

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**Jan 8-Jan 20,2007**

**Monday, Jan 8**

- 1:30 pm Martha's Circle
- 7:00 pm Committee Meetings

**Wednesday, Jan 10**

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 am Fellowship Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Noon Prayer Meeting
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:00 pm Junior Joy/Youth
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Class

**Friday, Jan 12**

- 7:00-9:30 pm Elder/Deacon Rejuvenation

**Saturday, Jan 13**

- 9:00-3:00 pm Elder/Deacon Rejuvenation

**Monday, Jan 15**

- 6:30 pm Scouts
- 7:00 pm Session/Deacons

**Tuesday, Jan 16**

- 7:00 pm Women's Evening Circle

**Wednesday, Jan 17**

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 am Fellowship Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Prayer Meeting
- 5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:00 pm Junior Joy/Youth
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 6:30 pm Class

**Saturday, Jan 20**

- 6:00 pm Elder/Deacon Banquet

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"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased:.....Matt 3: 17

ST. LUKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**Our Purpose Statement**

*The purpose of the fellowship at St. Luke Church is to experience the JOY of knowing and loving God more intimately, living out God's purpose for our lives, bringing others to saving faith in Jesus Christ and growing into the likeness of Christ day by day.*

**Sunday, Jan 7, 2007**

**"Why Baptize?"**

**Is. 43: 1-7; Matt. 3: 13-17**

Israelites practiced circumcision as a sign of their covenant with God. John the Baptist baptized people as a sign of repentance. When Jesus was baptized heaven spoke, "This is My Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" (Matt 3: 17). Jesus taught the disciples to baptize (Matt. 28: 19). Christians throughout centuries have practiced baptism both for infants and adults, both by sprinkling, pouring and immersion. In baptism we proclaim our faith that we are dead, buried, and resurrected with Christ. Baptism is the sign of our second birth, "born again or born anew". In our preparation for worship on this first Sunday of the New Year, let us prepare ourselves to experience the mystery and miracle of our baptisms.

**Sunday, Jan 14, 2007**

**"Living By Faith"**

**Gen. 12: 1-9; Heb. 11: 1-12**

Who are we? The answer is that we are Christians, followers of Christ. We are more than mere followers, we are chosen to contain and communicate Christ. Abraham lived by faith and it was credited to him as righteousness (Gen. 15: 6). How are we living by faith, not by sight? Obedience is the key. The more we learn to obey God, the more we live by faith. The question is whether Jesus is just a resident in our hearts or President? When He is the President, we learn to obey Him in every aspect of our daily living, just like Abraham and others have done.

**SUNDAY Dec 24, 2006**

**The People Came:**

Church School:	Adults	0	
	Children	0	
		Total	0
Worship:	8:30 am	78	
	11:00 am	66	
		Total	144

**The People Gave:**

<b>Current Expense:</b>	\$2,802.00
To Date: Budgeted	\$223,203.98
Received	\$225,323.73

**Deacons' Fund:** \$1.00

<b>Africa Mission:</b>	\$225.00
To Date: Budgeted	\$20,769.00
Received	\$20,318.00

**SUNDAY Dec 31, 2006**

**The People Came:**

Church School:	Adults	25	
	Children	04	
		Total	29
Worship:	8:30 am	82	
	11:00 am	40	
		Total	122

**The People Gave:**

<b>Current Expense:</b>	\$7,610.00
To Date: Budgeted	\$227,666.24
Received	\$232,933.73

**Deacons' Fund:** \$0

<b>Africa Mission:</b>	\$480.00
To Date: Budgeted	\$21,192.00
Received	\$20,798.00

**Nursing Home Residents**

Dorothy Adams, Pleasant Valley Manor  
Ellen Bailey in White Oak Manor  
Grace Bynum, New Mark Care Center  
Henrietta Dickson, Garden Villa  
Ruth Hartshorn, Alpine North

**Pray for Our Military**

Travis Crutcher in Iraq  
Shaun Eichelberger in Afghanistan  
Jacob Myers in Iraq  
Larry Jorgensen in Iraq

**Continued Prayers for Healing and Wholeness**

Harry Adams in NKC Hospital  
Ruth Ildza in Liberty Hospital

Velma Day, Harry Coles, Joyce Crane,  
Marvin Falke, Jessie Morgan, Pat Newby,  
Art Panter, Charlie Steele, Nancy Wells,  
Frances Williams

**Nursery Workers**  
**January 7**

8:30 Lynn Matthys  
9:45 Jenny Kemp  
11:00 Jan Wiley

**January 14**

8:30 Lisa Goddard  
9:45  
11:00 Kim Smedley

**Congratulations, Chris Morningstar**

Christopher Morningstar, grandson of Frances and Harry Morningstar and son of Sue and Neal Morningstar, received his **Eagle Scout Award** on Sunday, December 17, 2006, in a glorious ceremony at our church. A lot of his family and friends came together to celebrate this achievement and congratulate Chris. Let us praise God for him and ask for His blessings in abundance upon him that he may keep on growing in all his leadership abilities.

**For Special Prayer**

**Rev. Wally Carlson**, our founding pastor, has another stroke and recovering in a convalescent center, Evansville, IN.

**Rev. Mel Roblee**, our second pastor, also had a stroke and recovering in a rehabilitation center in Perry, IA.

Please pray for both of them and their spouses and families, for healing and comfort.

**Martha Circle**  
**January 8, 2007; 1:30 pm**

We will meet to study the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter in our book on Genesis, led by Carolyn Watilo. Mary Srack is hostess.

**A Very Special Thanks**

Let us praise God for the elders and deacons who have completed their term of office: **Elders: Judy Coles, Bob Hayward, Sue Krall and Pat Meyer; Deacons: Mary Dee Brown, Bob Busch, Martha Hoglund and Judy Rippentrop.** Let us keep on expressing our thanks to them for their selfless and sacrificial services to the Lord and to our church.

**Congratulations: Elders and Deacons**

During our 8:30 service on December 31, 2006, we celebrated the ordination of the following elders and deacons: **Elders: Joy Myers, Kim Smedley and Don Smith and Deacons: Alonda Forde, Mary Kowalski and Brenda Talley.** Together with them these elders and deacons were installed for three year terms: **Pat Meyer (1); Mike Gould; Deacons: Jo Dillingham and Bob Phillips.** Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon these elders and deacons as well as those who continue their terms. Prayers of praise and petitions are the best blessings we can give to them.

## 2007-A New Year with Great Promises

This is our Jubilee Year. Our church celebrated her first worship service in the two story house that was on this property, on Feb. 3, 1957, expecting 40 people and the Lord sent 116 people to worship there. The formal organizational worship service was held on Sept. 22, 1957 at 4:00 pm. Our Jubilee Committee has been working hard throughout this past year and as the beginning of the celebrations, they printed a Jubilee calendar. Please get your copy from the table in the fellowship hall or from the church office. Let us praise God for the 50 years of our ministry and ask for His special blessings upon our Jubilee year celebrations and for the next 50 years. Through our prayers of praise and petitions, we align our minds with God's, to receive the abundance of blessings He has in store for us.

### St. Luke Joy mission Fund, Inc.

Under the direction of the session, St. Luke Joy Mission Fund was incorporated as a separate non-profit corporation, Jan. 1, 2007. The organizing Board of Directors are: **John Bailey, Carolyn Gray, Mary Kowalski, David Newby, Pam Pelzman, Tom Rule, Gerald Strasburg, Anthony Seymour, and Emily Vandeginste.** The first meeting of the Board will be on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, after our second

service in the Forum Room. Please pray for God's special grace upon this board that they may elect their President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Bethel Presbyterian Mission Fund, Inc. will be giving us \$40,000 stock as seed money for our Mission Fund, as soon as we start our own account with T D Waterhouse. Let us praise God for this gift and pray that our own Mission Fund become a great source of help for the missionary work of our church.

### Congratulations

To **Allegra Jrolf**, who graduated December 16, from Penn Valley's first night and weekend Nursing Program and was one of two students with a 4.0 GPA. She has a job at North Kansas City Hospital, in the Medical/Surgical Unit.

(Interesting Note- The guest speaker at the graduation ceremony was Melissa Timmons, Joy Myers daughter).

### Our Sympathy and Prayers

Pastor Gary London's dad passed away on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Gary, Anita and Joshua have gone to Texas for the services. Please pray for God's peace and comfort for Gary, his sister, and their families as they go through the grief.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Received into membership 12/24/06

**Peggy Caughron** 4401 NE 50 St  
Kansas City MO 64119  
816-459-9819

Peggy was born in a farm house in Bigelow, MO. She was brought up with two younger brothers. She married Donald E. Caughron on Christmas Eve, 1952. God blessed them with twins, a boy and a girl on November 9, 1953. Another girl was born on June 16, 1955. Peggy worked as an R.N. for 55 years and retired. Her beloved husband was killed in a car accident in August 1955. She has 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She loves the Lord Jesus Christ and continues to grow in Him.

**David & Dorle Coleman** 3913 NE 34 St  
Kansas City MO 64119  
816-453-5330

**David** was born in St. Louis and brought up with a younger brother. He graduated from St. Paul School of theology in Kansas City. He taught Public School for six years and then worked as a buyer in a Purchasing department for 24 years. **Dorle** was born in Germany and brought up with two brothers and a sister. Her dad was a Methodist minister. She came to us with a four years scholarship to study Christian Education and music. While finishing her studies, she met David. They married on June 3, 1961. God blessed them with two boys. Dorle taught elementary school for 24 years in Excelsior Springs. Both their sons are married and settled. One lives in Kansas City and the other in Phoenix, AZ. They have four grandchildren. One of Dorle's brothers is also a Methodist minister in Germany.

**Martha Morningstar** 14117 Lora  
Smithville MO 64089  
816-532-3373

Martha was born and brought up with five brothers and one sister in Bogharta, Colombia, in a very devout Catholic family. She studied nursing and got both a Bachelor and Masters Degree in Nursing. She came to the USA, in 1996, to study English. She and David Morningstar met in 1997 and got married on May 30, 1998. She has been participating in our church ever since. She has taught a class, teaching Spanish in our church and it was greatly appreciated by all who attended. She works as a nurse in the ST. Luke Health System. Her parents are in heaven. Her brothers and sister live in Bogharta; she has three nephews and one niece.

**Scott Talley** 3001 NE 63 Street  
Gladstone MO 64119  
816-454-7150

Scott was born in Iola, KS and brought up with one brother. After completing high school, he entered the labor market. He is working for Owens Corning Fiberglass. Scott and Brenda got married on September 17, 1994. Scott went up to receive Christ as his Lord and Savior at a church in Belton, MO at the invitation given after the play, "Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames", in 1995. Brenda has been a great influence upon Scott and together they are growing deeper and stronger in the Lord.

## **FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR**

This week, I just want to say a huge thank you too everyone who made 2006 a successful year. Thanks to everyone who came and helped, and to everyone who brought us Christmas presents! Youth ministry doesn't happen without the help of everyone at St. Luke. Thanks again!

God Bless  
Ted Voigt

Question and Answer

*From the Catechism at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)*

**"I Believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth"**

**Question 7. What do you believe when  
you confess your faith in "God the  
Father Almighty"?**

That God is a God of love, and that God's  
love is powerful beyond measure.

Lam. 3: 22, Song of Solomon 8: 7; I John  
4: 8

### **New Year Plans**

**Elder/Deacon Rejuvenation, Jan. 12-  
13, 2007**

This is a very important gathering for  
all our elders and deacons, the new

ones as well as the ongoing ones, to  
pray, discuss, and decide what the  
Lord would want us to do this New  
Year. Please pray that the Holy Spirit  
comes upon them in a special way, to  
merge them into a team to do His  
work.

**Elder/Deacon Banquet, Saturday  
January 20, 2007 at 6:00 pm**

This experience is for all the elders,  
deacons and their spouses, both those  
who completed their terms and those  
who continue their term as well as  
those who begin their term. Rev.  
James Gordon, pastor of Pine Ridge  
Presbyterian Church will be our  
speaker. The main purpose of this  
gathering is to express our gratitude to  
the out-going officers and to welcome  
the new officers. Please pray that this  
event be significant for everyone and  
our church.

### **Women's Evening Circle**

The holidays are over, so it is time to  
resume our **Women's Evening Circle**.  
The next session is scheduled for  
Tuesday, January 16, at 7:00 pm at  
Melissa Gould's home. Reminder calls  
will be made, but please mark your  
calendar for this enriching evening.  
Questions, please call Joy Myers (468-  
1415).

## **Our Annual Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday, January 28, 2007**

We will have a "pot blessing" meal for  
everyone, after the second service.  
After the meal, we will have our annual  
congregational meeting. One of the  
main objective is to elect a Nominating  
Committee. Five people need to be  
elected from the congregation. Please  
pray for the best people to serve on  
this very important committee. When  
the Lord leads you, ask the permission  
of the person that you may nominate  
her/him.

**Items for the Annual Report  
are due.**

### **Mariners**

Due to the many church functions  
this month, we will not be having a  
meeting. We will have a potluck and  
game night in February.

### **Elders and Deacons**

**Elder/Deacon Rejuvenation,  
Jan. 12-13, 2007.** Elders and  
deacons come together to pray,  
discuss and share what God  
would want us to accomplish in  
the year 2007. Pray for the Holy  
Spirit to give them the excitement  
of His ministry and our Jubilee  
year.

**Elder/Deacon Banquet, Sat. Jan.  
20, 2007, at 6:00 pm.** It is to  
honor and to appreciate the elders  
and deacons who have completed  
their term of office and to welcome  
the new ones. It is for  
elders/deacons and their spouses.  
Rev. Jim Gordon, pastor of Pine  
Ridge Presbyterian Church, will  
be our speaker. Pray for a great  
time of celebration, excitement  
and motivation for all our elders  
and deacons.

### **Thank You, Miss Peggy**

Miss Peggy is retiring after many,  
many years of teaching St. Luke  
pre-school children. To show our  
appreciation for her love, dedication  
and faithfulness the Education  
Committee will hold a reception in  
her honor on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
following the 8:30 service. If you  
have a special memory or if she  
has touched you or your child in a  
special way, please take the time to  
write a note and let her know. Note  
cards will be available on Sunday at  
the reception. Peggy will continue  
to substitute in the pre-school class.