experience as the foreign students they sponsor. In the past, churches have been very helpful in assisting us in finding host families. We would appreciate it if you could print the following announcement in your church bulletin or newsletter as soon as you are able and for as many Sundays as possible. Most of these students come from Christian homes, and I am sure their parents would appreciate the opportunity for their children to practice their religion while they are in this country.

OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME to an exchange student from Germany, France or South Korea for the coming 2010/2011 School Year and 2010 Fall Semester. Caring host families or single parents (with or without children) are urgently needed to provide food, a bed and a loving home for one or two semesters starting in late August. EMF students have medical insurance, spending money for their personal expenses and expect to share their host family's daily life including household responsibilities. They speak English, are well-screened and eager to experience life in America. Their stay here is sponsored and supervised by EMF (Educational Merit Foundation), a non-profit, educational exchange program. Interested host families are encouraged to apply and select a student as soon as possible. For more information on EMF students, please contact Marie-Claude Dijoud now at 1-800-467-8363 or visit our web site at www.emfusa.org

Mission Action—August

“God’s work. Our Hands”

In 2009, Lutheran World Relief distributed 1,371 tons of quilts and kits to people in need in 22 different countries around the globe (Learn more by visiting lwr.org) Luck Lutheran participated in that work of sharing God’s love with those who need to know that someone cares. Now it’s time to again help supply LWR with School Kits, while school supplies are on sale. A complete school kit bag is filled with the following items:

- Notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8” x 10 1/2 “ totally 150-200 sheets (if using 70 sheet notebooks, please include 3); no loose leaf paper.
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well).
- One 30 centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpeners
- Six new — unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band.
- One eraser, approximately 2 1/2 inches long.
- 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors (if necessary, fold in half to fit into the school bag kit).
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

Perhaps our school age children would like to help their parents shop for supplies for those less fortunate than they are. Supplies for one complete kit can be purchased at Wal-Mart for \$5.30, or at other stores for less if you take advantage of sales. If you would prefer donating funds for the project, there will be envelopes available for contributions by the school kit bags in the narthex. Help yourself to bags (some are partially filled) or an envelope, using your resources to help others. If you have any questions, please let Mary Jo Arndt know (715-825-5324).

Bath sized bars of soap and nail clippers with file attached are still needed to complete 30 health kits which are so badly needed. We are also looking for someone who would like the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others by being in charge of the Health Kit Project for next year.

Please talk to Marjorie Everson (715-472-2844) to volunteer.

REMEMBERING THOSE SICK OR SHUT-IN OR IN THE NURSING HOME

Key: (L) = Luck (SP) = St. Peter's (*) = Non-member or friend/relative of the Parish

UNITED PIONEER HOME: 210 Park Avenue East, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Ray Berklund	(L) Lillian Christensen	(L) Richard Paulson
(L) Herb Byl	(*) Art Clarkson	(*) Dorothy Ressel
(L) Edis Calder	(L) Bernadine Kirk	(L) Irene Rud
(L) Clyde Christensen	(L) Alice Nielsen	(L) Evelyn Skow

COMFORTS OF HOME: 105 Oak Street, Frederic, WI 54837

(SP) Bill Southard—#10

PARTNERS IN PRAYER AND HEALING

(L) Arvid Christiansen 1730 250th Avenue, Luck, WI 54853
(*) Sue Davis 662D 270th Avenue, County Rd. O, Frederic, WI 54837
(L) Wilmer Pautsch 106 2nd Avenue East, P.O. Box 96, Luck, WI 54853

MAPLE VIEW APARTMENTS: 416 S. 1st. Street, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Mavis Hutton

PIONEER APARTMENTS: 612 2nd Street, Luck, WI 54853

(L) Jessie Nordquist—#10

SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING: 18605 Old Excelsior Blvd., Minnetonka, MN 55345

(L) Florence Frederickson

Mark your calendars!

September 12, 2010
Rally Day at
Luck Lutheran Church

OFJ Sunday School
9:15—10:20 a.m.

Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m.

And

**Fall Kick-Off following worship at
Luck Lutheran**

Family, Friends and Community
Picnic (food will be provided) with games
and song.

**ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

LUCK LUTHERAN OFJ SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFJ Coordinators are looking volunteers to help with a 5-6 week session of OFJ starting Sunday, September 19th and throughout the OFJ Sunday School season. Please consider volunteering being a disciple for one of the sessions. Contact Sonja Jensen 472-2949 or the Church Office 472-2605, if you are willing to help with our children's ministry of Luck Lutheran.

Your time and willingness to help will be very much appreciated!!

You DO NOT have to be a teacher to help with this Ministry!!!

THANK YOU!