

ST. LUKE'S NEWS LETTER

MY CHURCH

St. Luke's is My Church. Is she your church in name only, or is she your church in reality?

If St. Luke's is your church, then you should attend her services regularly; you should participate in her program of work; you should contribute generously toward maintaining her expenses. Only an active membership will produce an active church. How active are you? St. Luke's needs you.

However, you need your church also. These days are far too hectic and strenuous for any man or woman to live life alone, without the help of God or without the encouragement of our fellow-Christians.

Public services of worship give us an opportunity to pay our homage to God, to receive spiritual uplift for our daily lives, and to encourage others in the way of Christian living. Our attendance at divine services is our public confession that we believe in the Christian ideals and that they are the only solution to individual and world problems. Are we doing all in this respect to show our faith in the Christian cause? Have others, through our church attendance record, been brought closer or driven farther away from their Savior, Jesus Christ?

ANNIVERSARY COMMUNION

It has become customary to observe the anniversary of St. Luke's on the first Sunday in October with a special Communion Service. This year that service will be conducted on October 1st, which Sunday has also been designated as World Communion Sunday. Christians throughout the world will be kneeling at the Altar of their God to receive the body and blood of their Savior for the remission of their sins and the strengthening of their faith.

We urge all members of St. Luke's to be present on Sunday and to show their oneness of faith and purpose in the work of our Lord by receiving the blessed Sacrament. We need the soul strengthening power of Holy Communion; and in times like these the Christian should kneel often at the Altar of His God. Plan now to be present on Sunday and to receive the Sacrament.

NEW HYMNALS

For some time we have felt that the present hymnals used in our services have been inadequate. However, nothing could be done for there was no better substitute. With the recent publication of The Lutheran Hymnal this problem was solved.

Through the kindness and generosity of Mrs. J. Louis Schaefer three hundred copies of this hymnal have been purchased. On Sunday, October 1st, these hymnals will be dedicated to the glory of God and in sacred memory of Mr. J. Louis Schaefer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The war has had its toll on the sons of St. Luke's. Already three of our own men and the husbands of two of our members have sacrificed their lives.

In order that we may revere their sacred memory and show them the honor due them, a special MEMORIAL SERVICE will be conducted on Sunday, October 22nd, at 11 A.M. At this time we urge all members and friends of St. Luke's to attend, not only in honor of those who have already passed on, but also in intercession for those who are still exposed to the dangers and rigors of war. We hope to have a Chaplain of the armed forces preach the sermon.

SERVICE MEN'S FUND

In conjunction with our Anniversary Observance, we ask all to make a special Thank Offering to God for His many blessings to St. Luke's during the past 94 years and for His continued guidance in the present.

This year our Thank Offering has again been designated for our SERVICE MEN'S FUND. As you know, for over two and a half years we have endeavored to extend a hand of Christian fellowship to the men and women of the armed forces who worship with us each Sunday morning. The Lord has richly blessed our humble efforts with extraordinary success. Only recently a ranking (non-Lutheran) naval chaplain made the public statement that "St. Luke's has the finest Church Program of any church he has seen or heard." That is merely one expression of appreciation for the work we are doing.

However, to carry on this program, we naturally need funds. The Sunday dinner bill alone for service men and women averages approximately \$40.00 a week. Thus you see, we need many contributions both large and small. We need individual sponsors for a Service Men's Sunday at St. Luke's and we need groups to sponsor a day.

Will you not use the enclosed Offering Envelope for your gift to our Service Men's Fund? Make yours a Thank Offering to God that you are still enabled to be at home with your loved ones and not on some distant battlefield or military post.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

As the war continues, the stress and strain on the individual increases. We are all called upon to make many sacrifices and adjustments in our daily lives. Unfortunately not one of us is sufficient in ourselves. We need divine assistance and guidance. This we can obtain only if we live in close communion with our blessed Savior.

The Devotional Booklets which are periodically mailed to you afford an opportunity for such communion with God. A few moments spent daily in their perusal will reap many benefits. It will strengthen us in our daily lives and help us to live up to our responsibilities and opportunities.

An offering envelope is enclosed with each booklet to give you an opportunity to help defray printing and mailing expenses.

LADIES! LADIES! LADIES!

Each Sunday evening a committee of four people prepares and serves supper for the service men and women in the Sunday School rooms of the church.

We need VOLUNTEERS for this project; and volunteers are not limited to members of the Ladies' Aid, the Dorcas Guild or the Young People's Guild. Neither are they limited to members of St. Luke's. Anyone is invited to share in this project.

The task is not as great or as difficult as one expects. Each week Messrs. Feitusch and Rieth donate all the cold cuts and butter. The committee members are requested to supply the cake and salads. Supper is served at 6 P.M. Usually the committee members meet at the church at 4 o'clock to set the tables and prepare the food.

Ladies, will you volunteer for this project? Please give your names to either Miss Lengemann, Miss Neher, or the Pastor, and a date convenient to you will be assigned.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 the Sunday School of St. Luke's meets. We have a staff of 14 and an enrollment of 100. Classes are so arranged that we are able to serve all from the age of four years and older.

Do you know of any child who is not enrolled in a Sunday School who could be invited to St. Luke's? Please give their names and addresses to our Superintendent, Mr. John Lengemann, or to the pastor.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

The war has brought about an increased interest in the study of the Bible. More and more people are deriving comfort and strength from its daily study.

In order to guide you in this study an Adult Bible Class will be organized in conjunction with the Sunday School and meet simultaneously. This class is not only for those who have been recently confirmed or for the parents of our Sunday School children, but for all who are interested. You are cordially invited to attend.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In order that our members may become more familiar with the work of St. Luke's and share more intimately in its problems, the Church Council has chosen October 25th for the Fall Congregational Meeting. The meeting starts at 8 P.M. and we urge all Communicant Members to attend.

COOKIES

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening the young people of the church have an Open House Program for service men and women. Simple refreshments of coffee and cake or cookies are served. Donations of cookies and cake would be deeply appreciated by the young people.

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