



Saint Luke Evangelical Christian Ministries Dollar-A-Day Support Ministry Newsletter

Thank You For Your Support!



Dear Dollar-A-Day Supporter,

As you can see, we're trying something a little different for our "thank you" letter. I thought you might enjoy a "newsletter" format, and this is our first effort in creating one.

Let me start by expressing my sincere thanks to each of you for your continued faithfulness in supporting our church and its ministries through our "Dollar-A-Day Church Support Ministry Program". If you've been visiting our bulletin board, you're well aware that our regular contributions have been down – our church building fundraiser hasn't met its goal for some time now. This means your support through the support ministry is that much more important, and an even greater blessing to our church. Of course, I understand there are times when it's difficult to send in a donation for the support of a church building many of our members

will never have a chance to visit, and I'm very grateful for those members who continue to faithfully support our building fundraiser. I have every confidence that support will pick up again soon and we'll be able once again to meet, and even exceed, our monthly goal. The fact of the matter is, many of our support ministry members also donate regularly to our building fundraiser. Again, let me express my sincerest thanks to each of you. You are each a true blessing to our church.

With Spring time finally here, Brigitte and I will again be doing some gardening to beautify our church grounds. My theme this year is "Crazy for Roses". While we already have quite a few rose bushes, I hope to add even more, making our grounds a "rose garden". I've found roses do better here than anything else I've tried – they're hardy, disease resistant,



and come back year after year. Of course, roses aren't cheap, and it's going to involve some expense to realize this vision. If you would like to participate in our beautification project by donating for the purposes of buying rose bushes, please let me know. Any help would be a blessing.

Again, my sincerest thanks to each of you, and may our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you in all that you do, just as you have blessed us.

Sincerely Yours In Christ,
Brother Dave



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Remember, you have an open invitation to visit our church at any time. Our services are on Sundays at 11 a.m. Coffee and cake or donuts served prior to services. Of course, you're also welcome to visit during regular business hours as well, though it's a good idea to call first and let us know you're coming so Brother Dave can be sure to be in. We'd love to have you here and to share fellowship with you!

We're always happy to have guest speakers, so whether you're an old hand at preaching or needing a church at which to deliver your very first sermon, please consider blessing us with your presence. We're always especially thrilled when someone can share their musical gifts with us. If you sing, play an instrument, or simply enjoy participating in song worship, please know our door is always open to you.

Brother Dave is also happy to perform hands-on ordinations for any of our visiting members. Be sure and bring a camera for lasting memories of your ordination!



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Jennifer painting our Jesus statue.



Jennifer Paints Our Church's Jesus Statue

Jennifer continues to be a great blessing to our church. In addition to leading our song worship and serving as our music minister, she also lends her creative talents to beautifying our church. Last year she painted the interior of our sanctuary windows to simulate stained glass, and I'm sure you've seen pictures of those on our church web site. This March she gave her painting talents to paint our church's Jesus statue. Previously, the statue was painted a flat white, which

is traditional for statuary, but I'd always felt it would be a more dynamic and vivid reminder of our Lord to have the statue done in color. As you can see from the pictures, she did a wonderful job. Thank you, Jennifer!

Recently someone made what I felt was a rude remark, saying we had a "graven image" at our church and were in violation of the second commandment. I'd like to address that here. First, this is not a "graven image". A graven image is made in

the likeness of a false god, and is worshipped and bowed down before as though it were divine. We do not worship this statue, or any other image – We worship God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Any image made of them, whether in the form of a cross, crucifix, painting, or whatever, is only a symbol that serves to draw our minds and hearts to our Heavenly Father. This is entirely in keeping with our Christian faith, and we're blessed to have our statue of Jesus!