



# St. Luke Lutheran Church

**Sunday Worship Opportunities**  
 Family Worship at 10:15 AM, Sunday School, 9:00 AM Holy Communion will be celebrated on First & Third Sundays

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May the Lord Bless you in your service to the Lord!

**Thanks and Appreciation...**to those men retiring from office: Randy Rice, Rudy Rabe, Chuck Griffith, and Don Schlueter.

## Our Mission Outreach For February Is Lutheran Hour Ministries

Lutheran Hour Ministries is a lay movement doing mission outreach in the United States and more than 40 countries. Its radio program, The Lutheran Hour, airs on more than 800 stations, as well as XM Satellite Radio and the American Forces Network.

Their Woman to Woman Program on nearly 300 radio stations provides hope and help for the challenges women face in today's world, and Men's network, a web-based ministry, helps motivate men to greater levels of leadership and service as they become stronger disciples of Jesus Christ.

Envelopes will be in your mailboxes and on the table in the back of the church for your donation. Any questions can be directed to Bob Witte, Warren Kahrs, or the Stewardship Board.



# PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear friends in Christ,

Recently someone shared a way that they like to deal with conflict. "I find it helpful to lighten the mood and not take things so seriously." At first this might sound like a good idea. If people aren't mad or upset, then everything will turn out fine, right? Besides, why not try to handle things by not offending anyone or risking making anyone more upset.

The Bible offers some stories of how we can face conflict. Many times we refer to Matthew 18 when we think about conflict. But what about Joshua 7. The central figure in that chapter is Achan. Achan took some of the items from Jericho after the city was destroyed. That was going directly against God's command. Achan is one of those characters in the Bible that you do want to follow in their example.

But the lesson for us is not so much about obeying God, as it is about dealing with the aftermath when someone does. Because Achan sinned, the people were not able to move forward and conquer the rest of the land of Canaan. The people couldn't ignore this problem among them. It needed to be dealt with or God would not help them take the promised land.

The people could not just say, "Oh that silly Achan, always causing trouble. Well just let this one slide, because it will just be easier to deal with." God specifically wants this issue dealt with. He wants to confront it, get it done, and then move on. So often times when we face conflict we don't want to confront it. We have a tendency to ignore it and hope it will just go away. We have a tendency to treat it lightly so that we don't have to worry about it.

But God wants us to confront it, deal with it, and then we will not have it lingering over our heads constantly. Sadly Achan and his family were

killed for their offense. Thank God we don't live in a theocratic nation like Israel today. The punishment for stealing is death.

The lesson we can take from this story is that this offense was a serious one and it needed to be taken care of quickly. When conflict happens we have to be willing to deal with sad results because the right thing to do is more important than the happy thing to do. It was not pleasant for the Israelites to have to stone Achan and his clan. But it was their duty under the theocracy of their nation.

It is our duty as Christians to look out for our neighbor and our fellow Christians. We need to hold them accountable and look out for their best interests. God does not punish or give consequences just for fun. He does it for good and for the benefit of the community.

God's way of confronting doesn't mean we have to be angry and belligerent towards those who have wronged us. Actually gentleness is a better way. But gentle or not, something needs to be said. Hopefully we can win our brothers and sisters over so that things would be settled. Achan did die for his offense, but he also confessed his sin. We can predict that God forgave him because that is what God promises to do when we confess our sin. "If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9) Achan's life may have been cut short on earth, but his time may have been greatly extended in heaven. Handling it this way was for the best.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave Goehmann

## February Worship Lessons

February 5	Isaiah 40:21-31	1 Corinthians 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-39
February 12	2 Kings 1:1-14	1 Corinthians 10:19-11:1	Mark 1:40-45
February 19	2 Kings 2:1-12	2 Corinthians 3:12-18; 4:1-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 26	Genesis 22:1-18	James 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15

# Remember in Prayer

**BIRTH:**

Ania (Seoane) and Neil Thierry,  
a son, Bryce Liam on  
December 22, 2011



**FOR GOOD HEALTH:**

- Pauline Vogelbacher
- Kathy Garbers
- Joni Goldsmith
- Ruby Gerken
- Ann Rabe
- Joni Goldsmith

# Esther

Tuesday at 7:00PM

Women's Bible Study on Esther

Wednesday at 9:00AM

Women's Bible Study on Esther

## An Exercise of Our Faith Comparative Statistics For December 2010-2011

Worship Attendance			Sunday School		Tithes & Offerings		Communion	
Sun-day	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
1	91	102	35	30	\$2551.00	\$2456.00	65	72
2	93	118	60	40	\$2048.00	\$5815.00		4
3	105	97	55	33	\$2673.00	\$2066.00	71	67
4	86	73	33	33	\$3312.00	\$4029.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	375	390	183	136	\$10584.00	\$14366.00	136	143
<b>AVG</b>	94	97	46	34	\$2646.00	\$3591.50		

Fund	Monthly offerings
Home	\$11625.00
Mission budget	\$1326.50
Building	\$ 1132.50
Reserve	\$ 282.00
<b>December Totals</b>	<b>\$14366.00</b>

Worship Service	Attendance
Advent 1	37
Advent 2	43
Advent 3	51
Christmas Eve	227

	12 Months Budget	12 Months Receipts
Home	\$102,737.00	\$118,658.63
Mission	\$12,133.00	\$ 11,976.00

Would you like to receive a copy of the Kerygma by E-Mail before the Sunday mailbox distribution? A print copy will still be placed in your church mail box.

Send Your E-Mail address to

Martha Gebers (gebers@metalink.net) or Charlie Griffith (griff@henry-net.com)

## Dates To Remember

### February Birthdays

Ann Kahrs, February 4	Aunalee Meister, February 13
Evan Hogrefe, February 5	Jamie Hanson, February 14
Vincent Pinson, February 5	Mina Wesche, February 15
Renaë Richard, February 5	Ardyth Gearig, February 17
Kevin Ripke, February 5	Rhonda Ripke, February 17
Esmeralda Bible, February 6	Brenda Garbers, February 18
Martin Garbers, February 7	Darlene Oberhaus, February 24
Michele Garbers, February 7	Owen Espinoza, February 26
Herbert Badenhop, February 8	Tammie Cohn, February 27
Elias Quinones, February 8	Kelsie Drewes, February 28
Esther Oberhaus, February 9	Velma Gerken, February 28
Cali Espinoza, February 12	Amber Pinson, February 28
Matthew Conroy, February 13	James Conroy, February 29

Enjoy Each Day  
to the Fullest.

Each Day  
is a Gift.

### February Acolytes

- 5 – Laurel Garbers
- 12 – Julie Kahrs and Chloe Smith
- 19 – Maggie Roelfsema
- 26 – Angela Garbers and Maceë Goehmann



### February Anniversaries

- Daniel and Brenda Hogrefe, February 4
- Ronnie and Kathleen Rohrs, February 8
- Lawrence and Ruby Gerken, February 12
- Hugo and Dana Barajas, February 21
- Edward and Aunalee Meister, February 25
- Larry and Jean Ripke, February 25

### February Flowers

- 5 – Cross
- 12 – Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Gerken
- 19 – Joann Gerken
- 26 – Open

### LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild met January 19, began with topic “A Bitter cure for Snake Bite” based on Exodus scripture.

February 12, *Annual Military Service Care Package*. Please bring items to send a care package to Meaghan Ripke Quionoes US Navy. Suggestions: home-made treats or store bought, valentines. Son Eli will be one year old February 8, could include a card for him; words of parenting encouragement for Meaghan.

March 17, *Prayer Breakfast Attention all women* Mark your calendars for our Annual Prayer Breakfast. Invite your sister, aunt, cousin, or friends. We will be using the LWML prayer service “P.R.A.Y.E.R.” by Rev. Barrie E. Henkie.

# Thank you for your dedication!

Nancy Yackee was  
honored for her  
years of service as a  
Sunday School  
Teacher



## **Annual Soup and Pie Dinner**

St. Luke Lutheran Church annual soup and pie dinner, Sunday March 4, 11:30am - 1:00pm. Menu is, chilly, chicken noodle and vegetable soups, hot turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, salads, Homemade pies and cakes. Freewill donation. Proceeds will be used to cover our Kids for Hunger donation and for local emergency needs. Sponsored by St. Luke Thrivent Members. Sign up for food donations will be on bulletin board.


## ***Kids Against Hunger Hands on Day,***

sponsored by Fulton-Williams Thrivent chapter, begins February 25, 2012 at 8:30 am at St. John Lutheran Church, corner of US route 6 and Ohio route, south of Archbold, Ohio 66, Volunteers between ages 5 and 95 can help package and assemble the meal ingredients. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex.



# February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Morning Meditations, 7:30 am, WONW</b></p> <p>1/30 - 2/5 Rev. Charles Kramer, St. Paul, Napoleon</p> <p>2/6 - 2/12 Rev. Willie Stottlemeyer, St. Stephen, Defiance</p> <p>2/13 - 2/19 Rev. David Goehmann, St. Luke, Wauseon</p> <p>2/20 - 2/26 Rev. Brian Stark, St. Stephen, Defiance</p> <p>2/27 - 3/4 Rev. Mark DeLassus, St. John Lutheran-Sherwood</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Quilting 1:00 pm</p> <p>Midweek School 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Friday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p><i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:15 am - Family Worship with communion Youth Night, Super hero Night, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm</p> <p>Council Bible Study 8:00 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Quilting 1:00 pm</p> <p>Midweek School 6:30 pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Visit Homeless Shelter 10:00 am</p>
<p>12</p> <p><i>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:15 am - Family Worship Annual military service care package</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Scraps to Squares 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Quilting 1:00 pm</p> <p>Midweek School 6:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Ladies Guild 7:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Friday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p><i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:15 am - Family Worship with communion Ephesians 5 Marriage retreat, 12:30 pm Youth Night Bible Study "Names of God", 6:00 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>KERYGMA Deadline</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Women's Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Quilting 1:00 pm</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Kid's Against Hunger Hands on Day 8:30 am</p>
<p>26</p> <p><i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School &amp; Bible Class 10:15 am - Family Worship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 9:00 am</p> <p>Quilting 1:00 pm</p> <p>Midweek School 6:30 pm</p> <p>Lenten Service 7:30 pm</p>			