



Window to the World

September-October 2010

Our Mission: Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

Our Vision: To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love - every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

A Note from Jason

Dear Friends,

As you read through this edition of our newsletter, I hope you see some of the many blessings God has showered upon the St. Luke's family of faith – so



many wonderful people taking part in so many wonderful ministries of knowing, serving, and sharing our wonderful Lord. God has truly blessed us.

One of the joys of the Christian faith is that we have the privilege and the responsibility of using God's blessings *to be a blessing* for the world. During the October season of stewardship commitment, I encourage you to prayerfully consider what "blessed to be a blessing" means in your life. Are there ways you could deepen your commitment to Christ and His church? Are there new connections with God and others you might be able to make? Maybe you have talents that are going untapped? Perhaps there are more dollars that could be used for God's work? Or maybe you have time that could be shared in service to the Church?

Consider questions such as these, and then come to worship on October 31st ready to join the St. Luke's family in wholeheartedly offering the very best of who we are for the glory of Almighty God.

In Christ's Love,



God is calling....how will you answer?



Since our last commitment campaign, we have surely felt the Holy Spirit moving among us, continuing to carry God's call to this congregation and to each of us individually. For our congregation, the call has been about welcoming our new pastor, rededicating ourselves to our renewed Mission Statement, and preparing to embark upon our new Vision. For each of us, personally, it invites us to re-evaluate what it means to be a faithful member of this congregation within the context of the church's Mission and Vision statements.

Our Mission Statement provides a wonderful framework to help us each consider the fundamental question of how we are being called by God. After all, our mission statement starts with "Responding to God's call." In addition, it provides clarification about the way in which God wants us to answer this basic question; that is, we are to understand how God is calling us to know, serve, and share Jesus Christ.

We gain further clarification about the nature of God's call with our new vision statement, which instructs us that we will have understood God's call, and answered that call fully, when every member of this congregation is an active disciple in Christ's ministry, including the knowing, the serving, and the sharing of Jesus Christ. Do you remember the process we went through during the summer of 2009 to determine how God was calling this congregation....our BHAG (i.e., big, holy audacious goal)? Our new Vision certainly fits the bill!

So, the fundamental goal the Commitment Committee has undertaken in this year's commitment campaign is to, first, help members of the congregation figure out how God is calling each one to the active discipleship of knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ, and second, encourage them to go ahead and take action on that understanding. In other words, we must, **discern** God's calling in our life, and then **make commitments** of time, talent, money, and connection to the church based on that discernment.

Our commitment theme this year is "Blessed to be a Blessing," based on God's call to Abraham in Genesis 12:2: *"I will make you a great nation and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."*

The first part of the theme, "Blessed," is the simple, single word for calling our attention to all the ways we have been blessed. Every blessing we have received from God is a signpost that can point us in the right direction for how we are to answer God's call by, in turn, being a blessing to others.

The notion of fully recognizing, understanding, and celebrating our blessings, as a precursor for clearly knowing how God is calling us to be a blessing to others, is so important that the entire congregation will spend the three weeks between Oct. 10th, the kickoff of the commitment campaign, and Oct. 31st, Commitment Sunday, in a Season of Discernment. This time will allow for ample time to understand the nature of God's calling to us and to reflect on how God has so

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FEAST for Adults

While the children and youth are busy discovering more about how God’s word has been passed down through the ages, the adults are busy learning, too! Some folks gather in the chapel with Jason to read “The Bible in 90 Days.” What a wonderful way to discover the Word of God together!

Others gather together to explore how to “make love last a lifetime.” With lively discussion, this group is learning that hard work and following God’s lead is a key to love that lasts.

Even if you have yet to participate in FEAST for ALL – you are invited to come and join in!



Mark and Kimey Reed leading “Making Love Last a Lifetime”

Jason Whitener leading the “Bible in 90 Days”

Mark your calendars for our special December gatherings in the Great Hall:

- ◆ **December 1:** Take a break and prepare your hearts and minds for the birth of Christ – we will share Christmas memories, sing carols, and share in a time of reflection and joy as a church family.
- ◆ **December 8:** Want to give a true gift this Christmas? Join us as we participate in “Stop Hunger Now” meal packing which combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. These meal packages are sent around the world to people suffering from severe hunger. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a shelf-life of five years.

Come and be a part of these great events!

FEAST for Kids

Kids Love FEAST for ALL!

Our Wednesday night program for all ages opened the semester on September 22 to record crowds. Children were happy to be back eating dinner with their church family...we had over 150 people join us on the first night, and they’ve been coming back ever since!

New this year are “family tables” for any families with preschool or elementary children who want to eat together. Of course, elementary-age kids also love sitting with their peers and “table hosts” to swap stories about their days.

After dinner, our Pre-K and Kindergarten friends head off to “Wild Word,” where we sit in a bandana circle to hear an exciting story from the Bible. We get to help tell the story, too, since we get to make a “hold ‘em up” craft as soon as we arrive. We love to hold up their creations to help the storyteller - and then we take it home to share the story again and again.





Our younger elementary kids love learning about “What’s in the Bible?” Already this year we have aged our own paper and made Bible timeline scrolls, told Bible stories around a campfire and made s’mores, and created our own cuneiform tablets. It’s a lot of fun - but it’s also a lot of learning about how God’s word has been passed down to us.



The older elementary group is immersed in the magical world of Narnia as we explore “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.” This classic fable is filled with Christian themes, and sets the groundwork for some great class discussions. We have our own “class lions” and some occasional surprises, as well.

FEAST for ALL offers a kid-friendly menu of faith nourishment for the children of St. Luke’s!

FEAST for All ~ Music

Music Ministry - Rehearsal Schedule

Choirs are up and running once again at St. Luke’s. There’s a group for everyone, so plan to join us this year!

Sundays

🎵 4:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays

🎵 5:15-6 p.m. Westminster Choir (Grades 2-5), Choir Room

🎵 5:30-6 p.m. Cherub Choir with Kristy Whitener (4 years through Grade 1), Room 203

🎵 6:15-7:15 p.m. Festival Ringers (Adults), Bell Room

🎵 7:30-9:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Adults), Choir Room

Questions about the Music Ministry/Choirs? Contact Clair Maxwell at clairmaxwell@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 227.



New Mission

St. Luke's Youth Ministry welcomes all into a caring environment as we grow in faith to become active disciples of Christ through love and service.

We will be:

Welcoming

We affirm that everyone belongs to Christ. Therefore all belong at church. We will know each other by name as we make deep connections with one another.

Caring

We embrace and connect with each other by sharing all of who we are and by praying for each other.

Growing in Faith

We seek to provide an environment where we all will learn and grow in faith, asking questions and figuring out God's call for who God wants us to be and what God wants us to do.

Serving with love

We serve others by stretching out to people in need, building relationships of compassion. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love one another. Love is patient, unconditional, uplifting, and selfless.

Youth Connection



We have been busy this fall. Every week we meet three times to hang out, play some, and talk about what God might be doing in each person's life.

Sunday nights began with about 100 people (parents and adults) filling the Great Hall for a celebration dinner kick-off. It is great to get back together as we all went a million different directions over the summer.

Sunday mornings started with the first annual pancake breakfast. Flipping flapjacks was the name of the game as almost 300 people filed through the Great Hall to celebrate the new school year. The youth, with a little help, cooked pancakes, bacon, and sausage all morning. They served orange juice, coffee, and took plates and washed dishes. It was a fantastic morning filled with the community spirit that God has called the church to be. Special thanks to all who helped and especially to Gordon Owens who kept us organized in the kitchen.



Wednesday nights also started strong in the Great Hall with a great turn out for dinners and programs. Seeing so many of the church community come together certainly reminds us of the abundance that comes when we FEAST for All.

We have much coming up this fall including parent connects, retreats, service projects, Bible studies, and a whole bunch of fun. We'll keep you posted, keep your eyes peeled to the screens in the lobby. The youth of St. Luke's are active and doing a lot of great things around here! There are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved. Let Phil know what ideas you may have.



“Follow Me” to Children’s Sunday School!

Sheppard Hall is a noisy place on Sunday mornings, as more and more children are coming to find out what it means to “Follow Me.”

Our preschool and kindergarten friends in Godly Play have already learned about how the church tells time, the Parable of the Good Shepherd, and the story of Creation—using imaginative, hands-on figures.



Our elementary kids loved seeing the new “super seventies” attic, where we gather each week at 9:30. We have learned that the best way to explore “peace and love” is the Bible...and that God’s word leaves us with the ultimate “smiley face.” We’ve already followed our Faith Journey through units about “Respect” (the Golden Rule) and “Time and Money” (the story of the Widow’s Mite) with experiences in art, science, storytelling, and games.

St. Luke’s Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten presents the 8th Annual

Holiday Shopping Spree

Fancy Aprons, Faith-based Art,
Fashion Scarves you’ll adore!
Christmas items, Custom Stationery,
Jewelry too cute to ignore!
Market Totes, Tumblers, Monograms,
What else is behind
the Great Hall doors?
Clothes for girls and their mummies,
Collegiate collections galore!
Wine Stoppers, Wine Glasses,
Why not skip the stores?

Wednesday, November 3
9:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.
& 5:00 p.m. ~ 8:00 p.m.*
*during FEAST!

Thursday, November 4
9:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

Located in our beautiful
Great Hall



Please shop the Holiday Shopping Spree and support our
St. Luke’s Little Saints Preschool & Kindergarten.
All proceeds will go towards the SLLS Scholarship program.

Maji Mazuri Kenya

Visit to Mission Partner Maji Mazuri

By Shannon Dill

Hearing lots about our mission partner organization, Maji Mazuri, in Nairobi, Kenya, I was thrilled when things fell into place for Jackie Fadel, Lauren Price Fogarty and I to make a visit there last month so that we could learn firsthand about what the support and prayers of St. Luke's has helped to make possible.

Introduced to St. Luke's by former church member, Kevin Corchran, Maji Mazuri was founded and is directed by Dr. Wanjiku Kironyo. It consists of several different projects that utilize cutting edge methods to focus on ending the cycles of poverty and giving the people the tools they need to create change in their own lives and in their communities.



From the orphanage that serves children and youth with severe physical and mental challenges (including HIV), to the micro-business and young adult programs that offer training and loans for motivated individuals to make an honest living, to the various schools that offer children and youth a solid education and hope, Maji Mazuri continues to make a difference. Check out their website at www.majimazuri.org.

The Outreach Committee is pleased to say that we have reaffirmed our partnership with Maji Mazuri to be a meaningful one. During our trip, we were also able to help establish a connection between Maji Mazuri and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, which will fortify both of those entities. These are exciting developments in God's call for us to know, share and serve Jesus Christ here and around the world!



Stephen Ministry Christ Caring for People Through People

We hope the wonderful sermon given by Kelly Fitzgerald on Stephen Ministry Sunday, September 26, gave our congregation further insight into this caring ministry. If you missed it, we encourage you to listen to it via our St. Luke's website. While you are on the site take a moment to open the Stephen Ministry option to watch a video from founder Dr. Kenneth Haugk. His interview is informative and will certainly clarify any questions you may still have. We also have additional information on the main lobby bulletin board, to the left as you enter the Great Hall.



We thank all of you who came to our reception on Stephen Ministry Sunday. We have been busy this year and have much to celebrate! In February we hosted an Alzheimer's seminar, commissioned our second class of ministers in March, and most recently offered a Good Grief seminar to our congregation and community. Hannah Esther, a St. Luke's member, graciously offered her time and talent to us in one of our monthly continuing education classes sharing skills she has learned as a professional counselor.

We are honored to serve our congregation in one to one caring relationships. The difficult economy has challenged many of our members, others face serious health concerns, we have lost many loved ones and unspoken hurt is ever present. We encourage our St. Luke's members to prayerfully consider reaching out for help in difficult times. Our training equips us to "bear one another burdens."



Leaders Shannon Dill (shannondill@slpres.org or 770-393-1424 ext. 229) and Laura Strange (jandlstrange@comcast.net or 770-392-9284) are available anytime to make referrals.



**Deacon Social
Saturday, September 11**



Did You Know?

Did you know that each monthly Session meeting is opened and each monthly Diaconate meeting is closed with a prayer that includes twelve different church families? These names are chosen alphabetically from the directory allowing the entire congregation to have had their names lifted up to God in prayer at least once in a two year period. If you are prayed for at one of these meetings, you will receive either an e-mail or written note to let you know and to remind you that you are loved by your family here at St. Luke's!

Deacon Social

On Saturday, September 11, the Diaconate, pastors, and spouses had a chance to mingle and enjoy food and fellowship with one another on a warm evening at the home of Dohrman and Susan Crawford. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other better.

Visiting Care Team

The Visiting Care Team has been busy visiting many of our seniors over the last few months. There were lots of smiles, laughter and joy as everyone fellowshiped together.

In Lawrenceville (l-r) Edna Schell and Sarah Bryant



In Lawrenceville (l-r) Melvin Richardson and Ellen Massey



Jo Izett, celebrating her 94th birthday with flowers and a cake (to share with her table mates later at dinner).



At The Atrium: (l-r) Louise Campbell, Wayne Radloff, Libby and Henry Ferrell, and Ellie Moorhead.

Men's Breakfast

Men of St. Luke's - Many of you know about the fantastic start to your day that comes from making your way to St. Luke's on the second Saturday of the month to have breakfast (it's excellent), learn something new (who doesn't need that) and, most importantly, be in fellowship with fellow members (it builds you up). For those of you who haven't been, mark your calendars and put a little effort into becoming a part of this tradition. You will grow to look forward to coming each month.



Following the door busting August session with Tony Barnhart, we were blessed with a September program centered on the State of St. Luke's (we call it State of the Church) led by Jason Whitener with Shannon Dill and Phil Brown in attendance. Yes, many, many programs are going well at St. Luke's - mission, Christian education, nurturing support to name a few. And, yes, there are a few more challenges that God has placed in front of us - getting more of our members engaged. This Breakfast was extra special because it was Jason's first time to lead this traditional program.

The October program featured Roby Price, St. Luke's Facilities Manager. His focus was on the many changes that have been made at St. Luke's to conserve energy (think of it as going green), improving the church's use of technology and getting ready for the Presbytery meeting on November 30. He used a newly installed overhead projector connected to his lap top computer to present the program. And he called on all of us to help get ready for the Presbytery meeting and to be watching the "Highlights" for details as we get ready for about 400 guests to visit our facility.



On November 13, we will journey to Dodd-Sterling UMC to visit with Reverend Melson and his parishioners. This is always a popular program and we are always inspired to be in the presence of Reverend Melson and our many friends at this South Atlanta church.

THANK YOU JEFF!

The men of St. Luke's sent a grateful "Thank You" to Jeff Schreiber for his years of dedication and service to Men's Breakfast. Jeff, Cathy, Sophie and Luke are now living outside Salt Lake City, Utah. You are missed and we look forward to seeing you at Christmas!



JOIN THE PARLIAMENT!
(a flock of owls is called a parliament)

On Tuesday, September 28, the OWLS kicked off the year with Officer Rusty Freeman of the Dunwoody Police Department who gave some helpful tips to our senior adults.

On Tuesday, October 12, twenty of our OWLS took an "Apple Trip" to Blue Ridge, Georgia. They shopped at Mercier's Apple House and had a delicious lunch at Pat's Country Kitchen. Great time was had by all and the weather was perfect to enjoy those fall leaves!



**North Atlanta
Christmas Festival**

Saturday, December 11

3 p.m.

Mt. Pisgah UMC

**RSVP for tickets by Sunday,
November 14.**

Tickets will range from \$7 to \$10 per person depending on location and how early we can reserve our seats. Deadline to reserve your ticket is Sunday, November 14!

For more information go to:

www. NACFonline.com
or
contact Shirley in the church
office at 770-393-1424 ext. 225.

Scouting at St. Luke's

**Boy Scout Troop 764
Eagle Scout #83**

**Austin Xavier Williams
September 15, 2010
Dunwoody High School**



Parents: Tony & Angelia Williams

Eagle Scout project: Built two planter benches at a Dunwoody Elementary School that will be used for growing flowers and/or vegetables as part of the school's going green initiative. Austin has been accepted at the College of Images and Arts at The Rochester Institute of Technology.

Scouting is alive and active at St. Luke's!

Cub Scout Pack 764 recently took a field trip to the Sandy Springs Fire Station!

If you would like to learn more about Scouting at St. Luke's, contact Brian LaRose at 404-432-2654 or brian.larose@emc.com.



Music Ministry

Pedals, Pipes & Pizza

Our second annual Pipes, Pedals & Pizza event was a great time of listening, looking, exploring and learning as those of all ages explored the "King of Instruments."



Celebrate the Arts at St. Luke's **Sunday Afternoon Concert Series**

Sing-a-long with Mamma Mia!

We experienced a night of "Theatre Under the Stars" as we watched and sang along to the songs in *Mamma Mia!* on Friday night, October 1 in Hannaford Garden. Popcorn, candy and drinks were available to enjoy. It was indeed an evening to remember.



Plan to attend future events, and support our series by becoming a "Friend of Music." Questions? Contact Clair Maxwell (770-393-1424 ext 227 or clairmaxwell@slpres.org).

Upcoming Events

Gospels & Spirituals
October 24 at 5 p.m.
Cost: \$10 per person



The Power of Brass
November 7 at 5 p.m.;
No charge.

Births

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the new parents:

Blythe Rose Parker



Blythe is the daughter of Todd and Amy Parker born on August 10. She has a Big Brother, Yates, and a Big Sister, Emma.

Kyle Joseph Larson



Kyle is the son of Stephen and Debbie Larson born on August 30 in Chesterfield, MO. He has two Big Brothers, Nicholas and Bradley. The proud grandparents are Alan and Sally Larson.

Jacob Ryan Nutt



Jacob is the son of Scott and Anne Nutt born on September 11 in Rockville, MD. The proud grandparents are Tom and Mary Grace Schaap.

Eugenia Roberta "Berdie" Bridges



Berdie is the daughter of Tripp and Ramsey Bridges born on September 16, in Athens, GA. The proud grandparents are Al and Tricia Bridges.

Deaths

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15



We extend our sympathies and share our witness to the resurrection with the family and friends of:

- † **Dr. Ray Leslie Sweigert, Jr.**, husband of Carol, passed away on August 14, 2010.
- † **Mary Rauch**, mother of Louise Lewis, passed away on August 21, 2010, in Florida.
- † **Myron Johnson**, husband of Elizabeth Johnson, passed away on August 22, 2010, in Athens, GA.
- † **David Jay Dunlap**, son of Jim & Claydene Dunlap, passed away on September 9, 2010.
- † **Mildred Kaleida**, mother of Bob Kaleida, passed away on September 27, 2010.
- † **Ellen Turnbull**, mother of Kris Turnbull, passed away on October 4, 2010, in Tennessee.
- † **Byron W. Brown**, father of Byron Brown, passed away on October 11, 2010, in Ohio.

Memorial Gifts

*A Memorial Gift to the Friends of Music Fund was received in memory of **Frances Moore** by Betty Cashwell and Jan Slater.*

*Memorial Gifts were received to the Tennessee Mountain Top Outreach Fund in memory of **Geri S. Bruce** by: Joe and Jan Billions, Barbara Thomas, Stu and Sharon Virgin.*

*Memorial Gifts to the Friends of Music Fund were received in memory of **Dr. Ray Sweigert, Jr.** by: Jim and Gladys Alford, Devon & Ruth Armstrong, Randall Armstrong, Joe and Jan Billions, Byron and Marylyn Brown, John and Karleen Buchholz, Clara Camp, Steve and Faye Cashwell, Marcus and Mary Cook, Duncan and Sharon Cutler, Jim and Claydene Dunlap, Ellie Goodwin, Velon and Ann Gray, Ted and Mary Guerrant, Bob and Joyce Johnson, T.W. and Evie Jones, Mary Jane Jordan and Dave Mosher, Kitty Ketcham, Bill & Anita Krogel, Jane Langford, Tom & Shirley Lukens, Billy and Mary Martin, John and Ellen Massey, Ed and Carol Ann McIntosh, Joe and Betty Merrick, Daryl and Nancy Moore, Ken and Lucy Painter, Charles and Martha Phillis, Roby and Andrea Price, Wayne and Debie Radloff, Ann Boon Rhea, Jim and Edna Schell, The Craig Shepherd Family, Fred and Betty Springer, George and Amy Stewart, Warren and Marji Thummel, Phil and Jo Tichenor, Clay and Carol Van Essen, Ann Young.*

*A Memorial Gift was received to the Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Marion Anderson Jones** by Iris Ann Stewart.*

*Memorial Gifts were received to the Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Myron Johnson** by Jim and Joanne Deweerth, Ellie Goodwin, Curtis Hegg, Sarah Jones, Billy and Mary Martin, Charlie and Audrey Richardson, and James Thompson.*

*A Memorial Gift was received to the Druid Hills Night Shelter in memory of **Mary Rouch** by Ed and Carol Ann McIntosh.*

*Memorial Gifts were received to the Friends of Music Fund in memory of **David Jay Dunlap** by Ellie Goodwin, Pamela Hickman, and Ann Young.*

*A Memorial Gift was received to the Ministry of St. Luke's in memory of **Mildred Kaleida** by Ellie Goodwin.*

Dear St. Luke's Family,

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." (Philippians 1:3 KJV). The St. Luke's community has really learned how to be the "body of Christ," (I Corinthians 12:27) with each member exercising the gifts given to him.

I am so grateful for your love and support during the illness and death of my precious husband Ray. I know that many, many prayers were sent heavenward for us. I received more cards, e-mails, phone calls, and offers of help than I could count. Visits, flowers, food, and thoughtful services came from every quarter. I do not have the language to thank you enough.

Ray loved you. He loved this church. He loved Sunday School and all the Disciple classes. He felt that the Disciple classes brought him into closer fellowship with God than any other influence in his lifetime.

I am profoundly grateful to the church staff and to the Chancel Choir for making the memorial service so comforting. My family members were blown away by the support and love coming from St. Luke's.

May God bless you all abundantly,

Carol Sweigert



THANK YOU to our church family for your generosity and enthusiasm surrounding our recent honeymoon to Spain. We truly had a once-in-a-lifetime getaway, and your support and encouragement mean so very much to us both. Our Spanish is no better, but our time together was exciting, fun and unforgettable.

*Thanks again!
Clair and Kim*

Dear St. Luke's Family,

Thank you to my St Luke's family for the cards, phone calls, meals, visits, and especially for the prayers during my knee replacement surgery. I have progressed so fast in my recovery thanks to a wonderful surgeon, Dr. Fowler, a wonderful husband, Tom, and with the power of prayer. I am so blessed to be a member of such a loving, caring, Christian family.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sandy McKinney

Commitment "Blessings" Prayer

Generous and loving God, *You call us* to be disciples of Your son Jesus and good stewards of all Your many gifts. *Open our minds and hearts* to a greater awareness and deeper appreciation of Your countless blessings. *Transform us through the power of Your Holy Spirit* to nurture a stewardship way of life marked by faith-filled prayer, service to our neighbor and generous sharing. *Teach us to be faithful servants* of Your gifts. With the Holy Spirit's help, may we return ten-fold the gifts entrusted to us.

Bless St. Luke's with a deepening devotion to prayer, a growing commitment for service, and increasing levels of generosity as we work to advance the mission of Your Church.

We pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Dear St. Luke's Friends,

We have been overwhelmed by the love and support of you, our church family friends, at Jay's passing.

Your calls, beautiful cards, notes of sympathy, prayers, visits and food were a "basket full" of kindness and concern.

Thank you for your love and care during this difficult time.

Gratefully,

Claydene and Jim Dunlap



Gifts were received to the Friends of Music Fund by Joel and Martha Knight, Michael and Jeanette Jones, Bob and Julie Pile, Jim and Loretta Tysinger, Bill and Ellen Womack, and Ann Young.



*A gift was received to the Friends of Music Fund in honor of the marriage of **Clair and Kim Maxwell** by John and Ellen Massey.*

Dear Friends of St. Luke's,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and visits. It has made a great difference to my days.

We are battling on and with God's help we pray and hope that the new treatment will have a positive effect once my body has gotten used to it.

My love to all and God Bless.

Christine Stroud



Continued from Page 1 richly provided for our blessings. There are many ways through which we can be intentional about this: prayer, introspection and reflection, discussion and dialog with others, celebration and gratitude, and recognition of how we have been spiritually gifted by God. The Commitment Committee has planned activities for the congregation in all of these components: the Reflection Guide, the Spiritual Gifts Survey, the Feature Sunday Series, the Wall of Blessings, and the Flock Talk Church-wide Luncheon.

commitments around our time, talent, money, and connections. So, yes....God has blessed us, and we should count our blessings. But let's not stop there. We are blessed to be a blessing. It's our job, our mission. For every material blessing we have received, for the gift of talent or health or land or a kind and loving spirit...whatever it is, we were given that blessing so that we might use it to bless others. The whole point of God's blessing is to make us better able to share God's blessings with others.

All of these activities are in preparation for October 31st, Commitment Sunday, which will be the time to answer God's call as we move from discernment to action by making

- Kay Loerch

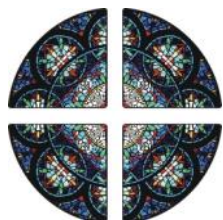
"I will make you a great nation and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."
Genesis 12:2

Sunday	Season of Discernment 2010	Sunday	Season of Discernment 2010
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| October 24th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + "SHARING" Feature Sunday: Congregational Care & Development* + Church-wide Luncheon following 11 a.m. worship service (Flock Talk: Blessings dialog) + Wall of Blessings - building of the wall continues | | |
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| October 31st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Commitment Sunday + Dedication of Individual Pledges (At the 8:30 & 11 a.m. worship services) + Dedication of the Church's Mission and Vision Statements | | |
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*Church Lobby, 9:15-9:30 p.m., 10:30-11 p.m., 12-1 p.m.



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