

the Epistle

March 2019



A Smudged Cross On Your Brow

A dusty smudge of ash will mark us as followers of Christ. Palm Sunday's burnt remains will give witness to the discipleship journey of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 6 and with it comes Lent: a time for Christians to engage faith more deeply. On Ash Wednesday, Christians around the world will use burnt palms to remind each other that every journey toward the cross is a reminder of our frailty.

Words will accompany ash. Some find them harsh. Others find comfort in the honest reminder: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." There's no escaping it; death comes to us all. Our only hope is found in the new life God gives through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Nothing else will set us free from sin, death, and the forces of evil. Nothing else will comfort us. Only the cross of Jesus leads to new and eternal life.

We receive the ashes and hear the words each year. They are how we enter into Lent, during which we intensify our struggle against all things that lead us away from God, all things that oppose God's intent for the world, all things that damage us and others. Lent is a time for us to engage the faith more deeply, to enter more fully into the journey of Christian discipleship.

How might Lent be a time for you to deepen your faith, to walk more closely with the one with whom you have been joined in the waters of Holy Baptism? Many enter into this season by giving something up. Some give up food for one day a week. Their fast becomes a time to contemplate the good work God does for us through Jesus. Others give up television, freeing their time for deeper engagement with the Scriptures and prayer.

Not all people focus on giving something up during Lent. Others enter Lent by taking something on. The reminder of their frailty calls them to engage their faith more fully by taking on a new faith practice. Some find it helpful to take on more regular habits of prayer. Others choose to use the time to learn the catechism. Some choose to read the Bible in its entirety during the days of Lent.

What might you do to deepen your faith in Lent? How might the smudge of Ash, the accompanying reminder of your frailty, and the call to intensify your struggle against all things that work against God, compel you to grow in your love of Jesus?



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Here are some ideas in addition to the ones listed above:

- Commit to worshipping more regularly
- Consider working toward the spiritual discipline of the tithe
- Find time to have devotions each day
- Read a faith-based book such as "Loving Jesus" by Mark Allen Powell
- More intentionally advocate justice on behalf of an oppressed population
- Commit to memorizing scripture, perhaps a passage a week

Whatever you do, let Lent be a time to help you grow in faith. Let it be a time when you contemplate more fully the work of love God does for you through Jesus our Lord to bring about that which God desires and intends for the future.

Your action in God's mission matters. Spend time in scripture to know the heart of God and God's intent for this world. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you. Then, act on God's behalf. Do this not to curry God's favor, but in response to what God is already doing for you.



Lenten Worship Services

Ash Wednesday

March 6
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Palms and Passion

April 13 and 14
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Saturdays in Lent

Saturdays
5:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 18
11:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Sundays in Lent

Sundays
8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Good Friday

April 19
11:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays in Lent

Mar. 13 - Apr. 10
11:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 21
7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

St Luke's Lutheran Church

300 Carroll Street
Waukesha, WI 53186

Lenten Meals will be served following the 11:00am Wednesday morning services and starting at 6:00pm before the Wednesday evening services beginning March 13. All are welcome!

There are NO meals served on Ash Wednesday, March 6.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Two months have already passed (not that I'm counting) and I have been blessed by being part of all the rediscovery process which our Senior Pastor has invited us to explore, be part of and go through.

During this process, St. Luke's mission statement and ministries go hand in hand. It is very interesting to see how many opportunities we offer to Connect, to Grow and to Serve. The challenge here is to align all the efforts to our core values. This means to find the "why we do what we do". In this way, all our efforts and ministries can impact the lives of our neighbors near and far in such a way that they can be inspired to come and worship the God who changed our lives and made us disciples.

Lent gives us a wonderful time to reflect and rediscover the purpose of our mission. We will offer some opportunities to think and reflect on our core values and faith practices. Under the theme of "Life Changing, Changing Lives" we will go through a theological reflection of how Jesus changes us to change others. You are cordially invited to participate in our Lenten Worship Services.

Come and see that the Lord is good.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Betty Baires

Bridge Pastor

Easter Flowers

We again invite people to give flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones and other special people. These flowers will be delivered after Easter to many of the homebound and other members of the congregation in care centers and residential facilities.

Cost of the flowers is \$20.

All gifts for Easter Flowers will be noted on a dedication sheet. Please make your gift by **Sunday, March 31**. Extra forms are also available at the Welcome Station and on our website. Thank you!

Name(s): _____

Flowers: number: _____ amount: \$ _____

Given in memory of

Given in honor of



envelope number _____

Healing Ministries

Christians have been involved in healing ministries from the time of Jesus who is the Great Healer. Jesus continues to send us to be a healing presence in the world. So, the author of the New Testament book of James encourages the church to trust God's healing powers exhibited in the church:

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. (James 5:14-16)

Trusting that Jesus brings healing, prayers for healing, along with the laying on of hands and anointing will happen on the second weekends of every month. This monthly ministry will happen in two ways:

- 1) Once a quarter, on the second weekend of the month, the Saturday evening service will be a healing service, during which pastors will pray with and for people and anoint with oil, following Holy Communion.
- 2) On the second Sundays of the month when there isn't a healing service on Saturday nights, we will have prayers and anointing at the railing during Holy Communion.

When you are hospitalized, please call the church office and let our team know that you are in need of prayer. We will visit you, encourage you in your recovery, and pray with you.

Saturday Healing Services
*quarterly on the second Saturday
of the following months:*

March 9
June 8
September 14
December 14

Sunday Healing Prayers
*at the rail on the second Sunday
of the following months:*

April 14
May 12
July 14
August 11
October 13
November 10

The Chapel: A Place for Prayer

When life throws you a curveball and you are looking for a dedicated place to pray, our church is ready for you. Our chapel is an excellent place for prayer. Use it as a place to lift your cares to God. As you enter, there are light switches on the right as you walk through the door. In the front of the chapel is a notebook for you to leave prayer requests and/or thanksgivings for God's work in your lives. You can pray for others by looking through the book and seeing other requests written there.

Prayer Request Cards are being placed alongside hymnals for you to use Sunday mornings. You can place your cards in the Prayer Basket in the back of the church prior to the Hymn of the Day. Requests will be prayed for in worship, and by the church staff and Prayer Team.

Call Committee Forming

The Congregation Council is currently putting together a Call Committee to work with Pastor Jordan and the Greater Milwaukee Synod to fill the now-vacant Associate Pastor position. They are contacting members of the congregation whose names have been lifted up by leaders. Calling a pastor takes time. Soon, a new Ministry Site Profile will be completed and filed with the synod. Stay tuned for more information.

Thrivent Members

Did you know that members of Thrivent Financial are able to ask Thrivent to provide St. Luke's with seed money for various projects? Twice a year, every member can ask Thrivent to provide a \$250 "Action Grant" for a qualifying church project. In other words, if you have a Thrivent Financial life insurance product, savings, or other financial instrument, you can help St. Luke's receive \$500 a year for qualifying ministry projects. Thrivent members, please call the church office and ask Katie to add your name to the Thrivent List, so we can let you know how you can help us receive Thrivent Funds.

Volunteer to Serve: 2019 Churchwide Assembly

Every three years, our ELCA gathers in assembly. In August the 2019 assembly will be held in Milwaukee. Voting members from each of the 65 synods of our ELCA will spend almost a week in prayerful deliberation about matters of importance to life, ministry and mission of our beloved Church. Pastor Jordan is a co-chair for the Local Arrangements Committee, serving in this role with Susan Cyr, a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Brookfield. We are recruiting around 600 volunteers to serve as hosts and servants for the Churchwide Assembly. Begin praying about how God might use you. You can volunteer to serve by visiting www.cwa19.org.



In Our Church Family

Deaths

Don Dixon

February 18

March Council Contact

Jim Kieso

262-442-1749

mrkieso@gmail.com

The deadline is Tuesday, March 19
to turn in items for the April issue of

the **Epistle**

New Member Class

All interested in becoming a member of St. Luke's are invited for lunch and class following the second service on Sunday, March 31. Children are welcome! Child care will be provided during the class time. For more information, contact Sandy Hendrickson, our New Member coordinator, in the church office, 262-542-2545.

New: The Good Samaritan Pastoral Care Fund

The Church Council, acting on a request from Pastor Jordan, established a new fund for the care of people in our neighborhood. It is a fund to help provide emergency assistance to people in need. It takes its name from Luke 10, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, in which an outsider provided care to one found bloodied on the road. Jesus told this story after a lawyer challenged Jesus to describe what he must do “to inherit eternal life.” Jesus responded by lifting up the twofold challenge of faith: to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind; AND to love “your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus describes the neighbor by describing the actions of the foreigner whose love was lived out by caring for the wounded one on the road. Then, Jesus said, “Go and do likewise.”

The Good Samaritan Pastoral Care Fund provides “limited emergency assistance to individuals in need. It is a pastoral care fund to be used at the discretion of St. Luke’s pastors. It may provide food, fuel, utility assistance, prescription support, and more. Recipients of this fund will remain anonymous. However, the treasurer and the president of the congregation will have regular oversight of the fund to ensure that it is used for its intended purposes.



You can contribute to this fund: make a gift by check. Simply write “Good Samaritan Fund” in the memo and place it in an envelope marked “Good Samaritan Fund” on the outside. Soon, we will provide special envelopes for you to use if you wish. Please remember, however, that we are hoping this ministry does not take away from regular giving through the offering place. Let this be an additional gift to God’s work through St. Luke’s.



Staff News

The ministry of St. Luke’s is strong and effective because of our staff. We have more than 35 people working with us to provide a variety of ministries in the community. Please remember to pray for them as they do God’s work through St. Luke’s. Here’s the latest news:

- Kelsey Jefferies completed her tenure as Financial Administrator with St. Luke’s on Valentine’s Day. The next day, she gave birth to her second child. Kelsey gave notice in November of her intent to leave.
- Courtney Stangl, Director of Child Life Ministries, recently attended the WCCAA 2019 Conference in Madison where she was able to advocate for early childhood education at the capitol, network with other administrators, visit a 5 Star center and attend workshops. She returned with many great ideas for Child Life Ministries and St. Luke’s.
- Alex Watkis resigned as custodian, and is leaving in March. Alex served the congregation many years. Please, wish him well in his new endeavors.
- Meghan Malone, a Busy Bees teacher, completed her Preschool Credentials through UW-Platteville. She is excited to share her new knowledge and skills with her classroom.
- Cindy Maigatter began serving as an interim Financial Administrator recently. She worked closely with Kelsey Jefferies to learn St. Luke’s system.

Care & Prayer Ministries



Hospitalized/Rehab/Homebound

If you or someone you know fall into any of these categories, please contact the church to let us know you would like a visit and or prayers. We can no longer rely on the hospitals or care centers to get information to us, that information needs to come from you. Please contact one of the following people:

Laurie Rohrwasser
Care & Prayer Ministries Coordinator
lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org
phone extension: 110

Katie Woodford
Administrative Assistant
office@stlukeslutheran.org
phone extension: 100

Pastor Betty Baires
Bridge Pastor
pastorbetty@stlukeslutheran.org
phone extension: 102

Pastor Lindsay Jordan
Senior Pastor
pj@stlukeslutheran.org
phone extension: 104

St. Luke's office is open Monday – Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm. The office phone number 262-542-2545. After hours please leave a message at one of the extensions. You may reach us via our website www.stlukeslutheran.org (Connecting/Care & Prayer Ministries/Care Request Form). If you have an emergency need for a pastor please call Pastor Jordan at 262-888-0568.

Prayer Team

Our email Prayer Team is growing! But... there's always a but, we need more of you to join us in prayer for so many in need of prayer! Being part of the email Prayer Team doesn't involve meetings. It doesn't involve long hours on your knees (unless you choose to do so). It doesn't even involve experience of praying for others! What we are asking is a few minutes each day to simply give the names of those requesting prayer to God. It's as simple as that! God knows what to do when you come to him in prayer. If you so choose to make this a bit more formal or spend some more time, that's totally up to you.

So how does this work? Simply watch your email for names/requests from me. They will be sent as I receive them and updated as necessary. After that you save those names/requests and pray for them daily. That's about it.

If you'd like more information or would to talk about prayer itself, feel free to contact Laurie.

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please contact Laurie Rohrwasser, Care & Prayer Ministries Coordinator at lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org, 262-542-2545, ext. 110 or via St. Luke's website www.stlukeslutheran.org (Connecting/Care & Prayer Ministries/Prayer Request Form).

CONNECTING

Thank you to everyone who attended *The Rodland Duo*. It was a lovely evening filled with excellent music. Thank you for your ongoing support of our Music and Fine Arts Series!



Ripon Concert

On Saturday, March 16 at 7:00pm the Ripon College Chamber Singers will be in concert, in collaboration with the choirs from St. Luke's, Ascension, Church of the Resurrection, and St. John's. The combined church choirs will sing a few pieces by themselves, and all groups will sing a piece together. A freewill offering will be collected.

We have to house a few of the students yet for the Ripon choir. If you are available to help, please contact Michael Schaner. For more information, check out the

Music & Fine Arts bulletin board, the Music & Fine Arts Facebook page, or contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries

Music Camp

It's time to start thinking about music camp! The dates of our 2019 music camp will be July 22-26. Students who are entering grades 2-7 are encouraged to participate in this engaging week of singing, ringing, chiming, games, storytelling, field trips, and so much more! Camp runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm, Monday-Friday. Registration begins April 20 with forms available in the church office and from Mr. Schaner. Please register early as the number of campers is limited. Friends are also welcome to join us for this exciting week! We are also in need of adult volunteers to help with various aspects of the week such as being an adult leader with the groups, helping with activities, helping with rotations, and drivers for our afternoon adventures. Any questions, please call Mr. Schaner at 262-542-2545, ext. 103; or by e-mailing him at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org. Please consider Music Camp for your children this summer. It's a wonderful experience for everyone involved! Stay tuned for more information in the months to come!



This year we are adding a new part to our music camp for younger kids. Ms. Anna Kate Morris, the director of our Angel Choir, will lead a morning session for students entering kindergarten and 1st grade. We will have a limited number of spaces available, and registration will also begin April 20. Music Camp will go from 9:00-11:30, and the day will be filled with devotions, singing, musical activities, crafts, and so much more. We will also need several adult and youth helpers for this as well as the all-day music camp.

Theology on Tap will meet this month on Monday, March 11 at 7:00pm at *La Estacion*. Men of all ages are welcome. See you there!

St. Luke's Potluck Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at noon with an Antique Road Show. Eric and Lori from the Heritage Estate Settlement will share stories around the amazing things they have found, sold, and evaluated. In addition, every attendee will have the opportunity to have one of their own items evaluated. There might be something valuable in your basement boxes after all! Come and find out for sure!! Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share with others. You can help by baking the birthday cake, greeting, setting up, or cleaning up by signing up at *Sign Up Central*.

This potluck luncheon is not only for Seniors!! Any age can join us!! Each month we celebrate those who will or have had a birthday that month. Bring your gently used clothing and household items to share with others and anyone can take home items that they like. We also celebrate new attendees and if you bring a friend, you and your guest receive a gift. Please join us for a very entertaining afternoon and bring your antique with you!

Financial Health of St. Luke's

by Ed Raether

As of January 31, giving to the General Fund is off to a slow start. Our 2019 budget for ministries, including pastoral staffing and program funding, was increased approximately 8%. Therefore, in order to meet our requirements for these essential expenditures, giving must grow.

Contributions received in the first 11 months of the current debt reduction campaign totaled \$272,969. This is tracking nicely against our three-year goal of \$750,000.

We are very thankful for all the financial support St. Luke's receives and pray that funding of our general operating expenses continues so we can support our programs and staffing. Please consider your continued and possibly increased giving to maintain the normal ongoing and new expanding ministries, as well as honoring pledges to our debt reduction program.



Council Bullets

from the February 20 Congregation Council Meeting

- The Call Committee is in the process of being formed.
- The Congregation Council would like to announce the formation of a Good Samaritan Pastoral Care Fund with the purpose of providing limited emergency assistance to individuals and families in need within our community. All questions can be directed to Pastor Jordan.
- We would like to thank the several council and congregation members who attended the Synod's *Together in Mission* event on behalf of St. Luke's.
- The Congregation Council announces the following officer elections:
 - President: Eli Larson
 - Vice President: Bill Oliver
 - Treasurer: John Lindberg
 - Secretary: Sharon Wood

SERVING

Mt. Meru Coffee Hospitality Hour

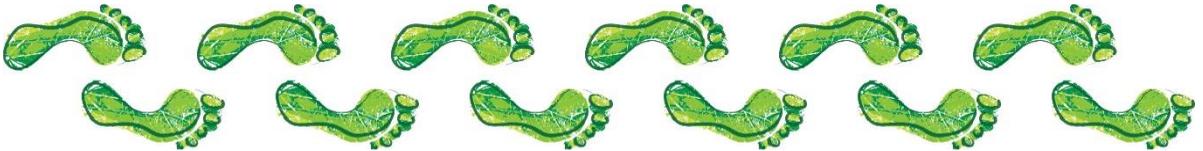


Thank you to Jill and Eli Larson for donating Mt. Meru Coffee for coffee hour this month in honor of their son Colin's sixth birthday.

Sponsoring a bag of coffee for fellowship is a great way to celebrate someone or something special.

You can be confident that 40% of the purchase price is paid to the coffee farmers of Mt. Meru Diocese. To learn more about the Mt. Meru Coffee Project or sponsoring a bag of coffee, please stop by the coffee sales cart on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. To sponsor a bag, please sign up at *Sign Up Central*. Full and half month options are available.

Registration has started for the ProHealth Riverwalk for Cancer, being held on Saturday, May 4. Online registration is \$20 until March 20, then \$25 until April 30. Go to waukeshariverwalk.org to register for St. Luke's team. Paper registrations are available at the Welcome Station, with additional cost. All include a (navy blue) long sleeved t-shirt. For more information, please contact Marilyn at 262-844-2519.



Waukesha Food Pantry

Shop a Sale & Share is the March emphasis for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Carefully check out those store ads and as you shop for your family, pick up non-perishable sale items to share with the Food Pantry. The clients who visit the Food Pantry every month appreciate all you do.

Mission Envelopes for March go to support HOPE Center. St. Luke's supports HOPE Center each month with \$400. All gifts will help offset this amount from our General Fund.





Tanzania Partnership Corner

Maroroni & Kilima Moja Parishes



Samaria Parish & Ascension Lutheran Church

Thank you, Endowment Committee!

In January, the St. Luke's Endowment Committee reviewed the promises we made in our covenant with our partners in Tanzania and lifted up the prayer requests shared during the Common Day of Prayer in September. The Holy Spirit moved them to respond positively to all three proposals made for their consideration to support our Brothers and Sisters in Tanzania.

First \$1500 was allocated to invite our new pastor or a Partnership Committee member to visit Waukesha in October 2019. Ascension will be covering the other half of the travel expenses for his two-week stay in Waukesha.

Second \$1500 was pledged for the next five years to support the Greater Milwaukee Synod's Professional Education Fund. Of that annual amount, \$800 will be earmarked for the tuition for Pr. Lema to earn his Bachelor of Divinity Degree. Pr. Lema has been St. Luke's main contact with our eight partner churches since Kelli Zelinger's first exploration visit in 2012. Pr. Lema will be allowed by the Bishop to return to school only if sponsors can be secured to cover all of his expenses.

To allow our partners to set up a milling machine business to generate revenue to cover monthly church expenses, the Endowment Committee has pledged to invest \$4500 as seed money for Maroroni over the next two years. The milling machine pictured will grind corn into flour.

Our partners in Tanzania share their sincere appreciation for these answers to their prayers! They pray that God will continue to bless St. Luke's!



Healing Hearts

St. Luke's Lutheran Church and Child Life Ministries is a PROUD sponsor of Healing Hearts, a grief support group for children and their families. As a non-profit, Healing Hearts relies on donations in order to continue to provide free support for families that are in desperate need.

On Saturday, April 13 Healing Hearts is holding their annual Celebration of Hope! The cost to attend is \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of 10. While there you will find out more about Healing Hearts, get a delicious meal, participate in a gift card balloon pop, bid on silent auction items, try your luck with the raffle baskets, and support an AMAZING cause!

If you are interested in attending, contact Courtney Stangl cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org or go online to <http://www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org/>.



GROWING

Sunday School

Sunday School is for **all** children 3 years old through 6th grade. Classes are held on the lower level from 10:00 until 11:00am. Visitors are always welcome!

Reminder: If your child isn't in Sunday School, it's never too late to join us! Registration forms can be found on the Welcome Station or online at www.stlukeslutheran.org.

For more information contact Kelli at kzelinger@stlukeslutheran.org or 262-542-2545, ext. 126.

March Sunday School Lessons

Date	Lesson
March 3	1 Samuel: God Shows Samuel Who the King Is
March 10	1 Samuel: God Helps David Defeat Goliath
March 17	1 Samuel: God Helps Abigail Make Peace
March 24	NO CLASS due to Spring Break
March 31	NO CLASS due to Spring Break

Helpers Wanted!!

We have awesome teachers and helpers who love sharing the Bible through stories and activities! However, we could always use more helpers in the classrooms. Whether you can help one Sunday a month or every Sunday, we welcome your assistance. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kelli, Director of Youth and Family Ministry, at kzelinger@stlukeslutheran.org.

Save The Dates for Vacation Bible School (VBS)!!

We've moved from June to **August** so as not to interfere with School District of Waukesha's summer school program.

Please note the **NEW** dates!

- Dates:** August 12-16, 2019
Time: 9:00-12:00, Monday - Friday
Location: St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Ages: Those entering 3K - 6th grade in fall
Staffing Needs: A minimum of 20 adults and 20 teens

For those in 7th grade in September 2019, please join our helper crew! We are in need of many, many crew members from all ages and stages of life to join us for a week of laughter, discovery and fun! Can't be with us? Then help us prepare! Watch for more information as to how you can lend a hand.

With this year's theme, **ROAR**, kids will discover that Jesus loves them no matter what! They will participate in memorable Bible activities, sing a few catchy songs, play games, have some yummy treats, make new friends, build on older friendships and get to know Jesus through Bible adventures. Invite your neighbors, friends and family. We have a place reserved for all of them! Contact Laurie Rohrwasser for more information: 262-542-2545, ext. 110 or lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org.



Families of 4th Graders

Communion Education classes will begin Sunday, March 10. Classes will continue on Sunday, March 17 and April 7. We will meet from 10:00am-11:30am for parents and students. On Saturday, April 13 there will be a Communion Class held for parents and students from 9:00-11:30am. Children will receive communion during our Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at 7:00pm.

If you have not registered your child, please do so now.

For more information or to register your child, please contact Laurie Rohrwasserat 542-2545, ext. 110 or lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org.



THANK YOU to all that support the youth in the CHAOS Youth Group Fundraisers! Without you and your generosity our youth would not be able to go on Summer Mission Trips. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

Upcoming CHAOS Youth Group Fundraisers	
The Month of March	Buffalo Wild Wings
Sunday, March 17	Cinnamon Roll Sunday
Monday, March 25	St. Luke's Night at Culver's by Woodman's – 5:00 – 8:00pm
The Month of April	Wall of Money
Monday, April 22	St. Luke's Night at Culver's by Woodman's – 5:00 – 8:00pm
Sunday, May 19	Cinnamon Roll Sunday
Monday, May 27	St. Luke's Night at Culver's by Woodman's – 5:00 – 8:00pm
Saturday, June 8 – Sunday, June 16	Silent Auction
Thursday, June 13	Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Monday, June 24	St. Luke's Night at Culver's by Woodman's – 5:00 – 8:00pm

Youth Group

CHAOS Youth Group meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. All students in 7th through 12th grade are invited to attend. We spend our time in fellowship, playing games, doing Bible study, and having great conversation around our faith. All are welcome!!

Upcoming Youth Outings	
Late March	Board and Brush in Hartland
Early May	Soul Fire Art Studio

Silent Auction Items Needed: The youth are looking for donations for their silent auction taking place in June. We are looking for donations of new items, baskets that you put together, or items for baskets that we can put together. Please remember this is not a rummage sale!

Child Life Ministries

Luau!

Get out your calendar! Child Life Ministries is getting ready for our annual fundraiser! This year we've decided to take a break from the snow and have a LUAU! On Friday, March 15 from 5:30 to 7:30pm, we invite all of St. Luke's to join us as we play games, eat food, hula-hoop, limbo, win raffle baskets, and more! Dress to impress in your best luau attire!



We are asking for donations for our raffle baskets! If you are able to contribute, please contact Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org. Raffle basket items can include toys, movies, games, pampering items, family events, art supplies, sensory play items, adult fun, etc. If you are able to donate to a raffle basket and would like a receipt for your taxes, please leave a note including your name and address with your donation so I can get that to you!

Luau Tickets are available in advance or at the door (Children under 1 are free)

\$4 per person *in advance* (includes 4 game/food tickets)

\$15 per family *in advance* (includes 12 game/food tickets)

\$5 per person *at the door*

\$20 per family *at the door*

Additional game/food tickets are 25 cents each at the door

RAFFLE TICKETS: 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, or arm span (32) for \$20

REMINDER:

Enroll NOW for FALL Preschool Classes

September may seem like a long way off, but enrollment for fall Preschool classes is well underway! Open enrollment has begun for children who will be 2-4 years of age by September 1, 2019. Morning classes meet September-May.

Check out the St. Luke's website for more details at www.stlukeslutheran.org.

Don't wait – some classes are already full! Call for more information, set up an appointment to visit with your child, and find out how to reserve a spot for your

special child or grandchild. Tell your neighbors, friends and co-workers to check us out, too! St. Luke's Preschool welcomes all children regardless of race, color, sex, differing abilities, religion, national or ethnic origin. Contact Liz at 262-522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org.



2018 – 2019 School District of Waukesha 4K Registration

The time is here to start thinking about your plans for next school year! St. Luke's is a proud partner with the School District of Waukesha's 4K program. We offer morning and afternoon classes, 4 or 5 days a week. If you know someone that will turn 4 by September 1, 2019 they are eligible to enroll in this district sponsored program! Please contact Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org for more information!

Can't decide between preschool and 4K? You can do both by choosing morning, faith-based preschool and afternoon 4K with the School District! Talk to Courtney or Liz for more information.

Adult Education

Book of Faith Bible Study

Bible Study continues at St. Luke's on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. You are invited to join in. On March 6, we will be moving to Cloninger Hall to make room for more participants. We will also start using a new study from the Book of Faith Series. Our focus for six weeks will be *Exodus*. Each participant will have a study book for use each week. There is room at our tables for more participants. So, please join us! You will grow in faith and deepen your knowledge of the Bible.



In the book of Exodus, we learn that God prepares, calls, leads and forgives a chosen people - then and now. In this study, participants will consider stories from Exodus that are central to the Old Testament and explore how the themes of these stories continue to be central to our lives today. Each session focuses on a different question and theme.

This six-session course explores selected passages from Exodus.

1. **A Page is Turned:** How is God preparing us to continue the story? (*Exodus 1:8-14; 1:22-2:22*)
2. **Discerning the Call:** Why me? Couldn't someone else go instead? (*Exodus 3:1-16; 4:10-17*)
3. **A Plague on Your House:** How is God at work in human history? (*Exodus 7:1-13; 12:1-14*)
4. **Let My People Go!:** How does God lead and provide for the needs of all? (*Exodus 14:19—15:1; 16:11-15*)
5. **Laying Down the Law:** What does God expect from us? (*Exodus 21:1-21*)
6. **Don't Have a Cow!:** How does God deal with those who fail to meet expectations? (*Exodus 32:1-20, 30-35*)



St. Luke's Calendar ~ March 2019

EVERY SUNDAY

8:30/10:00am Worship
9:30am Fellowship Time
10:00am Sunday School
6:00pm Men's AA
(unless otherwise noted)

Friday, March 1

7:00pm Muskingum Concert
Choir

Saturday, March 2

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, March 3

Adult Mission Trip returns

Monday, March 4

8:00am Amigos
6:45pm Al-Anon
8:00pm Women's AA

Tuesday, March 5

8:30am Needle & Thimble
9:30am 1st Tuesday Book Club
1:00pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday

9:30am Book of Faith Bible
Study
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Godsbells
7:00pm Worship
7:00pm NA
7:45pm Voices of Faith

Thursday, March 7

9:30am Prayer Shawl
4:30pm Blasting Zone
6:00pm Saints & Sinners

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

Healing Service

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, March 10

*Daylight Savings Time begins
Mt. Meru Coffee Sales*

10:00am Communion Education

11:15am Men's Chorus

6:30pm CHAOS Youth Group

Monday, March 11

CLM Picture Day

8:00am Amigos

6:45pm Al-Anon

7:00pm Theology on Tap

8:00pm Women's AA

Tuesday, March 12

CLM Picture Day

8:30am Needle & Thimble

1:00pm Staff Meeting

4:00pm WI Philharmonic

Wednesday, March 13

9:30am Book of Faith Bible
Study

11:00am Worship

11:45am Lenten Meal

1:00pm Waukesha MS Self-
Help Group

6:00pm Confirmation

6:00pm Godsbells

6:00pm Lenten Meal

7:00pm Worship

7:00pm NA

7:45pm Voices of Faith

Thursday, March 14

10:00am Forever Forty

4:30pm Blasting Zone

6:00pm Saints & Sinners

6:15pm CLM Board

6:30pm Women of Faith Bible
Study

Friday, March 15

5:30pm CLM Luau

Saturday, March 16

5:00pm Worship

7:00pm Ripon Chamber Choir
Concert

Sunday, March 17

Cinnamon Roll Sunday

10:00am Communion Education

Monday, March 18

8:00am Amigos

6:30pm Sarah Circle

6:45pm Al-Anon

8:00pm Women's AA

Tuesday, March 19

8:30am Needle & Thimble

12:00pm Potluck Luncheon

1:00pm Staff Meeting

6:00pm CLM Staff

6:00pm Finance Committee

6:30pm Congregation Council

Wednesday, March 20

9:30am Book of Faith Bible
Study

11:00am Worship

11:45am Lenten Meal

5:30pm Facilities/Maintenance

6:00pm Confirmation

6:00pm Godsbells

6:00pm Lenten Meal

6:30pm Personnel Committee

7:00pm Worship

7:00pm NA

7:45pm Voices of Faith

8:00pm G.I.F.T.

Thursday, March 21

9:30am Prayer Shawl
4:30pm Blasting Zone
6:00pm Saints & Sinners
6:00pm Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting

Friday, March 22

Saturday, March 23

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, March 24

*Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
NO Sunday School*

6:30pm CHAOS Youth Group

Monday, March 25

*St. Luke's Night @ Culver's by
Woodman's: 5:00 - 8:00pm*

8:00am Amigos
6:45pm Al-Anon
8:00pm Women's AA

Tuesday, March 26

8:30am Holy Stuffers
8:30am Needle & Thimble
1:00pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

9:30am Book of Faith Bible Study
11:00am Worship
11:45am Lenten Meal
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Godsbells
6:00pm Lenten Meal
7:00pm Worship
7:00pm NA
7:45pm Voices of Faith

Thursday, March 28

4:30pm Blasting Zone
6:00pm Saints & Sinners
6:30pm Women of Faith Bible Study

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

5:00pm Worship

Sunday, March 31

NO Sunday School
11:15am New Member Class

EVERY SUNDAY

8:30/10:00am Worship
9:30am Fellowship Time
10:00am Sunday School
6:00pm Men's AA
(unless otherwise noted)

CLM Child Care

6:30am-6:00pm
Monday-Friday
(unless otherwise noted)

CLM Preschool

9:00am-12:00pm
(follows school district calendar)

Church Office Hours

8:00am-4:00pm
(unless otherwise noted)

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Whittier Craft Fair: Support our partnership with Whittier Elementary School by attending their Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 9 between 9:00am & 3:00pm. Find jewelry, homemade décor, food, books, clothing and much more at the school, 1103 S. East Avenue.

Mission Builders @ Lutherdale: This summer you can work with the ELCA Mission Builders (a group of retired contractors, carpenters and others) as they install the siding, roof and construct the center Lobby/Meeting room section of Lutherdale's new lodge. Volunteers of all skill levels and abilities are needed, from experienced builders to jobsite rookies. Volunteers are also needed to host a snack or meal for the Mission Builders. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Station to learn more or contact Sara Jonasen, Campaign Manager, at sara@lutherdale.org or 262-742-2352 or fill out the volunteer form at www.lutherdale.org/support-us/mission-builders.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Worship Services: Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00am

Holy Communion: Every week at all services

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**Daylight
Savings
Time
begins
March 10
Set your
clocks ahead!**