

# St. Luke's Lutheran Church

## Newsletter for the Weekend of The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2 & 3, 2015

Christ is RISEN!  
HE is Risen Indeed!  
Alleluia!

### Welcome to Worship!

Members and Visitors—Please complete the worship attendance cards in the pews and place them in the offering plates. If you are visiting with us, we welcome you! We hope to meet you at Fellowship time (Sunday, 9-9:25 am).

### Regular Worship Services

Saturdays, 5:30 PM  
Sundays, 8:00 & 10:45 AM  
Sunday School & Bible Study  
Sunday 9:30 AM  
A staffed nursery is provided for children 3 and under during the Sunday morning worship services and Bible Study hour.

### St. Luke's Vision

*Powered by the Holy Spirit we:*  
\*Trust God!  
\*Live an Extreme Faith!  
\*Are Bold in God's Word!  
\*Bring People Home to Christ!  
\*Fully Commit to the Body of Christ!  
\*Pray and Worship with Enthusiasm!  
\*Expect Results!

### Lesson for This Weekend — John 15:2

*"Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit."*

God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing...and it always comes with some pruning.

### This Week at St. Luke's

#### Sunday, May 3

7:00-Prayers (Prayer Room)  
8:00-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30-Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
10:45-Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)  
*With Confirmation*  
12:15-Confirmation Family Reception (FLC)

#### Monday, May 4

6:30-Cub Scouts (FLC, Boardroom, Kitchen, Lunchroom)  
6:30-Girl Scouts (Classrooms)  
6:30-Boy Scouts (Small Gym)  
6:30-Stewardship Ministry Meeting (Library)

#### Tuesday, May 5

1:00-Senior Bible Study (Library)  
7:00-Mentoring Group 2 (Library)  
7:00-Choir (Balcony)  
8:00-Men's Basketball (FLC)

#### Wednesday, May 6

2:00-Early Dismissal—Staff Meeting  
7:00-PALS Meeting (Library)

#### Thursday, May 7

3:30—5:30-Auction/Dinner Work Session  
(FLC & Small Gym)  
6:00-Hobby Night (Gathering Area)  
6:30-Prayer Team Meeting (Panera)

#### Friday, May 8

#### Saturday, May 9

7:30-Mentoring Group 1 (Library)  
9:00-Praise Team (Sanctuary)  
5:30-Worship (Sanctuary)

**ENOUGH**

Discovering Joy Through  
Simplicity and Generosity

**Week 4**

Next weekend is our annual **Covenant Weekend**, an opportunity to demonstrate your thankfulness to God and your intention of supporting the ministries of St. Luke's by returning your giving Covenant. You will receive your Covenant Cards this week. Please fill one out and bring it to church with you (the other one is for your records). There will be extras available at all services. Let's **ALL** show that we know we have ENOUGH – enough for our needs, and enough to share – because our Father God is gracious and generous!

***They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship..." Acts 3:42***

***Calling All Kids! Join us for Sunday School!***

Sundays - 9:30 to 10:30 am

Classes for all children and youth from Pre-School through High School

- ⇒ Pre-school and Kindergarten will meet in the Pre-school classroom with Julia Kothera.
- ⇒ Grades 1 through 6 will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room (old 4th grade classroom in school wing): Each Sunday, students will participate in a large group "Welcome" activity, move into an "exploration time in small family groups, then complete the hour with praise and prayer.
- ⇒ JR High will meet as usual in the 3-4th grade classroom (in school wing).
- ⇒ SR High classes will meet in the 7-8th grade classroom (downstairs).

***We're going to have lots of fun! Won't you join us?***

***Adult Bible Studies***

Sunday Mornings, 9:30—10:30 AM

1. ***Men's Class—Courageous Fathers of the Bible***—(Church Library) This study explores the lives and faith of 12 fathers of the Bible in a series of reflections springing from the lives of 12 real men we meet in God's Word. Highly selective and somewhat idiosyncratic, this study presents a picture, with clarity and wit, of the work of Christian fatherhood, taking special note of the challenges and victories faced as the fathers rely on God's grace. The fathers that will be discussed include Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Job, Solomon, Joseph, Jairus, the Official, and the Prodigal's Father.
2. ***Go Fish***—(Boardroom) This new Bible study will begin on April 26. If you enjoyed Andy Stanley's study, "Twisting the Truth", then this one is for you! This Andy Stanley study will take the struggle out of sharing your faith. *Go Fish* offers a new perception on the word "evangelism" by showing how believers can make it a natural, easy part of everyday life. Divided into a six-session study, participants will enjoy the DVD lessons and thought-provoking study guide that help change the way they view sharing their faith. Come on in and "sit a spell" while we all learn to fish together!
3. ***Edgar Cayce: Twentieth Century Prophet or Heretic?***—(Small Gym) Beginning on April 19, Bob Toepper will moderate and Harvey Lauer will present a study of the life and revelation of American Edgar Cayce, who diagnosed numerous people's physical maladies while in a trance-like state. His other controversial revelations will also be discussed. The life of German Rudolph Steiner, who espoused similar viewpoints, will also be reviewed.

***Choose a study and begin today to strengthen your faith and knowledge!!***

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**Upcoming Bible Studies**

***Jehovah's Witnesses: What You Need to Know*** will run May 10, 17 and 24. What does the Watchtower Society of the Jehovah's Witnesses teach about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, salvation, and the soul? Bob Toepper will lead this short adult bible study in the small gym.

***One Christ, Many Creeds: Christian Denominationalism in the United States.*** Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, there will be only one adult Bible study which will meet in the Family Life Center. Christian denominationalism will be studied, which will include Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Reformed, Arminian, and Anabaptist church bodies. This study will allow participants to miss some specific aspects of the study but participate meaningfully when their time and interest allow without a loss of continuity. Bob Toepper will be the lead teacher of this class.

# Congratulations 2015 Confirmands

Confirmed into membership Sunday, May 3 at the 10:45 am .



William Edward Adorjan  
Austin Lee Albright  
Heather Michelle Anderson  
Derek Maxwell Barrow  
Tara Elizabeth Dickinson  
James Alexander Franken

Alexander Jordan Fuelling  
Alyssa Paige Harris  
Hannah Katherine Houston  
Grace Katherine Izzo  
Samuel Alan Just  
Haley Virginia Middendorf

Katie Jean Moran  
Lukas Ivars Motykowski  
Mackenzie Lee Murray  
Marliese Marie Ruch  
Jacob Arron Schraft  
Daniel William Schmalz  
Claudia Rose-Lee Steinolfson

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**National Day of Prayer—May 7**

St. Luke's will join in the National Day of Prayer in a unique way. Everyone is invited to pray a prayer of unity at **7 AM and 7 PM** on that day. You are invited to stop what you are doing, wherever you may be, and spend just a moment praying this prayer or simply pray in your own words. Praying together will help us to be united as we reach out to our heavenly Father.

*Almighty God,*

*I praise You for always loving me, even when I fall short in my love for You. Please forgive me and fix my eyes firmly on You.*

*Today I pray also for our country, its leaders, and its citizens. Forgive us for being poor stewards of Your blessings. Help us to strengthen our families and commit to one another with stronger bonds. Teach our leaders to love You more than power and money. Pour out Your Spirit on our country and put our nation on the path that leads to You. In Jesus' name. Amen*

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**Drive-thru Prayers!**

On **May 16**, the GO Team will be running a Prayer Drive-thru in the church parking lot. Guests are invited to pull into a parking space and 1 or 2 volunteers will go to their window and pray for their needs. We are looking for people who would be willing to join us that day in praying for our neighbors. We will have printed prayers to assist you if needed. Please contact Heather Claxton at [november-wolf.claxton@yahoo.com](mailto:november-wolf.claxton@yahoo.com) or (630) 346-4518 if you would be interested in helping.

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**Monthly Pot Luck!**

Join us on Sunday, **May 17** for a pot luck lunch hosted by the Family Life Board. This will be the first of monthly pot luck lunches to be held the third Sunday of each month hosted by a different St. Luke's group each time. For this first lunch, the Family Life Board will provide the meat or main dish portion of the meal. We will start immediately following the 10:45 service. Bring a dish or dessert to pass and drinks for your family.

There will be a sign up sheet at the information desk, please let us know what you will be bringing and how many family members will be attending.

Please plan on attending to enjoy some great food and fellowship with your St. Luke's Family.



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**Prayer Ministry Team Requests Updates before Ascension Service**

We will be updating the weekly prayer list that goes out each week-end. We are specifically looking to update the "long term" and "cancer" sections. If you have any updated information on people on either list please notify the office immediately.

Please join us for the **Ascension Service on Thursday, May 14** at 7:00 pm. We will celebrate the Ascension of Jesus that night as well as release any prayer requests that we no longer have information on their circumstances. We can do this because we have every confidence that our Father in heaven knows their needs, whether it is for thanksgiving that they have been healed, or for ongoing needs that we here at St Luke's are no longer aware of. We praise God that he has sent the Holy Spirit to intercede for us!

## St. Luke's to Open Summer School in June!

St Luke's Summer Program, for children entering 3 and 4 year old preschool, Kindergarten and 1st grade in the fall of 2015, provides a daily morning and afternoon structure with ample opportunity for summer fun. Enrichment is woven into the curriculum used to prepare your child for the next phase of their learning. We believe that children need a break from the rigorous daily school schedule and work to provide that in an enriching learning atmosphere. Contact the school office at 630-892-0310 for enrollment information.

### Monthly Financial Update

As discussed at our March 1 Congregational Meeting, in addition to the financial information provided weekly, we are updating you monthly to show where we are.

	3/1/15	4/1/15	5/1/15
Monthly Need	\$96,691	\$96,691	\$96,961
Month's Contributions	\$71,827	\$179,414	\$84,653
Accounts Payable	\$14,962	\$2,629	\$6,243
Mortgage Payments Owed	\$52,004	0	0
CPS Payments Owed	\$89,534	\$75,408	\$74,389

### 2014-2015 Budget & Income

(#s reported are as of 4/26/15)

Monthly Need	\$96,691
Weekly Need	\$22,313
<b>April Tithe</b>	\$5,970
Accounts Payable	\$6,243
Mortgage monthly payments behind (0)	\$0
Concordia Plan Services (CPS) payments behind (5)	\$74,389
Current Month's To Date Contributions to General Fund	\$58,253
Current Month's To Date Income Received from School to General Fund	\$26,400
Current Month To Date Contribution Total to General Fund	\$84,653
Previous Month's Contribution Total to General fund	\$179,414

Budget #s effective 7/1/14:

- 10.5% Tithe from your offerings includes .5% to LBT, 2% to Mission trip fund, .5% to LCC, .5% to Walcamp, .5% to San Pablo, 6% to NID, .5% to Joe Boway New Life.
- General Fund is used for mortgage, CPS, accounts payable bills, and payroll. Does not include contributions given to a specific fund or ministry (Parking Lot Fund, Youth, flowers, etc.).
- Accounts Payable includes maintenance, utilities, office supplies, printing, security systems, commercial insurance, and ministry expenses (communion, worship, advertising, etc.).
- Concordia Plan Services includes health care, retirement, and disability for church and school staff.

### Parking Lot Fund Update

As of April 26, 2015, the balance in our Parking Lot Fund is \$18,273.06. Thank you for your donations and continued support for this project as we save for the main parking lot. We will keep you updated monthly on our progress.

### Last Week's Attendance

Regular Worship April 25 & 26	248
Communed	220
Adult Bible Study	29
Sunday School Pre-K thru High School	17
Sunday School Teachers & Support	4
Confirmation 6-8th	n/a
Confirmation 9th	n/a

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Online Giving

Download a QR Reader app and scan here to make a contribution to St. Luke's from your mobile device.



## St. Luke's Orchestra is Back....

and looking for musicians for the **May 24, 8:00 am PENTECOST** Worship service! If you play an instrument and would like to accompany the hymns and liturgy, please join us!

Practices — Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19 — 6:00—7:00 pm  
and Saturdays, May 9, 16, 23 — 10:30—11:30 am

If you are unable to make any of those dates, please contact Paula Cameron to schedule a special practice. p.schooger@att.net or (call or text) 630-484-3177.



**SAVE THE DATE TO SAVE A LIFE!**  
The Heartland Mobile Coach will be at St. Luke's on **May 26**.  
Watch for more details!



### Focus on the Family

Please pick up your **May Focus on the Family** Bulletin from the Information desk in the Narthex. As always, great info on parenting, with a focus this month on Mom!

### Confirmation Cards

St. Luke's will be confirming 19 youth on May 3! Praise God! Congratulate them with a Confirmation card from LWML's Greeting Card Center in the Gathering area. It has just been restocked! Cards are still only .50 each and most have a scripture verses! Money from card sales is used to support LWML ministries.



### Prairie Fest Parade

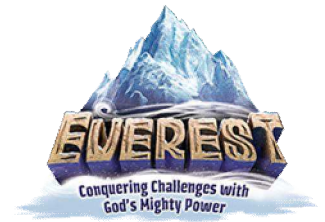
St. Luke's would like to be in the Prairie Fest Parade this year, **but we can't do it without you!** If you are willing to help decorate a float and walk/ride in the Parade on **Sunday, June 21**, please contact Heather at [novemberwolf.claxton@yahoo.com](mailto:novemberwolf.claxton@yahoo.com) or 630-346-4518. Please note that this is Father's Day weekend. Last year our float won 2nd place!

### 2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 22-26, 9-11:30 am**  
**Ages 4 to entering 5th grade**



Please check out the VBS table in the narthex for the latest VBS information. There you will find registrations forms, volunteer and donation opportunities, and a place to turn in completed registration forms. If you would like to donate supplies, please take the tag(s) for the item(s) you wish to donate. Please turn in donations by June 6.



### Summer 2015

Walcamp, a Christian camp grounded in Lutheran doctrine and supported by St. Luke's and the Northern Illinois District, has an exciting and extensive summer camp program for youth in grades kindergarten through high school!

Walcamp provides a unique experience for campers introducing them to many new experiences, new friends and living their faith. Sending your child to Walcamp will provide him or her with a lifetime of memories and friendships. This year's Walcamp theme is "God is Faithful". Camp programs run from a half week to a full week, depending on the camp. Information about Walcamp's 2015 programs is posted on the bulletin board in the Gathering Area as well as camp registration forms. Or, go to [www.walcamp.org](http://www.walcamp.org) for more information.

### Prayer Request Updates

We welcome your prayer requests to pray for your needs or the needs of others. Please remember to submit an update after two weeks so that we can pray more effectively, whether it be prayers of thanksgiving or to continue to pray as directed. Without these updates, the prayer request will be removed after two weeks as we will assume that these needs have been met.

"Pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to him." 1 Timothy 2:1.

## Panera Bread Pick Up for May 8

Ruth Henning

## Servants for The Weekend of May 9 & 10

### Preacher/Liturgist

Rev. Peter Hoffman / Fred Treftz

### Acolytes & Cross Bearers

5:30 Tyler Middendorf & Jacob Schmalz

8:00 John Franken, Victoria Crawford & Payton Kiger

10:45 Amber Arnold & Julie Adjoran

### Chancel

5:30 Connie Pittman

8:00 Sara Fauser

10:45 Angie Daniels

### Children's Message

5:30 Fred Treftz

8:00 Missy Hester

### Fellowship

Chris & Nancy Nelson

### Finance Assistants

Tony Abbattista & Dan Marshall

### Friendly Callers

Tony & Nancy Abbattista

### Greeters

5:30 Bruce & Helen Twedt

8:00 Al & Betty Matson & Joann Fiene

10:45 Paul & Carol Steinwart

### Information Desk Attendant

Betty Matson

### Nursery

8:00 Irene Pappa

9:30 Lori Greiter

10:45 Sarena Dickinson

### Organist/Pianist

5:30 Paula Cameron

8:00 Paula Cameron

### Readers

5:30 Tim Scott

8:00 John Henning

10:45 Irene Pappa

### Sound & Video

5:30 Austin Albright

8:00 Dave Black

### Ushers

5:30 Bruce Twedt & Brett Granholm

8:00 Melissa McConnell & Karrie Franzen

10:45 Greg & Bonnie Randa

### Worship Assistants

Fred Treftz / Chuck Granholm

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Church 630-892-9309 / School 630-892-0310  
Reverend Peter Hoffman, Senior Pastor  
Mrs. Robi Flach, Principal  
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## Planning Ahead

May 10-Mother's Day

May 11-Culver's Night

May 12-Ladies' Night Out

May 13-Family Life Board

May 13-High School Bible Study

May 14-OWLS Luncheon

May 14-School Board Meeting

May 14-Ascension Worship Service

May 15-MOPS

May 15-School Dinner Theater & Silent Auction

May 16-Prayer Drive Thru

May 17-Fellowship Pot Luck Luncheon

May 18-Autumn Leaves Chapel

May 18-"GO" Team Meeting

May 19-PALS Meeting

May 20-Mission & Ministry Meeting

May 21-Stephen Ministry Meeting

May 22-Market Day Pick Up

May 22-Outreach Event

May 24-Pentecost

May 25-Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

### DVDs are available!

All services are recorded. If you would like a copy, please contact Paula at 630-892-9309 x-116, or leave a note on the credenza in the Narthex.

### To Reach the Church During Services

If you have an emergency during a scheduled worship service, and need to reach someone at the church, please call **(630) 892-9309 ext. 140**, and the ushers will take your call.

### Newsletter Deadline

Any new or updated articles and inserts for the weekly newsletter are due to the Church Office by 3:00 pm on the Wednesday before article is to run. Submit via email to [connie.pittman@stlcfamily.org](mailto:connie.pittman@stlcfamily.org) or mailbox #82. Any questions, contact Connie Pittman at 630-892-9309, x-115.

*Altar flowers are given this weekend by Jim & Julie Kothera in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary.*

*The piano spray is given by Dan & Shirley Anderson in celebration of Heather Anderson's Confirmation.*

## Earthly Good—Heavenly Minded

We pray in the Lord's Prayer for daily bread. The *Small Catechism* teaches that "Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like." This is a pretty comprehensive list of what God provides for our daily bread. But all of this, eventually, and finally, will be taken away from us—not because God is punishing us, but because this is not the goal of life. There is more to life than these things. In fact, we will truly live when all these things are taken away, and we no longer need to pray for daily bread.

For God our Father in heaven is calling us home to Himself. We are just sojourners here. We are on a journey in the wilderness of this world toward our true home, the land of promise, in heaven. Everything that we have in this world and this life will be left behind.

But as much as we long for heaven, as much as we eagerly await that time when our Lord will take us from this vale of tears to Himself in heaven, we still struggle with letting go of what we have in this world. We still suffer the temptation to hold on to this life and this world and the things of this life and this world. But this is not our true home. And as good as this life is, and it is often by God's grace very good, the life to come in His kingdom far exceeds it.

And giving, stewardship, is a practice that teaches us to look to, long for, and trust in the eternal realities rather than the earthly. It teaches us to loosen our hold and let go of those things that keep us earthly minded, so that we may look what our Father in heaven has in store for us for all eternity. It teaches us to concentrate on what God has done, is doing, and will do for us instead of the constant work-a-day world and noise that we have here. It teaches us to long for that better country, the heavenly one. For God is not ashamed to be called our God. And He has prepared for us a city, His city, not made with hands.

Thus we give generously to the church, to our family, to those in society. We release our grasp on what would keep our focus on the here and now, so that we would be free to receive and rejoice in what our future shall be in heaven. We invest where moth and rust will not destroy. We put our treasures so that our hearts will follow them (Matt 6:21; Luke 12:34). For we are only of any earthly good, when we are truly heavenly minded. Make this your practice for your own good eternally and your neighbors' good temporally.



## **Your Input Is Needed Regarding Volunteer Opportunities for Individuals and Families**

New members Patti and Randy Carter are interested in starting a group to volunteer on a monthly basis at either Feed My Starving Children in Aurora or the Northern Illinois Food Bank in Geneva. This opportunity would be available to individuals or families, where children age 5 and up at Feed My Starving Children and 8 years and up at Northern Illinois Food Bank would be able to volunteer along with a parent. What better way to teach your child about good stewardship of time than to participate together in a worthy endeavor such as this?

Your input is needed to finalize plans. Please fill out the form below and put it in Mailbox 51 (TLC Groups) or email it to Barb Cuyler at bcuyler@hotmail.com. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Patti and Randy Carter at scoobysnack59@sbcglobal.net.

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Yes, I/we are interested in volunteering at: (Check one.)

Feed My Starving Children       Northern Illinois Food Bank       Either one

Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children would most likely be from 6:00 – 7:30 pm on a week night. The days/times for Northern Illinois Food Bank are Tuesdays, 6:00-8:30 pm, Thursdays 5:00-7:00 pm and Saturdays 9:00-11:30 am.

The best days/evenings for me/our family to volunteer would be: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We cannot volunteer on the following days/evenings: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults in your family willing to volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

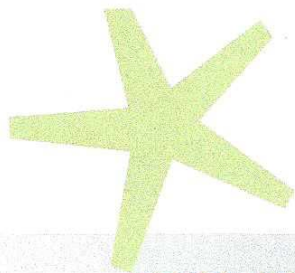
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# 'Laughter @ the Lighthouse'

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - Live Dinner Theater  
& Silent Auction

MORE UPDATES  
NEXT WEEK



## amazing church support

Would You Like to Help?

### RSVP

Complimentary dinner is guaranteed with an RSVP. First come-first serve after RSVPs are seated (220 dinner seats available).  
Please call 630.205.0578  
or email [MarcnLinds@yahoo.com](mailto:MarcnLinds@yahoo.com)

All proceeds benefit the St. Luke's Lutheran Church ministries.

church auction item donations

#### Wendorf's Farm Fresh Eggs

\*Eileen Wendorf

#### Police Ride-Along

\*Marty Franken

#### Movie w/ Mrs. Hoffman and a friend

\*Mrs. Hoffman

#### Complimentary Popcorn Bar

\*Julie Franken

#### Jamberry Nails Basket

\*Beth Omar

#### Jersey Gift Basket

\*The Springborn Family

#### Prayer Shawl Basket

\*Connie Pittman

#### African Themed Basket

\*The Rudowske Family

community auction item donations

Chic-fil-A

Aurora Skate Center

Fore Family Fun Center

Pallet Board Home-Decor

Airtastic

Custom Cake Certificate

Louie's Car Care

Oberweis

Bouncetown

Chocolate Shoppe

Waterford Crystal Wine & Cheese Basket

Oh Baby! Handmade Blanket and baby items

Sense of Samahdi

Mary Kay

Stella and Dot

Grooming by Dominique

Buffalo Wild Wings

Sugar Grove Family Fun Center

Enzo Salon Mani/Pedi

Proverbs 31 Gifts - Car Caddy

like to help?

Do you have an auction item you'd like to donate? Do you know anyone who might be interested? Would you like to volunteer with the play, dinner, or auction?

church volunteers

already signed-up

The Pearce Family

The Schrieber Family

The Franken Family

The O'dean Family

The Carter Family

\*Special thanks to Mrs. Freeman,

Mrs. Mc Neilly, Mrs. Pittman,

Mrs. White, & Mrs. Heaton

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\*Marc and Lindsey Altenbernt

the light of life.

John 8:12