

## ANNUAL REPORT 2012



### MISSION STATEMENT

*"Our Mission is to be an inclusive family of God in the midst of a world in need. We strive to provide love and acceptance, forgiveness and empowerment. As we worship together, we challenge each other to work and to live as the incarnation of Christ to our community and to the world."*

### VISION STATEMENT

*"For the glory of God we worship joyfully, nurture all members and engage in mission by reaching out to the community and the world. We strive to encourage spiritual growth through the involvement of all the church family by providing education, fellowship, and lay leadership to help fulfill the needs of the congregation and beyond."*

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January 2013

## Message from Pastor Lesley

It is hard for me to take in that we have spent a full year together! On the other hand, there is a comfort and familiarity in our relationship that also creates a sense that I have been with you much longer. I continue to be grateful to God each and every day for bringing us together. You have added much to my life of ministry. I thank you for the welcoming and generous attitude with which you have greeted me, Scott, and our band of family members. It is a delight to serve you.

As I look back on the year, I marvel at all God's good gifts to us. We celebrated your 50 years with cookbooks and picnics, dinner dances and special worship. Watching the combined choirs of your history sing with gusto on June 10 was such a treat. We lost some beloved members, welcomed new ones and celebrated a wedding in the midst of worship the last Sunday of the year. In April we confirmed five new young adults into the faith and have seen our teens all take on greater roles in Sunday worship.

The importance of children is evident everywhere I turn. The youth program underwent some tweaking as well as an increase in the hours for the Youth Director position; all signs of the value we place on our youth. Club Luke delighted us with the story of David, Goliath and some modern day giants in the spring. In the fall, the Wednesday afternoon program was expanded to add an opening 15 minute segment in the sanctuary where children share their prayers, hear the Word, and talk about what is coming on Sunday morning. In Lent we shared a multigenerational experience every Wednesday. Children learned more about the season each week, a simple soup supper was shared by all, and then adults had a chance to reflect upon Henri Nouwen's daily devotional.

We celebrated the high holy days of our tradition in grand style. The place of music is strong and supported here, adding much to all our liturgies. What a gift we were given in June and December in Music Sundays that touched our hearts and souls. We "entered Advent" together with a special Sunday evening dinner program, and then spent the season "seeing" all that God had in store for us. And of course I will always remember our summer months, cell phone cameras in hand, searching and waiting to catch a "glimpse of the Kingdom"!

But of course, we are here for much more, and for that my heart turns to all our Mission ministry. The Yard sale was nothing less than amazing; amazing volunteers, amazing donations, amazing use of our space, and of course amazing profits that went to Mission. The welcome we provide to our neighbors in need on cold Saturday afternoons and hot summer nights makes Jesus smile. At the Christmas holiday, one homeless family found a permanent home and we had the privilege of helping furnish their new living quarters. Another homeless family DID find room at the inn, complete with a tree and gifts, courtesy of St. Luke. And there is a long long list of organizations that received our prayers and some funding that came straight from all of your pockets! The Good News is shouted loud and clear from your midst.

These are just a few of the highlights that pop to my mind when I reflect on the year. I am grateful for the wonderful staff that I work with as well as the elders and deacons who provide such loving leadership. I thank you for the ability to live out my call with all of you, as we listen for God's whispers and follow together wherever we are led.

In Christ, Pastor Lesley

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

*Philippians 1:3-6*

## **BOARD OF DEACONS 2012 (1 of 2 pages)**

The 2012 Board of Deacons was composed of 12 members working on three ministry teams: Congregational Care Team: Mary Easton, Eileen Miller, Kathy McDonald, Pat Ciolek; Fundraising/Fellowship Team: Kathy Erpenbach (secretary), T.J. Furstenau, Julie Stewart, Mitch Whorlow and Mission Support Team: Amy Smith (moderator), Gary Goodheart (treasurer), Ron Kelder and Carrie Swenson.

The Congregational Care team worked closely with Pastor Lesley to provide comfort and support to members in need. Members of the team recorded the joys and concerns shared during Sunday services and shared them with Pastor Lesley, the Board of Deacons, and Session. Individual deacons followed up with members from their Shepherd Plan as appropriate with prayers, cards, visits, etc. We delivered Easter Lilies, Christmas cookies, and poinsettias to homebound members, thanks to the assistance of generous St. Luke members. The deacons also organized birthday parties for homebound members, receptions for memorial services and distributed prayer blankets (created by Linda Christy) to members in need.

The Fundraising and Fellowship Team organized coffee hour and other fellowship events, oversaw the Deacon's Closet, and organized fundraising events. In conjunction with the SouperBowl of Caring, the Congregational Luncheon in January featured a wide variety of delicious soups generously prepared by St. Luke Deacons and Elders.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a hopping success, thanks in large part to Grace Furstenau, who served as our bunny. While all deacons served on a rotating basis during coffee hour, we are grateful to the members of the Fundraising and Fellowship Team, who purchased the items we needed to keep the kitchen running smoothly. Our Cookie Walk was also a successful event, raising money for the pastor's discretionary congregational care funds.

The Mission Support Team worked with the Mission Committee to organize mission projects, such as food drives, PADS and one Warming Center Saturday each month. We collected donations for the SouperBowl of Caring event and donated our coffee hour donations to Erie House for Easter. Thank you so much to the congregation for your generous support of our mission projects.

The Board of Deacons spent much of the year reflecting upon and discussing our roles and responsibilities within the church. Historically, St. Luke Deacons have been responsible for not only congregational care (taking care of people who are homebound, ill, grieving, suffering, or otherwise in need) but also mission and fellowship. The current Board of Deacons has come to the conclusion that our mission and fellowship responsibilities were hindering our ability to fully focus on congregational care. We realized that separating mission, fellowship and congregational care responsibilities would allow the deacons to have a specific focus. The Deacons came to believe congregational care is vitally important to the future of St. Luke and that it too should have a dedicated board with a specific focus.

## **Board of Deacons (2 of 2 pages)**

Therefore, at our September meeting, we decided to “bless and release” some of our previous responsibilities. We voted unanimously to move all our mission related activities to Session’s Mission Committee. We felt that there was confusion and overlap between our mission activities and the Mission Committee. We realized that there was no Mission Committee when St. Luke Deacons first became involved in mission, so it made sense that Deacons would help in this vital role. Now, however, we have an active Mission Committee and significant support from the congregation. We have been working closely with Mission Elder, Heather Reimer, as we transition our mission responsibilities and are confident that the mission activities will continue to function smoothly.

At our September meeting we also discussed the fellowship events that deacons have traditionally organized (the annual congregational lunch, annual picnics and Easter Egg Hunt). At the October Session meeting, the Board of Deacons proposed that Session transfer the responsibility for organizing fellowship events so that the deacons can focus fully on our work with Pastor Lesley to provide congregational care. Session approved this change and is taking steps to ensure that fellowship activities will continue.

The Board of Deacons spent much of the year in prayer consideration about our role within St. Luke and we are grateful for the support from Pastor Lesley, Session, and the congregation. We look forward to 2013 with excitement.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Smith

## Christian Education Committee Annual Report 2012 (1 of 2 pages)

CE committee members: Elders Bonnie Reid and Susanne Grady, Christian Education Coordinator Kim Wojcik, Youth Leader Megan Anne Polich, Marty Lindenberger, Carrie Swenson, Vida Winans, and Diane McCandless

The Christian Education committee oversees the work of Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Vacation Bible School, Youth Group, Adult Education/spiritual development and administers the child protection policy for St. Luke. With the support of many adults, we teach and nurture our young people in their faith and provide opportunities for all ages to learn and grow as Christians.

Sunday School continues with the Adventures in Faith (AIF) rotation model for grades K-5. The rotational model is a hands-on curriculum with one Bible-based lesson taught for four weeks using four different lesson plans, each with a different media focus. The students rotate through the different lessons by grade. Media include drama, games, cooking, music, science and bonus. The lessons are from the Potter's Publishing and PCUSA We Believe curriculum. During Summer 2012, students aged Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade were taught lessons from Bible Zone Live and the book *By the Waters*. 26 adults and 5 youth helped with our programming this year.

25 children attended our "Living Waters" Vacation Bible School, held the last week of July. After learning about the mission work that Living Waters for the World does to provide clean water to those who desperately need it, youth collected coins and were able to make a \$222.27 donation to the cause. The Mission Committee then matched the gift with another \$222.27. Our dedicated youth and adult volunteers made this a fun and meaningful experience for our children.

Bibles were given to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders this fall. Also starting in Fall 2012, we began a program to teach our children the meaning of the Lord's Prayer and help memorize it. Teachers have been encouraged to end every lesson by reciting the prayer. We also gave out materials and information about UNICEF to students so they could collect if they chose to during Halloween trick or treating.

CE led activities for all ages during Lent and Advent this year. We held a 5-week Wednesday evening Lenten series for all ages, with a daily devotional booklet available to all, soup and bread supper provided after Club Luke, and classes for children and adults on Lent. For Advent, we held a Sunday evening Advent Family night with supper provided and breakout activities for children and adults.

A Fall teacher's training session was held in September. Kim Wojcik created a handbook that includes procedures, plans and information about the Child Protection Policy. Each teacher received a copy of the handbook at the session.

## **Christian Education Committee Annual Report 2012 ( 2 of 2 pages)**

Our 2012 Confirmation Class was led by Debbie Cebold and Todd Schenk. Andrew Baker, Annie Furstenau, Hannah Hyzy, Leah Lindenberger and Jennie Wilson met weekly before worship on Sunday morning (9-9:45 am!), completed the class and were confirmed on April 22, 2012.

Opportunities for adult education and spiritual development were increased this year. Three multi-week sessions were held during the year after Sunday worship for "Living the Questions", a video-based discussion series. In October 2012, Pastor Lesley led a two session follow-up for participants in last year's Spiritual Gifts class. She also provides a Tuesday morning Bible Study using the lectionary readings.

This is the third year that St. Luke has had a Child Protection Policy (CPP). The policy states that all adults who work with youth must have a background check every three years. In Fall 2012, all volunteers who were checked in 2009 were re-checked and were asked to complete an online training provided by the Insurance Board, a not-for-profit organization that insures many churches in the PCUSA. Three CE committee members also attended a CPP refresher course from Presbytery in September.

**St Luke Youth** engaged in numerous mission projects including landscaping and gardening at the Ray Graham Center in Hinsdale, leaf raking and picking up garbage at various locations in the DuPage County Park System, the Community Nurse Health Association's Resale Shop, and Toy Express. We also took 9 youth to Detroit, MI for a week in July, where they worked at an Arts & Sports Day Camp for under privileged kids, worked at a community wide health fair, and helped organize and rebuild a home goods resale shop. This September the youth started a new curriculum, which focuses on their being a more integrated part of the St Luke community as a whole and integrating their passion for mission with further faith formation. To that end, the youth are now staying in worship every Sunday and are participating as liturgists, greeters, ushers and communion servers on the first Sunday of the month. After worship, the youth meet to discuss worship, the sermon, and the scripture of the day. On the first Sunday of the month the youth go to brunch, on the second Sunday they meet to play games and talk, on the third Sunday have Youth Mission Sunday, and on the last Sunday of the month, have a fun outing. We have had excellent talks about self identity, poverty, inequality and racism this year.

A new job description for the Child Care Coordinator was written by the Personnel Committee. Fred and Debbie C. interviewed and hired Kim DeLaurentis as our nursery worker. CE also worked with Personnel and Session to have the Youth Leader position changed to 15 hours per week all year round, which will help develop our Youth program even more.

We thank the Property Committee for replacing the broken photocopier in the upstairs office and thank Da Guys for working on setting up the new AV cart and whiteboards bought for the classrooms. We also continue to work with them on the plans for building enclosed closets in the preschool and lower classrooms. We also replenished the first aid kits in the nursery and classrooms and since our phone system was updated, are replacing the phones that teachers and shepherds were using with walkie-talkies.



## CLERK OF SESSION

St. Luke started out the year with 202 members. During this past year, we had 8 new members join our church and 2 inactive members become active again.

New members during this past year were: Hannah Hyzy, Leah Lindenberger, Jenny Wilson, Anna Furstenau, Andrew Baker, Scott Swan and Jennifer and Brett Burke. Ken and RoseMary Jandes become active members again.

We were saddened with the death of members Dick Brandeis on February 4<sup>th</sup> and Scott Mitchell on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

St. Luke saw 4 baptisms- Calvin and Stephanie Ito, Violet Jandes and Eli Jandes.

Elders ordained and/or installed were: Kelli Mitchell, Susanne Grady, Jerry Pavlick and Dolores Zimmerman.

Deacons ordained and/or installed were: Carrie Swenson, Kathy McDonald, Gary Goodheart and Pat Ciolek.

Our Congregational Meeting was held on January 29th when the 2012 budget was presented and the new elders and deacons were elected.

As of December 31, 2012, St. Luke has an active membership of 210.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Cebold  
Clerk of Session

## **2012 Highlights from the Membership Committee (1 of 2 pages)**

The Membership Committee is dedicated to nurturing and enhancing the life of each St. Luke member to make all feel welcome and part of our church family. It also seeks out and invites new members to join our congregation—a top priority for us in our church life.

Current Membership Committee members include: Al Baldwin, Lois Balk, Chris Collins, Bill McCandless, Kathy McDonald, Kelli Mitchell and Greg Pearson. We welcome all to become part of our work and our committee.

Our primary focus areas in 2012 included:

### **Identify, welcome and reach out to our visitors and invite them to join St. Luke**

- Our visitor list is continually updated and we make every effort to reach out and welcome our visitors. Our thanks to Linda Christy and The Galz for keeping our friendship pads supplied and in the pews. These pads are key tools for us to identify and welcome visitors.
- An information binder was updated for new members to help them become more familiar and involved with St. Luke leadership, committees, stewardship and activities within the church.
- Visitor information packets, which include a brochure, frequently asked questions and information about our programs, are updated as needed and available for visitors. These folders are located on the information rack outside the sanctuary; please pass them on to any guests you may meet.
- New this year, we began hosting informal fellowship events prior to joining in the homes of committee members to provide an opportunity for potential members to get better acquainted with some St. Luke members and ask questions, as well as an opportunity for us to get to know our new members better.
- We welcomed the following new members to St. Luke this year: Jennifer and Brett Burke, Scott Swan.

### **Continue to use communication vehicles to connect with our members and the community.**

- Our website, [www.stlakedg.org](http://www.stlakedg.org), is continually updated and includes a church-wide calendar as well as information on our leadership, programs and outreach. We increasingly hear from visitors that the website is a key way they learn more about St. Luke. We encourage all committees to provide and update information so potential visitors can come to know St. Luke and its ministries.
- The weekly “Lukan Letter” is emailed to members and friends to keep them updated on church news. Members without email receive a printed version of the Lukan Letter. Our thanks to Raina Gallt for handling the mailings and to Raina and Linda Christy for supplying many of the photos used in the newsletter.

## 2012 Highlights from the Membership Committee (2 of 2 pages)

### Ongoing projects:

- We helped update and compile results from the “time and talent survey,” and distributed the results to elders for their use with their committees.
- The committee discusses and works to keep the membership rolls current.
- We continue to work closely with the Deacons to ensure members or visitors in need receive our prayers and support.

Please join us this year in reaching out to others in our community by inviting friends and neighbors to join us for worship at St. Luke.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Mitchell  
Chair, Membership Committee

## MISSION - Annual Report 2012 (1 of 4 pages)

Members: Janna Knapp, Pat Ciolek, Ron Kelder, Gary Goodheart, Dave Dawson, Jessica Hyzy, Judy Dawson, Amy Smith, Kathy McDonald, Renee Hyzy, Heather Reimer - Chairman

Shared Giving - \$9,550  
Presbyterian Church USA  
Lincoln Trails Synod  
Chicago Presbytery

Local Giving –\$6,200

Global Giving – \$4,250

Special Collections  
One Great Hour of Sharing  
Christmas Joy Offering

### ***Local Mission:***

West Suburban Pantry – We held several different drives to help raise not only awareness of the pantries need, but also much needed items throughout the year. Our first one was a Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive held in March. We collected over 58 jars, and matched 60 jars thru their virtual food drive. In May we collected \$190.31 and purchased 11 cases of diapers (\$18.77 buys a case of 6-24 count diapers), for a total of 1,584 diapers. In June, we collected over 100 boxes of macaroni and cheese and pasta/pasta sauce, and purchased an additional 5 cases for them (each case has 20 packages). In September, we did the Personal Care Drive. Over 200 items were collected, and we matched that amount, purchasing a total of 17 cases of shampoo (12 bottles in each case) for the Pantry.

In the month of April, the West Suburban Community Pantry held their annual fundraiser Cabaret. It was an evening of dinner along with the excitement of live and silent auctions being held to help raise funds needed for the pantry. St. Luke's was fortunate enough to help support this event.

A group of St. Luke members helped volunteer at the Pantry for the morning. We helped put together over 600 Easter Baskets for the children of the families in need of the pantry.

As Thanksgiving came upon us, we were able to help provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets for 2 families. Those families were given not only the traditional holiday items for them to cook, but also additional food items that would help fill their shelves so they wouldn't go hungry. They were also given gift cards to use at the grocery store to help supplement items needed once the holidays were over.

## MISSION - Annual Report 2012 *continued* (2 of 4 pages)

At Christmas time, we helped provide a Christmas dinner and additional food for each of our 2 families. As well as gifts they were in need of such as winter coats, with hat and gloves, or warm outfits to get through the winter months to bikes or their favorite toys for each of the children for the families we helped through the West Suburban Community Pantry.

The Mission Committee hosted a Christmas wrapping party, where the children and adults of St. Luke were able to help out in wrapping their presents. Each and every gift had an extra special touch from the wrapping itself, to the tags placed on the gifts, to the bows that made it to each and every present.

Feed My Starving Children – On November 3rd, several members of St. Luke's headed out for the morning of helping pack life-giving meals. It was an exhilarating and exciting event to be able to participate in. In addition to packing the meals, it was a knowledgeable event to learn of how Feed My Starving Children helps those in need.

Overnights at St. Luke – St. Luke again provided summer overnight shelter during July and August. This could not have been possible without the help of all of St. Luke but a special thank you to those members who gave their heart and soul each and every week. There were members who did the laundry, took the sheets to the hospital, cooked dinner, organized the kitchen, prepared breakfast, made the lunches, and staffed the shifts and overnights too – they were the true blessings in making the site possible.

PADS November – We helped support the two Mondays at the Congregational Church overnight site where more than 80 guests were provided with a dinner, and overnight sleeping space for 50 guests having breakfast and a lunch to take with them. From helping design the menu for their meals, to volunteering for those shifts, your support and dedication to helping make those night a huge success is greatly appreciated.

Warming Center – We continue to see the numbers increase, not just individuals but more families are coming in need of shelter and a warm meal. We now average over 50 homeless guests weekly. There are several groups who come in to help and provide lunch on a monthly basis, as well as helping out throughout the season. We are truly blessed for the additional help to ensure those in need have a warm place for the afternoon and food to eat.

Erie House – With the turkey sitting out during coffee hour to help support Erie House, we helped donate \$193 for their Thanksgiving Dinners.

Christmas at the Warming Center – January 12<sup>th</sup> was the date for the celebration for the Warming Center – our guests arrived for their special Christmas dinner. The tables were all set with special center pieces on the tables, and movies ready to be watched. Each guest was given a transportation gift card and either a coffee, fast food, Walmart or Walgreens card.

## **MISSION - Annual Report 2012 *continued* (3 of 4 pages)**

Christmas for the Warming Center family – Thanks to the generous support of the St. Luke congregation and the mission committee we were able to provide a room for the family at the Marriott Residence Inn for 4 days/3 nights. The family entered their room for the weekend to see the sights of a decorated Christmas tree with presents underneath. Lots of goodies (food and drink) in their kitchen area, to bubble bath and puzzles or coloring books set up around the room for their child. They were also provided with transportation gift cards, and gifts cards for food for their holiday stay. They were so thankful and blessed for a couple of days not having to worry about where they were to sleep, or how they were going to eat.

Christmas for Felicia and her boys (previous adopted family) – .We were able to provide some relief for Felicia to be able to purchase some furniture for her new home given to her days before Christmas. Presents for her boys to be able to open Christmas morning from warm pajamas to making sure they had hat and gloves for our cold winter months. I wish you could have been a part of the joy as she celebrated with us as she was so grateful and thankful for the gifts we brought to her

Christmas for the Women's Shelter – Christmas is that of a time to share...and the children of all ages at St. Luke did just that. The children of St. Luke helped support their Holiday Shoppe did their own shopping for items to be brought to the shelter. The moms are then able to come and shop for a gift for their child, as well as something for themselves without the added expense during the holiday season.

Christmas at the Toy Express – Toys were collected underneath our Christmas tree once again this year, and delivered to the Toy Express.

### **National Mission:**

Mission Trip - We gave support to one of our own members Pat Ciolek as she embarked on a journey to Cuba.

Write for Rights – Renée Hyzy led us in a write-a-thon, writing letters to different countries for individuals who were unjustly treated. A total of 31 letters were sent off to help those individuals.

Heifer International – The Club Luke children raised money to help purchase a flock of chicks. With each flock costs \$20 – we were able to purchase a total of \$440 flocks – 22 flocks.

Hearts in Motion – We continue to show our support to Hearts in Motion thru various projects throughout the year. We were able to sponsor 2 children for their weekly feeding program. Jose Daniel and Mildred Yulisa will be able to have meals provided to them on a weekly basis. There are several St. Luke members who also continue to sponsor children for their weekly feeding program at the nutrition center in Guatemala.

## MISSION - Annual Report 2012 *continued* (4 of 4 pages)

We also sponsored Aleyda Judith Alonzo and Samuel de Jesus Lima Marroquin for their school sponsorship program. With schooling being so important, it's a blessing to know that these children are attending school, and have received their uniforms to do so.

In November, we collected over 1,000 stuffed animals, and had attached \$1 bills to over 100 of them. The children in the day care centers and mountain clinics are given the animal at Christmas time for their gift.

### **Yard Sale Proceeds:**

In 2012, the Mission Committee also had some additional funds with the help of our Yard Sale. A total of \$6,849.76 was raised, and spent to help those around the world.

- Pastor Lesley was given funds to help support those who are in crisis and need
- Hearts in Motion - To purchase baby formula for the nutrition center in Guatemala
- Night Ministry
- Heifer International - Purchased of 2 Goats, a Water Buffalo and a Sheep
- Living Water for the World – We matched our VBS program for 2012
- West Suburban Community Pantry - Purchased a TON of food
- People's Resource Center
- Feed my Starving Children - We helped feed 2 kids for 2 years.
- Love Clearing House
- Containers 2 Clinics (C2C) - C2C reduces maternal and child mortality in low-income countries by providing access to sustainable primary health care for women and children. C2C deploys modular, financially self-sustaining health care clinics to low-income communities and trains local women entrepreneurs to own and operate them. By creating primary health care in a free market enterprise, C2C can swiftly replicate its model elsewhere to provide life-saving care for vulnerable low-income women and children everywhere. C2C currently operates clinics in Haiti and Namibia and plans to expand in Central America/Caribbean and Southern Africa.
- Presbyterian Church USA – AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Africa – Supports community based initiatives (including material, health, education, psychosocial and spiritual assistance) enabling families to remain the primary caregivers for children.
- Presbyterian Church USA - Ministry to Street Children and Orphans (affiliated with the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa, DR Congo) – Provides support to children for essential health care and education.

Mission is grateful to be the recipient of the proceeds from the 20th Anniversary Cookbook sales in excess of \$2800.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather N. Reimer  
Mission Elder

## Annual Report for Music for 2012

St. Luke is richly blessed by the creative and inspiring leadership of our musicians, both singers and instrumentalists. They enhance and enrich our worship lives through a multitude of gifts that touch our hearts, lift our spirits, and set our eyes on spiritual heights. They also bring healing, assurance and serenity to our souls.

### Highlights and Milestones for 2012:

- Combine with 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Choir for Ash Wednesday service here at St. Luke: 2/22
- Memorial Service for Scott Mitchell the afternoon of February 26
- Club Luke Music Sunday, May 13: "David and the Giants" Carol Choir musical
- Pastor Lesley Weir's Installation Service with visiting choirs from her former churches, afternoon of May 27
- Music Sunday, June 3: Chancel and Youth Choirs
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service with Chancel and Celebration Choirs, June 10, David Molnar, conducting
- Advent Lessons and Carols, Dec. 16, with Chancel and Youth Choirs and guest musicians
- Instant Nativity, Dec. 24: Club Luke, with Cherub and Carol Choir Christmas songs

### Projections for 2013:

- Ash Wednesday service with 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church choir at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian: 2/13
- Tenebrae Service for Maundy Thursday
- Club Luke Music Sunday, May 5:  
with the Carol Choir musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
- Music Sunday, June 2: Chancel and Youth Choirs
- Jazz service: date to be selected
- Advent Lessons and Carols, December 15

We celebrate the commitment and vitality of our musicians. We are blessed with the creative and talented gifts that our organist Bonnie Johansen-Werner brings to the service each week, not just with her playing but also with her wonderful compositions for both the organ and for the choir and congregation. The prelude and an anthem were given Illinois premiers on Music Sunday in December. We are grateful for the excellent leadership Fred Moszur brings in directing the Cherub Choir, and for our talented substitute organists: Marilyn Andersen, Sue Bergren, RoseMary Jandes, Kim Johnson, and Helen Mehler. I feel personally blessed by the productive and creative relationships I share with the Chancel, Youth and Carol Choirs, with the Club Luke staff and families, with the music staff, the Worship Committee, with Pastor Lesley Weir, and with the entire St. Luke family. This church truly cares for and supports the music program. It is a continual joy and a privilege to serve as your Director of Music.

Will Thomen



## **Nominating Committee**

2012 Annual Report

The 2012 Nominating Committee of St. Luke Presbyterian Church was composed of elders Kurt Hyzy (Chair), Suzanne D'Urso, deacon T.J. Furstenau and members Bruce Beem, Judy Dawson, Jeannette Moré, Marty Lindenberger

The committee was charged with selecting a slate of five deacons and four elders, choosing our at large members for the 2013 Nominating Committee, as well as Clerk of Session and Treasurer.

We met in November, December and January and had extensive communications by email and phone. We are pleased to present the following nominees, to be presented at the Congregational Meeting on January 27:

### **Congregational Positions**

Clerk of Session- Debbie Cebold

Treasurer- Rob Stewart

### **Elders**

Bonnie Reid – Additional 3 year term Christian Education

Todd Schenk- 3 Year Term Stewardship

Glenn Swenson- 3 Year Term Property

Fred Moszur- Additional 1 Year Term Personnel

### **Deacons-**

Greg Pearson- 3 Year Term

Bill McCandless- 3 Year Term

Julie Baker- 3 Year Term

Dan Gowen- 3 Year Term

Renée Hyzy- 1 Year Term

### **2013 Nominating Committee at large members**

Bruce Beem

Marty Lindenberger

Jeanette Moré

Judy Dawson

Thank you to all of the committee members for their thoughtfulness, diligence and hard work.

**Kurt D. Hyzy**

## Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee was comprised of John Miller, Fred Moszur (Chair) and Sandy Zeles.

The duties of the Personnel Committee include:

1. To be involved in hiring or terminating employees;
2. To recommend compensation for employees to Session;
3. To oversee yearly reviews of all employees including a review of job descriptions.
4. To be a liaison between staff and congregation
5. In addition, the Personnel Committee will develop a staffing rationale for St. Luke, and in changing circumstances, the rationale will be reviewed.

In 2012, notable activities included

1. Provided feedback to part-time employees by conducting annual reviews.
2. Proactively informed employees of salary increases.
3. Conducted a 90-day review for Pastor Lesley.
4. Worked with Christian Education Committee to hire a Childcare Coordinator.
5. Annual Review with the Christian Education Committee to verify that volunteer records comply with our Child Protection Policy.
6. Worked with employees and committees to update and clarify position descriptions. Completed descriptions for non-paid positions: Clerk of Session and Treasurer
7. Coordinated scope of position descriptions and corresponding salary adjustments with employees, corresponding committees, and payroll process.
8. Participated in developing Social Media Guidelines for St. Luke Employees
9. Coordinated as needed with Clerk, Treasurer, Bookkeeper, and Committees to resolve issues regarding Workers Compensation Insurance, and payroll.

Respectfully Submitted  
Fred Moszur  
Personnel Committee, Chair

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT (1 OF 3 PAGES)**

### **Property Committee Responsibilities:**

The Property Committee is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the physical plant of the church along with its adjoining grounds. Some of our functions include helping to ensure our church property is kept clean, while keeping the equipment of our building together with its contents in proper working order, which would include the replacement of any needed items. Our committee does attempt to achieve the delicate balance between expending necessary funds for various projects against the need to be conservative within the confines of our budget.

It is also our function to secure and maintain contracts with our vendors and contractors for various maintenance items such as snow removal, copiers, heating/cooling, fire alarms, general cleaning, etc. We also oversee the use of our building by outside groups.

To do this work as efficiently as possible at the minimum of expense, we rely upon the generous contributions of volunteers from our congregation to do this work. Special thanks are hereby extended to all those volunteers who have contributed to our "cause."

Volunteers from our church have participated in gardening, snow removal, grass mowing, lock-up duties, sound crew and special projects as deemed necessary. An even greater thanks needs to be provided to that special group of retired members of our congregation known as "Da Guys," and a special group of women self-proclaimed "Da Galz" whose weekly contributions every Thursday has been invaluable to us.

### **Members of the Property Committee:**

Members of our committee include Terry Brennan, Cal Christy, Chuck Hosto, Kurt Hyzy, Ron Kelder, Marty Lindenberger, Jim Norris, Cindy Pavlick, Frank Prasil, Rick Roche, Bruce Slater, Glenn Swenson and Randy Winans. Our committee usually meets monthly on the first Sunday of the month at 8:30 AM and is open to anyone who wants to attend. We also would welcome anyone who wants to "join" our committee as well.

### **Grubby Sundays:**

Cal Christy was once again in charge of our two Grubby Sundays over this past year. He organized and facilitated the various projects that needed to be undertaken, so we hereby extend a special thanks to Cal for making these two events a remarkable success!

### **"Da Guys" Accomplishments:**

A group of retired fellows meet at our property on Thursdays to do odd jobs around the church and grounds on a volunteer basis. This "distinguished group" includes Dave Dawson, Mike Sifferd, Harry Walter, Ron Kelder, Dow Douwsma and Chuck Hosto. Ron and Chuck also serve on our committee. Please refer to the report from Da Guys for more details.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT (2 OF 3 PAGES)**

### **“Da Galz”:**

Self-proclaimed group of women who meet for coffee on Thursday mornings before coming over to the property to keep things extra clean, neat organized and beautiful. This special group includes Alyse Ito, Susanne Grady, Judy Dawson, Jeannette Moré, and Linda Christy

### **Mowing and Snow Removal Chores:**

Thanks to Terry Brennan, Jim Collins, Rick Roche, Randy Winans, Rob Stewart, Dave Wilson, Cal Christy, John Miller, Kurt Hyzy, Scott Swain, Ron Kelder, Randy Pearson, Greg Pearson, Jim Norris, Gary Goodheart, John Kahovec, Don Knapp, Glenn Swenson and Rich Zeles for their efforts to mow the grass and/or perform snow removal.

### **Lock-Up Crew:**

The duties of the Lock-Up Crew include, but not necessarily limited in, ensuring that all the doors of our building are properly locked at night after all outside groups have left the building, that water is not running from our toilets & sinks, that all refrigerator doors are closed and that the stove burner controls along with any unneeded lights are not in operation. The crew members include Ken Baker, Al Baldwin, Bruce Beem, Cal Christy, Debbie Cebold, Jim Collins, Joe Doll, TJ Furstenau, Gary Goodheart, Kevin Gordon, Larry Goslovich, John Kahovec, Marty Lindenberger, Jeannette Moré, Fred Moszur, Jim Norris, Greg Pearson, Randy Pearson, Rick Roche, Monique Sattler, Rob Stewart, Bob Whipple, Randy Winans, Dick Wyman and Rich Zeles.

### **Sound Crew:**

The duties of the sound crew are to operate the sound board in the sanctuary during weekly worship and special events. Members include Cal Christy, Marty Lindenberger, Scott Swain, T.J. Furstenau, Randy Winans, Kurt Hyzy and our technical advisor Mark Jandes.

### **Improvements:**

Our main focus for 2012 was the continued upkeep and maintenance of our building and grounds. The issue of water residing in the sanctuary ducts appears to have been resolved through diversion of roof run-off. Additional improvements included: upgrading the phone system, expanding Wi-Fi throughout the building, running audio/video cabling from the sanctuary into Heller Hall, replaced the walk leading to the lower class-rooms.

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE 2012 ANNUAL REPORT (3 OF 3 PAGES)**

**2013 Goals:**

Our main focus for 2013 will be to continue updating the grounds and building including: installing a sprinkler system throughout the building, power washing and painting the roof over the lower classrooms, possibly including a permanent video feed to the sanctuary, updating the furniture in the pastors office. We will continue to conduct a utility audit to ensure we are getting a fair deal from our various vendors, and as well as create a comprehensive disaster relief plan.

In closing, the Property Committee is especially grateful to all those congregational members (especially Linda Christy) who contribute to the beautification and upkeep of our grounds. We continue to need volunteers for various projects on an on-going basis through 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt D. Hyzy (Chair)  
Randy Winans

# Stewardship Committee Annual Report 2012

Members: Don Knapp (Chair), Mike Ito, [Scott Mitchell], Todd Schenk, Rob Stewart (Treasurer),  
Wendy Wilson (Bookkeeper)

In 2012, we continue with the Goals and Objectives set in 2009 that include the following:

- A 5 Year Financial Strategy
- Creating a higher level of visibility that includes better communication of finances by publishing weekly budget updates in the bulletin and in the Lukan Letter.
- Debt Reduction
- Working with the Property and Personnel Committees to meet our changing needs.

Some of the key events/actions of 2012 of the Stewardship Committee:

- The counters did their normal outstanding job.
- Closing of the Downers Grove Bond issue required for construction project.
- Giving Reports distributed on a Quarterly basis.
- St. Luke continues to pay down the principle obligation to Hinsdale Bank and Trust for the renovation. The amount of debt reduction paid will increase in 2013.
- The continuation of the Building Fund that will assist in the renovation debt reduction as well as future projects. The inclusion of Building Fund envelopes with regular pledge envelopes to increase awareness.
- A Church Yard Sale that continues to exceed expectations. All proceeds have been designated to Mission.
- Tracked income and expenses on a monthly basis.
- The Per Capita for 2013 will be \$30.31 per each member on the books at the end of 2012. Stewardship recommends we ask for \$30.00 per member. To increase Per Capita giving and regular offering, it was decided to include a letter showing current giving with percentage towards Pledge as well as a reminder to give to Per Capita. It was included in the Mid-Year giving reports. The letter also thanked those who had submitted their Per Capita.
- The Sessions annual Budget Meeting was canceled. Budgets were submitted to Don via email by August 15, 2012.
- Conducted the 2013 Stewardship campaign
  - The Stewardship Committee met with Pastor Weir in August and September to coordinate the 2013 Pledge Campaign. We agreed on a schedule of Sundays in October and November devoted to “stewardship” and “giving” focused messages. The message was delivered primarily by Pastor Weir with one Sunday message by Bill Bollenberg (member at large).
  - At the conclusion of the Stewardship Campaign, the 2013 pledge total showed an increase of 8.2
  - The 2013 Budget remain relatively flat. The exception would be an increase to the Debt Service payment of 20%.

As our church family grows, our congregation continues to support God’s work by giving generously of their time, talents, and financial gifts. With a very successful Stewardship Campaign and the leadership of Pastor Weir, the Stewardship Committee is very optimistic about our future growth. Thank you on behalf of the Stewardship Committee.

## APPROVED BUDGET 2013

Income	2012	APPROVED BUDGET 2013	Change
Pledge Income	\$251,669	\$272,340	8.21%
Plate	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Investment	\$250	\$250	0.00%
Rental	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.00%
Per Capita	\$3,800	\$3,800	0.00%
Total	\$261,719	\$282,390	7.90%

Committee			
Christian Education	\$3,640	\$3,640	0.00%
Church Facility	\$25,450	\$25,450	0.00%
Deacons	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.00%
Debt Service	\$29,400	\$35,450	20.58%
Membership	\$800	\$800	0.00%
Mission	\$20,000	\$28,000	40.00%
Office Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%
Personnel	\$144,235	\$146,725	1.73%
Personnel Comm	\$714		-100.00%
Planning Comm	\$100	\$100	0.00%
Per Capita	\$6,000	\$6,423	7.05%
Property	\$16,180	\$16,580	2.47%
Session	\$150	\$125	-16.67%
Special Projects	\$0	\$4,047	100.00%
Stewardship	\$200	\$200	0.00%
Worship	\$3,850	\$3,850	0.00%
Total	\$261,719	\$282,390	7.90%

## Worship Committee

The 2012 Worship Committee consisted of Elders Suzanne D'Urso (chair) and Dolores Zimmerman; congregational members Marty Lindenberger, Linda Christy, Jeannette Moré, Susanne Grady, Janna Knapp and Sandy Zeles, although several members had to step down during the year due to other commitments; the Rev. Lesley Weir and Music Director Will Thomen.

The committee is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the worship service, including liturgists, ushers & greeters, communion preparation and servers; the music program; Club Luke; and decorations for the sanctuary (including flowers, candles, paraments, banners, hymnals and pew Bibles).

If there is one thing the committee has learned over the past 6 years, it is to be flexible and open to change. Working with a variety of pastors and with a group of creative individuals has enhanced the way we worship at St. Luke.

The following were the goals for 2012:

1. To offer a variety of worship experiences.
2. To involve the congregation, including children, in worship.
3. To work with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee to plan a celebration service.

Highlights of 2012 include the Installation Service for Pastor Weir; Easter week (particularly Maundy Thursday) services; Club Luke's presentation of "David and the Giants"; Music Sunday; the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration service; the dedication of four commissioned banners created by artist Tom Manley; the Advent & Christmas services; and the Moszur/Milen wedding. These are just a few examples of the variety of services offered this year.

If we were to list all of the individuals who contribute to worship, this report would be several pages long. It is with gratitude that we thank our wonderful staff--Pastor Weir, Will Thomen, Bonnie Johansen-Werner, and Raina Gallt--for their leadership and contributions that enable all of us to truly worship God. Thanks also go to everyone (children and adults) who sang in a choir, played an instrument, decorated the sanctuary, ran the sound system, or served as liturgist, usher, greeter, communion server, and/or acolyte during the past year. Others who deserve separate thanks include Cherub Choir leader Fred Moszur and all the Club Luke volunteers; Da Guys and the GALZ.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration service will long be remembered for bringing the St. Luke family together to worship God by looking back at the past by using portions from the very first church service and enjoying a resurrected Celebration Choir, celebrating the present by receiving new members, and looking to the future with a new pastor.



## ***FORMER CLERKS OF SESSION***

<b><i>1962 – 1966</i></b>	<b><i>Irving E. Knudsen</i></b>
<b><i>1966 – 1967</i></b>	<b><i>Douglas E. Inkster</i></b>
<b><i>1967 – 1968</i></b>	<b><i>Tate Collins</i></b>
<b><i>1968 – 1973</i></b>	<b><i>Charles J. Kline</i></b>
<b><i>1973 – 1975</i></b>	<b><i>Robert L. Jensen</i></b>
<b><i>1975 –1989</i></b>	<b><i>William J. Easton, Jr.</i></b>
<b><i>1989 – 1995</i></b>	<b><i>Sue Baldwin</i></b>
<b><i>1995 – 1999</i></b>	<b><i>Leslie North</i></b>
<b><i>1999 – 2004</i></b>	<b><i>Suzanne D’Urso</i></b>
<b><i>2004 – 2004</i></b>	<b><i>Deb Cebold</i></b>
<b><i>2004 – 2008</i></b>	<b><i>Lisa Furstenu</i></b>
<b><i>2008 -</i></b>	<b><i>Deb Cebold</i></b>

## Da Guys - The Galz 2012

DA GUYS and The GALZ 2012

Da Guys and Galz meet every Thursday (when possible) though we meet at different restaurants, drink different coffee eat different doughnuts, but we are a team. The Galz tell Da Guys what they want done. Da Guys talk it to death before we go ahead and do what we are told.

Da Guys have many ongoing projects like putting up Christmas decor, relamping the building (except for very high light fixtures), changing time clocks for the lights and heat, changing sign messages to the community, spring and fall garden cleaning, summer weeding, watering and wood chipping, changing furnace filters and putting up and taking down uncounted projects.

Individual projects included revamping the white folding tables, tracking solenoid vibrations in the kitchen and Genesis Room, touching up paint throughout the building. We put hooks in all the rest rooms, cleaned and painted air grills replaced ceiling tile, floor tile but *no* wall tile.

We built a raised flower garden. Also we now have a furnace/store room that has never been so neat and clean. Don't mess it up!

We watched in awe as one man moved an extremely heavy stone which was used as the marker at the Rosie Tree. We wondered how he would move it. He used a truck and a crane.

New Lights were installed in Pastor Leslie's office. Now we are considering how to refinish the woodwork in the lower hallway and how to enclose a storage closet in Room 6 . We haven't talked this through enough, however.

We spend a lot of time laughing and talking nonsense (it is an art). We eat doughnuts and drink coffee, but most of all we care for each other and we care for the building. I think it shows!

Ron Kelder  
Da Guys - The Galz 2012

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

## January 27, 2013

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Opening Prayer

**Nominating Committee-** Kurt Hyzy

**Election** of New Elders: Glenn Swenson-ordained and installed and Todd Schenk -installed  
Returning Elders: Fred Moszur and Bonnie Reid

**Election** of New Deacons: Bill McCandless and Dan Gowen ordained and installed  
Installed- Renee' Hyzy, Julie Baker and Greg Pearson

**Election** of At Large Members for the Nominating Committee of 2013  
Bruce Beem, Marty Lindenberger, Judy Dawson and Jeannette More'

Terms of Call for 2013 for Pastor Lesley Weir- Fred Moszur

**2013 Budget-** Don Knapp

The New Deacons of St. Luke - Amy Smith, Deacon Moderator

2 minute wrap-up (major accomplishments/actions, etc.) from each Committee Chairperson

**Kelli Mitchell- Membership**

**Kurt Hyzy-Property**

**Bonnie Reid-Christian Education**

**Suzanne D'Urso- Worship**

**Don Knapp- Stewardship**

**Fred Moszur-Personnel**

**Heather Reimer- Mission**

**ADJOURNMENT WITH CLOSING PRAYER**