

Sowers of St. Luke's

St Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN

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Fantastic Weather!

Fall has arrived fast

Two of our longstanding members are in need of our prayers. Diane Stone is recovering nicely from a hysterectomy about 3 weeks ago, and Cherrie Kochel-Binegar has just had that surgery, too.

Hopefully you are receiving this newsletter after you have dug your starts for Fall Plant Sale on 9/13, but not too late to offer your help/support to Carolyn and Sue Meyer for set up on Saturday and sales and clean up on Sunday. Remember this would be a good opportunity for learning the ropes for next years' Spring Plant Sale.

Thank you to Joyce who has volunteered to work on programming for next year. And thank you to Gloria who has volunteered to do the tree decorating workshop prior to Bazaar. She will schedule the room and collect materials to be used. However, I know she would appreciate a partner or "back up" person to help.

On August 22nd I had the opportunity to attend the all church leadership meeting. We viewed an excellent video presentation by Rev. Adam Hamilton, who has grown a mega-church in Kansas City. He talked a lot about the difference between management and leadership, which upon reflection reminds me a lot of a meeting we had several years ago, when the Sowers were having leadership turnover. (Also Ken Knowles complimented the garden, as his daughter had her wedding pictures taken there.) When I return from vacation I will be contacting the team leaders for ideas on a meeting in October or November to get everyone together and evaluate our present status and what we need to do in the future.

The church is hoping to have their website update live in October. Of course, our site will be linked to it. And for those of you more techno-savvy than me (which is just about anybody!), they

are emphasizing that they would like pictures of our efforts and events.

We will also need to be thinking about the January 10, 2010 (!) open house. The theme is "Now is the T.I.M.E", as in making resolutions. The question we are asked to address is: what our area of ministry offers to someone looking to improve their life or reach a goal? Last year we were able to generate some interest for new members, and I think partly because we had three educational opportunities coming up. So let's put our thinking caps on and let Chris or Joyce know if you have ideas for presentations/speakers/events.

In the meantime, please note Plant Sale and garden clean up dates in Carolyn's article.

Hope to see you all in the garden,

Gail



Plant Sale Coming Soon-Sept 13

We dig our excess plants and share. And then we engage others in getting out and digging in their flower beds. If I have a passion, it is for more people to know 'gardening therapy'. 'Cheaper than counseling' as my neighbor says.

I have heard from members who have already potted up for the sale ligularia, blackberry lily, variegated lirioppe, hostas, tulip trees, jade plants, several clivias, and very pretty iris that seem to be resistant to borers. We will have plants from Beneta Harshman's garden again.

The labels do take a bit of time as well as the potting up. If you have plants that people will not readily recognize having a picture of the bloom could help it sell. **Please e-mail or call if you can help with set-up at 3:30 on Saturday or clean-up on Sunday. Those spots on the**

schedule need to be designated ahead of time. Usually people show up in sufficient numbers on Sunday to sell, I hope you can make it. If you take plants to the church before Saturday, place them in the shade and back off the walk and benches.

Today we took the scenic route home from Jim's 50th high school reunion in Vevay by driving through Lawrenceburg, Aurora, and Rising Sun. We were looking for changes the casino money has stimulated. We took another side trip to Oldenburg for Jim to see Michaela Farm where the church has taken volunteers for work days. Looking across the countryside, the many soybean fields and corn fields were lush and green which must be very good for the farmers. And the flowers, have we ever seen them last as long? This late in the season you can usually find beautiful plantings only in areas pampered by a horticultural staff.

When your tasks seem overwhelming, get out and tend your garden, or as second best, just spend time outdoors.

Carolyn Curry

Christmas Potpourri

Jan Seward reminds us all to save our flower petals, especially roses, for the Christmas potpourri she will put together for the bazaar.

Member notes

Diane Stone reports that the surgery on August 13 went well and she's able to drive now. She is not supposed to lift more than five pounds for another few weeks (that's been tricky to do!). The lymph nodes are cancer free and that is a very good thing. Otherwise she feels better every day. There will be radiation treatments in the near future to destroy any remaining cells of the endometrial cancer, so the road is not yet smooth. She requests prayers and good thoughts from all of us. DR

From the editor

Issues will be posted on our website: www.sowersofstlukes.com with the newest at the top of the list. You can always go there to see back issues and they are printable. I will send an email to let you know when a new issue is posted.

Diane R

Events Calendar

Sat 9/12 Plant Sale Set Up

Sun 9/13 Fall Plant Sale

Sun 10/4 Deadline for items in next newsletter

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