

STL ACTS OF FAITH

The Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

June, 2011

Healing a hurting world

As I write this article, the news of devastating tornados in the midwest hurts my heart. The past few weeks at St. Luke's have also brought news of parishioners dealing with extremely difficult life situations. My own family has had our share of hard times recently (see my note inside the newsletter). Sometimes pain and suffering seem to stalk us. Psalm 56 begins: "Have mercy on me, O God, for my enemies are hounding me; all day long they assault and oppress me." People ask, "Why does God allow suffering to happen?" My response has often been something like, "God does not cause suffering, but God is working in the midst of it." But God could intervene, right? Almighty God could stop the tornado or heal the disease. If God chooses not to intervene, it seems like the suffering is allowed to happen. Or maybe God is constantly intervening, but not always in the ways that I might want! God may have good reasons not to halt the tornado in its tracks. I wish I understood them. The author Annie Dillard said it well: "I don't know beans about God." God is still acting, though, and life continues. People reach out in love and care for one another which I believe originates in God's reaching out for us. I think I can understand that.

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12, we celebrate how God reached out with the gift of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples. Empowered by the Spirit, they proclaimed good news and healed a hurting world. God is still empowering us to be agents of healing and tellers of good news. Our Vacation Bible School event will focus on healing in a hurting world. We begin on Sunday, June 12, with an evening potluck and a program about the Nets for Life campaign (see inside). Sign up in the Sprague Room for

the dinner and for VBS as a whole. Each evening between June 12 and 15 we begin at 5:45 with prayer and dinner followed by programs for adults, youth, or children, and closing prayers just before 8:00. On June 16, we will have a closing Eucharist in celebration of all we have learned and experienced. Invite friends and neighbors to join us for one evening or all the evenings.

As healers we seek not only to heal but to be healed. When we encounter the brokenness of others, we sense our own wounds. We take on healing work as much for our own transformation as for the transformation of others. Many of us know how reaching out to someone else has helped us feel more alive and whole. Just listening to someone who needs to talk can heal. Basic acts of kindness and generosity can heal and transform a devastating situation into an opportunity for thanksgiving. These insights are nothing new, but in chaotic times, I need reminders. Psalm 56 ends with these words, "For you have rescued my soul from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living." Thanks be to God for light and life in the midst of darkness and death. Thanks be to God that we can be healers and that we can also be healed.



The Rev. Joseph H. Hensley, Jr.

Adult Christian Formation

Adult Christian Formation classes meet Sunday morning through June 5 from 9:20 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. for fellowship, learning, and renewal. They will resume in the fall.

June 5 we'll move in a slightly different direction with "Living Prepared", a presentation by Renee Weisner. Renee suggests that now is the time to do a little spring cleaning with essential documents to ensure that your wishes are met at the end of life. Renee will share tips on important documents - how to keep them in order, and how to replace lost documents of loved ones. She will also discuss the importance of living wills and choosing a health care power-of-attorney. Renee not only shares her experience from working at Duke's Geriatric Evaluation and Treatment Clinic at Duke Medical Center for 20 years but also her personal experience with her mother's illness and subsequent sudden death.

No Adult Formation class on June 12. Over the summer join us in the Kramer Room at 9 a.m. for "come as you are" study of the Sunday Bible readings.

The Vacation Bible School "Healing a hurting world" adult program will feature some guest speakers from the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (speaking about their work healing the wounds of violence and crime in our community) as well as a malaria expert from UNC Chapel Hill. We will also look at the sacrament of anointing for healing and the laying on of hands one evening. Come and join our adult VBS group June 12-16 from 5:45-8:00. Prayers and dinner precede the program which gets underway around 6:30, if you have to come late.

Looking Ahead: It's time to think about summer book reading in anticipation for our early fall book discussions. If you have a specific book you would like to recommend to the Adult Christian Formation Committee for inclusion in the list of options for reading, please contact any of the members of the committee.

Youth Events in June

June 5: End of the year lunch at the home of Dot Borden (4024 Kerley Rd) right after church (noon to 2). Parents contact Julie Hege(juliehege@nc.rr.com) to see what you can bring for the meal.

The youth mission trip, scheduled for late June, will not happen as originally planned. Stay tuned to the bulletin, email list, and facebook group for more information about shorter service trips that may happen in June.

St. Luke's Men's Fellowship

St. Luke's Men's Fellowship Breakfast will meet on the 4th Thursday, June 23, at 7 a.m. in Johnson Hall. Bring food to share if you can. We will have informal conversation followed by a brief devotional and Bible reflection. All men welcome.

Third Sunday Lunch

If you would like to have a time of food and fellowship, come join the Third Sunday Lunch Group. Just show up in the Sprague Room after the 10 a.m. service and after a brief time of socializing, we will decide where to go and proceed to a local restaurant. Come join us on June 19.

Office Volunteers Needed

There are times when Kathy is out of the office for vacation or sickness and needs someone to fill in. We have a few faithful volunteers but could use a few more. Kathy will be attending a week-long CREDO conference in September and would like to train several folks to fill in for her while she is away. Please contact Kathy at parish-admin@stlukesdurham.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Joe Hensley takes a leave of absence

Members of the congregation received a letter from our Rector, Anne, in late May about my leave of absence. As many of you have seen, my wife, Sarah White, is pregnant. A couple of days after Easter we learned from our routine, mid-term ultrasound that our unborn son has a condition called "myelomeningocele" or "spina bifida." This birth defect of the neural tube is not uncommon (1 in 1000). Most children who have this condition have surgery immediately after birth, but there is a fetal surgery that can help to reduce the damaging effects of this condition. It took us a few weeks to pray and gather all the information we needed to make a decision about what to do. On June 3, Sarah and the baby (24 weeks gestation at that time) will have surgery at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP: recommended as the best place to go) to close the spinal cord opening. As with any surgery, there are risks to both baby and mother, but the odds are in our favor of a beneficial outcome. I will remain in Philadelphia with Sarah for at least three weeks and perhaps longer. Due to the increased risk of premature birth with a fetal surgery, Sarah may not be allowed to travel home until after the baby is born. We hope to stay at the Ronald McDonald house near CHOP while we wait. If Sarah has to stay in Philadelphia, I will likely come back to NC for some time before the baby arrives, but we will have to wait and see how all that unfolds. The hope is for the baby to reach 37 weeks and be delivered by c-section in early September, followed by evaluation in the hospital. Our two girls, Lucy and Stella, will be staying with relatives and friends in Durham and other places. One of the hardest parts is for our family to be separated, but it did not make sense to have the girls with us during this stressful time. If Sarah stays in Philadelphia, we hope to have the girls come and visit.

We are so thankful for the outpouring of prayers and support that so many people have already shown us. Many of you want to know how you can help. Prayers mean a lot to us. Once we come home, we will probably ask for meals and other kinds of logistical

support. In the meantime, we will communicate our needs via friends who have offered to coordinate assistance. Your offers mean the world to us, and we just ask that you be patient with us as we try to figure out what we need. We will set up a website that will give updates on our progress, and that address will be published soon in the bulletin and via the prayer email list. I am also so thankful that the rector and congregation are giving me the time I need to take care of my wife and family. It is with a heavy heart that I leave my pastoral duties for a time, and I will miss being with you. But I will continue to pray with you, and we will be in touch.

Joe Hensley

Lauren Winner Ordination

Our own Lauren Winner will be ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church, Glen Allen, VA by The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, Bishop of Virginia. Our prayers and/or presence are welcome. This is a transition step to her eventual ordination as a priest. Lauren returns in August to her teaching at Duke after a fellowship this past school year at Yale Divinity School.

Many Thanks

To Mary Jane Moore, Kelley Lawton, Peter Kariher, Phoebe Brinskelle, Nora Hammond, Hope Galunas, John and Jean Willard and Chris Cook for all their help preparing the church for Baptism and the Bishop's visit. Also, for making changes between services. Along with the Easter "helpers" you are "tops" in our book.

Anetta and Cindy

Financial Update

April	YTD
Income	
\$28,029.58	\$158,658.10
Expenses	
\$39,116.48	\$141,805.64

Walk the labyrinth at Dot Borden's house

St. Luker, Dot Borden, would like to extend an invitation to other St. Lukers and friends to walk the labyrinth at her home (4024 Kerley Rd. Durham). The labyrinth is an ancient walking meditation and involves following a single, winding path which symbolizes our journey toward God. At the center of the labyrinth is an open space where the walker can rest in God's presence. The walker then follows the same path back to the beginning where s/he returns to the "walk" of life renewed. The path of the labyrinth at Dot's house is mowed into her front lawn. She welcomes us to come anytime, whether she is home or not, and enjoy the peace and quiet and a chance to walk with God.

Vestry Report

May 8th was a special day in that Bishop Curry met with the Vestry. The Bishop was asked to talk with us about three of the topics chosen as especially important for our "Road to Galilee." The first was evangelism. He pointed out that to become an inviting place, we must listen to the spiritual needs of others. St. Luke's may need to change with time to become more inviting, but we don't want to lose our core values. The second topic was service or outreach. Most of the discussion focused on St. Luke's Preschool and Kindergarten, which was one of our first means of outreach to the greater Durham community. Enrollment is down for next year principally due to the weak economy. We need to be sure we are meeting the needs of today's parents and find ways to support the school to ensure its vitality. The final topic was pastoral care, with a special emphasis on identifying and reaching out to those who, for one reason or another, stop coming to church. Concern was also expressed for young families who are unable to attend church regularly and older parishioners who need a ride to church. Bishop Curry provided insightful suggestions for us to advance on

our Road to Galilee in each of these three topics of concern.

The Vestry met again on May 16th. Though there was the usual list of items to be discussed, the two hours were spent talking about St. Luke's Preschool and Kindergarten. As noted above, enrollment is down and this will result in a large shortage of the funds needed to normally operate the school. After much discussion, the Vestry passed two measures. The first was to remove one of the four classes for 3-year olds. The second was to have one teacher for the kindergarten rather than two, unless three, 4-year old kids can be moved into the kindergarten to raise the number of pupils from 9 to 12, a minimum number as decided by the Vestry. These changes will not be achieved without some pain for both the teachers and school director, Beverly Haggard. Also, implementing these changes will still require a substantial subsidy from the school's discretionary fund. Please keep our school in your prayers.

Bill Gutknecht
Senior Warden

Interested in Jail Ministry?

On May 15, Martin Fowler presented a program to our adult forum about the St. Philip's Episcopal Church Durham County jail ministry. If you are interested in getting involved, they welcome volunteers on Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. They also welcome donations of Bibles and devotional materials (spiritual books, old Sunday school lessons, Day by Day, etc.) which they distribute to inmates. For more information or to make a donation, contact Martin at martin@zuberfowler.com or 286-7314.

<p>Service Time Change June 19 – August 21 Sunday Services at 8 and 10 a.m.</p>
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Casserole Ministry

Casseroles for Urban Ministries of Durham has been a ministry of St. Luke's for at least 15 years. The way it works is this: casserole pans plus a recipe, feeding 8-10 persons are available in the Sprague Room for 8 o'clockers and are handed out to those interested after the 10:30 service. Each pan includes the same recipe which is then made at home during the following week. The request is that you return the COOKED casserole to the freezer in the kitchen in Johnson Hall, to be delivered that week by an Urban Ministry volunteer. The recipes are simple and delicious. This ministry will begin again on a more regular basis beginning in June and organized by Monnie Riffin.

Over the years we have supplied thousands of nutritious, hot lunches at the Community Kitchen to Durham's needy neighbors. We hope you will want to participate!

Nancy Wyman

Congratulations, Graduates

Matt Blalock – Elon University
Will Carter – Barton College

From High School:

Audrey Cook
Mary D'Amico
Emma Frank
Erich Hoffmann
Elizabeth Short

St. Luke's Hosts IHN

July 10-12

We Need YOUR HELP!

Our next hosting of the Interfaith Hospitality Network will take place July 10-12. There will be sign-up sheets in the Sprague Room, or you can contact Edith Keene (493-9539 or edith.keene@da.org) to get information or volunteer.

Thank you for giving your time and care to members of our community who need help.



Summer Choir

Summertime.... and the singing is easy: Announcing a wonderful opportunity for parishioners who love to sing! During the months of June, July and August, we invite members of the congregation who enjoy singing to be a part of a choir that will sing each Sunday. This "summer choir" will rehearse only on Sunday mornings (no Wednesday night rehearsals) and sing at the morning liturgy. Music will be simpler than our regular season fare, but enjoyable to sing. This will be a great time to participate in the music ministry as a short-term commitment. If you are interested, please contact Kaye Saunders at kascarolina@gmail.com for more information.

Summer Children's Choir Camp

July in Durham should be hot and steamy! But this we know: It's Cool In The Furnace! Announcing a Summer Music Camp for rising 1st through 6th graders. Temple Baptist, Watts Street Baptist, and St. Luke's music programs are combining to present "Cool in the Furnace," a children's musical based on the Old Testament story of Daniel in the fiery furnace. This will be held at Temple Baptist Church the week of July 11-15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with a dress rehearsal on Friday evening, July 15 from 6:30 to 8:00. The musical will be performed on Saturday July 16 at 5:30 at Temple Baptist, and (most likely) Sunday morning at a local nursing home. REGISTER your child by June 15! Contact Kaye for more info. kascarolina@gmail.com

Anyone have a spare laptop?

Jo Wells [of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies at Duke Divinity School] is traveling to South Sudan in July, as a visiting teacher and consultant for theological education across the province. She has a particular request relating to three Sudanese young men, graduates of Renk Theological College whom she has taught, who are now doing further study in Kenya for the sake of becoming future theological teachers back in Sudan. They need laptops – not only so they can word-process their papers as required, but also so that they develop strong computer skills for more general administration. Contact Jo at jo.wells@duke.edu.

Parish Register

At the Bishop's Visit we welcomed the following:

By Baptism – Emery Lynn Kruse, daughter of Travis and Lauren Kruse, granddaughter of Bob and Ginny Atwell.
By Reaffirmation – Stephen Hite
By Reception – Rich and Linda Serra
By Confirmation – Kristen Burgess, Kirby Cook, Annie D'Amico, Julie D'Amico, Ben Evans, Caralyn Evans, Jacob Hege, Jessica Henry, Nicholas Hoffmann, Lawton Kariher, Joshua Pitts, Kristen Wade, David Blankfard, Suzanne Blankfard, Allen Burgess, Frances Hite, Corrinne Morse, Cathy Rimer-Surles and Amanda Smith

Congratulations to Wes Blalock and Leigh Fylstra who were joined in Holy Matrimony on May 14 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant, SC (The Rev. Joe Hensley officiated).

We give thanks and pray for those having birthdays during the month of June.

4 - Jill Hoffmann, Joseph Craft
7 - Nancy Wyman
10 - Cole Barnhill
14 - Jackie Porcelli
15 - Corrinne Morse
16 - Chynna Solomon
17 - Tom Krombach
18 - Adrienne Koch, Jeff Serra

19 – Michael Reedy, Dick Hutson, Kristen Burgess
21 – Peach McDouall
22 – Bill Gutknecht
23 – Rich Serra, Karen Robertson
25 – Shelby Barnhill
26 - Lee Potter
27 – Fletcher Brooks, Anna Young
28 – Jacob Hege
19 – Morgan Hendrix
30 – Sarah Love Taylor

Change of Address

Even though our Parish Handbook is brand new, we already have some changes. Please jot them down today.

Chrissy Cortina – 919-309-9494

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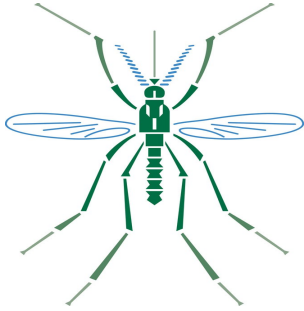
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7 Scenic Ct., Durham, 27713

Bulletin Board

The deadline for the July newsletter will be June 19.

Jan Lamb in "Please Note"

Be sure to check out "Please Note," the Bishop's weekly e-newsletter, which features a video interview with the Rev. Jan Lamb upon her return from Belize last year. (Search for the May 2011, week 2 edition at the Diocesan website www.episdionc.org click on Please note then past issues.) If you do not receive Please Note currently and would like to, contact Sarah Herr at sarah.herr@episdionc.org. Please Note features a video message from the Bishop, featured announcements, worship resources, events and more. It is sent to clergy, lay leaders, members of the Episcopal churches within the Diocese and to anyone interested in receiving it.



NetsforLife[®]

Replace a Mosquito with a Net

Here's a riddle: What is guaranteed to save the lives of 3 children for 5 years and only costs \$12? Give up? The answer is a chemically-treated mosquito net which can prevent someone from contracting malaria. What an amazing deal, and here's how you can be a part of this life-saving effort.

In January, 2011, the Diocese of North Carolina launched a year-long campaign, *NetsforLife*[®], joining Episcopal Relief and Development as it seeks to reduce the number of deaths caused by malaria. The goal for the diocese is to purchase 40,000 nets. This goal is based on roughly 1 net for each confirmed Episcopalian in the Diocese. These nets will be sent to sub-Saharan Africa where 90% of all malaria deaths in the world occur.

St. Luke's is excited to take up the challenge and work to purchase these life-saving nets. Our parish goal is 650 nets, so let's get started. Beginning June 1 (actually you could begin before then), we will begin taking donations for nets. The Outreach bulletin board in the Sprague Room will document our progress. For every net purchased, one "mosquito" will be replaced on the bulletin board by a "net". Let's work quickly to get rid of those pesky critters.

Get the entire family involved with these ideas or your own:

- \$1 saved per week will buy a net by the end of the summer
- contribute an amount equal to what you pay for insect repellent this spring/summer

- buy nets as gifts for Father's Day, summer birthdays, anniversaries, or just because you care
- drop a quarter in your nets fund for every mosquito bite you get
- contribute \$1 (or more) for every window screen in your house
- toss your loose change in a container each evening – remember to look in pockets and under sofa cushions
- hold a "nets event" in your neighbor by securing pledges for a free-throw, soccer goal or tennis volley tournament
- work with other St. Luke's members to host an event with nets as the theme

Please contact Jan Lamb

(janlamb2@gmail.com) with any suggestions or questions regarding *NetsforLife*[®]. Watch the weekly bulletins and this newsletter for more opportunities to contribute to the campaign.

NetsforLife[®] **Malaria Facts**

You may be asking why the *NetsforLife*[®] campaign is focusing on malaria and on Africa in particular. Here are some facts that might help answer that question:

- each year there are 250 million cases of malaria world-wide
- 1 million people die from malaria each year
- malaria is preventable
- 90% of all malaria deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa
- malaria costs an estimated \$12 billion annually in lost productivity in Africa
- **every 60 seconds a child dies from malaria**
- one chemically-treated net can protect 3 children or a mother and child from the mosquitoes that carry malaria
- *NetsforLife*[®] includes training about proper use and storage of nets as well as the distribution of nets

Outreach Funding Requests

Your Outreach Committee has begun its annual task of disbursing the funds raised throughout the year. Requests for funds should be submitted in writing to Jan Lamb or the church office by July 1, 2011. Requests should include the following

- name and address of the organization
- the name of a contact person at the organization
- background on the organization's work and the need for funds
- amount requested
- if the amount is an increase from 2010 funding, please elaborate

If you would like to personally present your request to the Outreach Committee, please include that information with your written request. Every effort will be made to provide time with the committee.

The Outreach Committee strives to be good stewards of the parish's outreach money. We will be asking the organizations that receive funds to provide us with feedback about their work and how funds are used.

The Outreach Committee also welcomes anyone interested in outreach to join us. Please speak to Jan Lamb if you are interested in joining the committee.

Tax-Free Charitable Contributions from IRAs Extended Once Again

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 first allowed taxpayers age 70½ or older to exclude from gross income otherwise taxable distributions ("qualified charitable distributions," or QCDs) from their IRA that were paid directly to a qualified charity. Taxpayers were able to exclude up to \$100,000 in both 2006 and 2007. The law was extended through 2009 by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, and has just been extended again, through 2011, by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (the Tax Relief Act).

You must be 70½ or older in order to make QCDs. You may direct your IRA trustee to make a distribution directly from your IRA to St. Luke's general funding needs, to the St. Luke's Heritage Fund and/or any other qualified charity. The distribution must be one that would otherwise be taxable to you. You can exclude up to \$100,000 of QCDs from your gross income in 2011. If you file a joint return, your spouse can exclude an additional \$100,000 of QCDs in 2011. Note: You don't get to deduct QCDs as a charitable contribution on your federal income tax return--that would be double dipping.

QCDs count toward satisfying any required minimum distributions (RMDs) that you would otherwise have to receive from your IRA in 2011, just as if you had received an actual distribution from the plan. However, distributions that you actually receive from your IRA (including RMDs) that you subsequently transfer to a charity cannot qualify as QCDs.

Without this special rule, taking a distribution from your IRA and donating the proceeds to a charity would be a bit more cumbersome, and possibly more expensive. You would need to request a distribution from the IRA, and then make the contribution to the charity. You'd receive a corresponding income tax deduction for the charitable contribution. But the additional tax from the distribution may be more than the charitable deduction, due to the limits that apply to charitable contributions. QCDs avoid all this, by providing an exclusion from income for the amount paid directly from your IRA to the charity--you don't report the IRS distribution in your gross income, and you don't take a deduction for the QCD. The exclusion from gross income for QCDs also provides a tax-effective way for taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to make charitable contributions.

Of course, there are some special situations and rules, so check with your financial and tax advisors to formulate the best tax-wise giving strategy for you.

Janet Ramsey

Reflections

I spent a lot of time in reflection during the service on May 1, Youth Sunday, as I watched our wonderful young people. I found myself thinking about all that attending St. Luke's has done for my family, and how I wanted to share that, especially with the families that are where I was 18 years ago when we first came here with a two year old and an infant.

What has attending St. Luke's done for us? First and foremost, it gave us an anchor and rhythm, a predictable occurrence, and our starting point each week. Now, I know what you're going to say: "another thing on the calendar, another item on the to-do list!" Well, yes and no. It is something else to do, but for me, it was one of the only things on the "to do list" that fed ME. I found that if I made time to exercise and nourish my body, or read and nourish my mind, but neglected to seek some peace to nourish my soul, then I didn't really feel as centered or patient. Packing the diaper bag and dressing the kids and worrying about whether they're going to last in the nursery or how they'll behave in church....I totally get it. Those can feel like BIG obstacles to leaving the house on a Sunday morning, especially when the siren song of the couch and the newspaper are calling, but the payoff in terms of having some space for spiritual reflection is huge. Many times, the phrase "May the peace of God which passes all understanding fill your hearts and minds with the knowledge and love of God" was THE THING that helped me get through the week. If that was the only thing I heard in church, it was worth it.

What has attending St. Luke's done for us? It was the first place my children learned to socialize with other children and be with other adults. We are blessed with a wonderful nursery situation and Miss Carol, who cared for my children and all those impressive young almost-adults we heard in church on Youth Sunday. These kids have grown up together and have a bond that goes beyond surface friendship; I think they know at some level that they can count on each other because of their St. Luke's connection. My children also benefited from getting to know a

variety of adults who shared their gifts through Sunday School, Children's Choir, Vacation Bible School, Intergenerational Events and more. Because of the interest of all these other adults at St. Luke's, my children have grown to love things (like singing in the choir) that I alone could not have taught or provided.

What has attending St. Luke's done for us? It's been a place of bonding and laughter and joy. It has buoyed us up through toddlers and teething and chicken pox and stomach flu, car accidents and divorces and deaths in the family. As a stay home mom, there were weeks that it was my only interaction with other adults, and to be with people who were both living through that same stage of life and people who had survived it with sanity and sense of humor intact gave me hope and encouragement.

But here's the tricky part: you have to come. I wasn't perfect in my attendance when the kids were small, and I'm certainly not doing any better now, but it was the "attending" part that made it all work, and not just the social stuff, but church itself. It's the mortar in the foundation and the binding that will hold all the bricks of your life together. And so as I was reflecting and listening to my 18 year old son preaching from the pulpit for the first time, I thought about all those small lessons being in church gives to young children...that sometimes we have to sit and be still and be quiet so other people can hear what is being said, that we sing together and pray together and eat together, that we say out loud that we believe in something bigger than ourselves...and, well, I'm not positive, but I think those things made a difference too.

Jill Hoffmann



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**St. Luke's Vacation Bible School:
prayers, dinner, and study for all ages**

June 12-16: 5:45-8:00 nightly

Potluck picnic June 12 – sign up in the Sprague Room

Our theme: Healing a Hurting World Come explore how we can heal and be healed in a world that suffers from disease, violence, malnutrition, and spiritual hunger.

Age-appropriate programs for children, youth, and adults.

Dinner is free. Donations accepted. Guests are welcome.

How to sign up: Put your name(s) on the list in the Sprague Room or call/email the church and we'll do it for you.

How to help/volunteer: See the sheet in the Sprague Room or contact Barbara Longmire (bwlongmire@mindspring.com) or 919-477-6248

AND

Don't forget our summer worship schedule begins June 19 through August 21: Sunday worship times are 8 and 10 a.m.

