

# Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 25, 2014 10:30 am

## St. Luke Lutheran Ministry Announcements – January 25, 2015

Schedule for the Week	Today	9:30am	Sunday School
		10:30am	Morning Worship
		2:45pm	Snow Tubing
	Wed.	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
	Thurs.	3-7:30pm	American Red Cross Blood Drive

### MEMBER NEWS:

- **Ministry Assistants next Sunday:** Acolyte- Abbie Bowman Crucifer- Gracie Stout Lector- Glenn Mays Nursery- Jennifer Miller Sound- Nate Robinson Greeters-Dale Reese & Ellen Campbell Ushers – Nathan Robinson, Brandon Pierce, Mike Pennell, Redge Mays
- **Scriptures For next Sunday:** 1st Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 || Psalm 111 || 2nd Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 || Gospel: Mark 1:21-28
- **Benefit Breakfast:** A special word of thanks to our volunteers who pitched in with our breakfast yesterday in support of Willie Dean Bentley. Pastor Andrew will be sharing today our preliminary total raised to aid Willie Dean in his time of need.
- **Snow Tubing:** All Snow Tubers will meet at the church today at 2:45pm. When you arrive, please give to Pastor Andrew your money for the snow tubing (\$16 CASH per person) and your completed and signed release form. A copy of this form has been attached to this bulletin today. A carpool plan has been prepared for all participants so that we take the fewest vehicles possible (due to very limited parking at Jonas Ridge Snow Tubing). Please feel welcome to pack a picnic supper to bring with you. The lodge has some snacks for sale and things like hot chocolate, but they do not serve anything close to meal/supper type food. An information sheet has been mailed out to all participants, but if you didn't get this sheet, please see PA after church this morning for a copy. Again, a special thanks to Thrivent Financial for making this event possible for our church and for reducing the cost for all participants!
- **You are invited - A Financial Peace University class will begin on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Friendship Lutheran.** This is a life changing class that invites individuals and couples to develop solid financial practices that will revolutionize all aspects of their finances. This class teaches students a step by step method to rapidly eliminating debt, build a solid emergency reserve fund, create and fund an empowered retirement, pay for college and pay off your house early. 30 St. Luke families have already taken this class and lives have been changed all around. The class will meet on Tuesday nights at Friendship, starting February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7-8:45pm. Child care is provided and the classes meet Tuesday nights through February and March. This is a solid opportunity to learn and know financial peace in your life. To learn more and sign up for this class, please speak with Pastor Andrew today. Registration for this class closes this Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **The CURE SEEKERS Relay for Life Team** Captains Robin Reid and Trish Herman are getting ready for the 2015 Relay. The team will be having several important fundraisers in the coming months before the Relay on May 15. We need YOUR help. Please join or re-join the fight today. Team membership forms can be found on the hallway relay table. Please turn the completed form into Robin and she will get you signed up online.
- **Bulletin Board-** Robin Reid needs some more help with the new *SNOW* Bulletin board. Please pick up a snowman picture on the ledge, fill in your face, put your name on the back, and turn in to Robin to get on the board.
- **Attendance on 1-18-15:** Worship: 144 Sunday School: 87
- **Funds:** Ministry Fund offering on 1-18-15: \$3,984.49

### SLY NEWS:

- **Youth Choir and Spirit Seekers** will *not* be meeting tonight. Join us again in a few weeks for lots of singing and spirit seeking!
- **Singers and Musicians Needed:** All St. Luke singers and musicians are encouraged to share their talents with the church. If you have a special song that you would like to sing or play and/or need help picking a new song, give Robin Reid a call at 320-1848. She is so excited to work with you on presenting your praises to the church.
- **The dates for the 2015 Summer Mission Trip have been finalized.** We will be traveling together with our friends from TPC and Reformation to Asheville for our mission trip week, which will be August 2-8, 2015. Please note this on your calendar so you can attend. Registration for the Mission Trip will be distributed in early February.
- **Big All-SLY-Youth Confirmation Change** – In lieu of the typical spring semester of confirmation, Pastor Andrew will be leading a special Confirmation bonus program called Generation Change. Why you may ask: Generation Change is a biblically based and fun study of Christian discipleship, stewardship and practical living, which will benefit our youth in their walk of faith together immensely. I (PA) am so excited about this addition to the confirmation curriculum, I don't want our already confirmed youth to miss out on this. As such, I would like to welcome back ALL confirmed youth to one more semester of confirmation together (in other words, PA is going to do an ALL-SLY confirmation class this spring, even for youth who are already confirmed). The class will begin on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and continue for 9 straight Thursdays, meeting from 7 to 8pm.

### COMMUNITY NEWS:

- **St. Luke Lutheran will be hosting the American Red Cross Blood Drive** this Thursday, January 29th, from 3 to 7:30p.m. Potential donors are encouraged to sign up in advance for a reservation, though having a reservation in advance is not necessary to make a blood donation. Having a reservation will help insure a more timely donation experience, however, and to sign up in advance, simply call the church office this week with your requested time or sign up today with PA before you leave this morning.
- **Joy of Discovery:** Thank you for your continued mission support of our \$1/week per person support of Joy of Discovery Lutheran Church. Please designate your Joy of Discovery offering by stating "*JOY*" with your offering.
- **The St. Luke Crisis Center Offering:** Following the children's message Today, our children will walk out among the congregation to collect items brought by the congregation for the Christian Crisis Center of Alexander County. They are always extremely low on assistance funds, so your dollar donations are very helpful as well as food donations. Your dollar donations keep desperately needed water and electricity flowing, and also help with fuel-oil during the winter for our poorest neighbors. Let's rally around those most needy in our community and generously serve them with our offerings of food and money.