



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

300 Carroll Street Waukesha, WI 53186-4787

*Helping people make a
life-changing connection with
Jesus Christ,
St. Luke's is a faith community
committed to connecting,
growing, and serving.*

The Epistle

September 2020

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8:00am—4:00pm
Monday-Friday

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Monday—Friday

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FED AT GOD'S TABLE

We gather at the table of the Lord to be fed and nourished for life. Jesus gives himself to us in both the bread and wine. Repeatedly, for 99 years, we have gathered as a community to hear the words "...given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sin." We trust these words to be true and in faith we receive what God gives: new life, forgiveness of sin, strength and salvation.

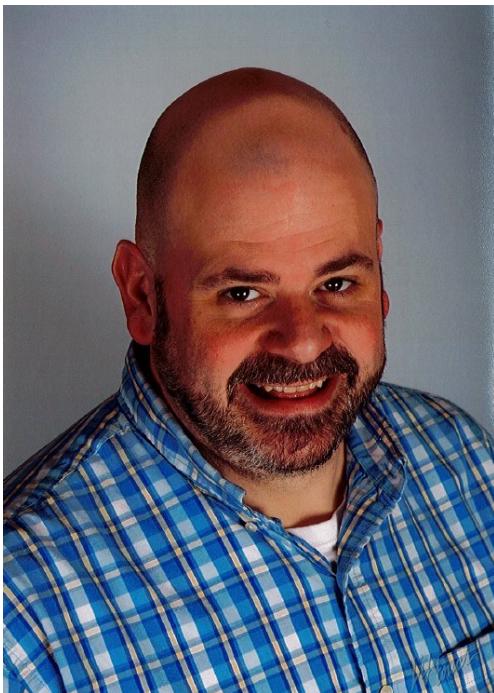
This marks the first month of celebration leading to the 100th anniversary of St. Luke's founding. August 31, 1921, The Rev. William C. Stump organized St. Luke's

Lutheran as a congregation of the Northwest Synod of the United Church in America. Initial services were held in the YMCA on South Street. They gathered around a table, presumably with Holy Communion. We have been "Fed at God's Table" ever since.

God continues to pour out His grace for us at the table. When we receive the sacrament, the true presence of Jesus is given to us. Taking it and believing it to be true, we are sustained in eternal life and held in the one true faith – the faith that establishes the church.

The table is at the center of our worship experience. It has been so for almost 100 years. As we move into our centennial year, we give thanks that God continues to feed us at the altar of the Lord. We pray that we will continue to grow in faithful response – not for the sake of the church, but so we might help people make life-changing connections with Jesus Christ.





DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

The summer of 2020 has been a unique time doing God's work with our hands.

What will Fall look like? In the past, most Northern states begin the school year after the Labor Day holiday, giving families one last weekend to enjoy some vacation before packing things up for the summer. The weather seems to bring people outdoors to experience the changing color of the leaves giving a visual hint that Fall has arrived. It is during this time of year at St. Luke's that we prepare for the start of Sunday School and Discipleship Training.

We will have Sunday School and Discipleship Training this year. However, this year will have a little different approach with the education of our youth. The format will be similar, but Sunday School and Discipleship Training will provide time to spend in their respective small groups. There will be some virtual lessons, kits will be distributed, and we will provide our parents with help for them to engage their kids. We will do our best as a staff to make this easy and fun while focusing on God's story and building relationships. We will be mirroring our Discipleship Training and Sunday School programs as far as unit themes with activities/lessons tailored to the appropriate age level.

Our intention is that faith formation can be approached as a family activity. Something fun that you *get* to do, rather than one more thing that you *have* to do. We are here to support and equip you to confidently walk with your child on their faith journey - as we will be doing too.

There will be an information meeting for parents in September. Please watch your email, the Epistle, St. Luke's Weekly email blast and our website for additional information about Sunday School.

This will be a different kind of year, so there may be questions along the way. Do not be afraid to contact Cari or me if you have questions and\or feedback. For your convenience our contact information is below. This will be a new adventure for us all. We look forward to getting back on track in October. May God bless us during this new time.

Peace be with you all!

Steve Bogie *Pastor*
Cari Buskel Thompson *Interim Youth Director*

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I feel honored to be part of the St. Luke's family. My heart is filled with joy as I write you this message of thanksgiving. Thank you for your kindness with my Installation on Sunday, August 23, 2020. My family and I are grateful for your heartfelt and generous gifts. We feel that you have made us feel welcomed in this community on many different occasions. Thank you for your love, support, kindness, and compassion. May God bless you and keep you always!

Thank you,

The Bogies

GOD'S BEAUTIFUL DARK WORKS

By Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Perhaps one of the best-known verses in the New Testament is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." It comes toward the end of a deep conversation between Nicodemus, a leader of his people, and Jesus. Much has been made about the detail that Nicodemus sought out Jesus at night. Was he afraid to be seen? Was this a stealthy move under the cover of darkness? This encounter isn't usually regarded as Nicodemus' finest hour. The mention of night casts a shadow (pun intended) on this holy meeting. Darkness and blackness and night are too often contrasted with lightness and whiteness and day, and found deficient. But I want to consider the beautiful dark works of God.

"In the beginning ... darkness covered the face of the deep" (Genesis 1:1-2). Creation began in the dark. The mysterious outpouring of God's love that brought all things into being, and continues creating and sustaining the universe and all that is in it, was the beautiful dark work of God.

When Abram began to doubt God's faithfulness, the Lord took him on a walk and, pointing to the midnight sky, said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them. ... So shall your descendants be" (Genesis 15:5). Jacob wrestled all night with God and was irrevocably changed. Samuel heard a voice calling to him in the dark and became a mighty prophet. At midnight, the Lord passed over Egypt and set the people free.

The Messiah's birth was announced by angels to shepherds in the dark. Jesus' Passion began and his Holy Supper was given "on the night in which he was betrayed." When he was crucified, it was dark from noon to 3. The redemption of all creation was a beautiful dark work of God.

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Presiding Bishop Emeritus H. George Anderson was asked to comment on the Crystal Cathedral (now Christ Cathedral)—the glass structure filled with light. He observed that light didn't allow spaces for dark where one could sense the mystery of God. King Solomon understood that when, at the dedication of the temple, he declared, "The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness" (1 Kings 8:12). The glory of God is shielded and revealed in darkness. It is incomprehensible and irresistible.

Back to Nicodemus. Maybe he was experiencing his own

"dark night of the soul" when he came looking for Jesus. This expression has come to stand for doubt and angst and emptiness. That's not how St. John of the Cross meant it. He understood it to be the beginning of his journey toward union with God, toward communion with Love. I think Nicodemus was looking for the same thing, and he found it. It was in this middle-of-the-night, heart-of-darkness promise that Jesus revealed to Nicodemus the intention God had for the world God so loved.

Darkness isn't a symbol of emptiness, or godforsakenness. It's not synonymous with everything that is dry and barren and lifeless. Nine chapters later in the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples: "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (12:24). I think of the rich, black soil of my native Ohio. Each spring it brings abundant life. Single grains become many; individuals become community. As Sister Joan Chittister wrote: "Darkness deserves gratitude. It is the alleluia point at which we learn to understand that all growth does not take place in the sunlight."

By tradition, the Resurrection is heralded at night during the Easter Vigil. In this beautiful liturgy people gather in the darkness and hear the ancient words: "This is the night when once you led our forebears, Israel's children, from slavery in Egypt. This is the night when Christ broke the prison bars of death."

The liberation of God's people, Israel, and the redemption of all creation are the beautiful dark works of God.



GOVERNING DOCUMENTS UPDATE

Congregations of the ELCA update governing documents after each Churchwide Assembly. Congregational constitutions and bylaws are brought into conformity with changes made by the assembly and other necessary updates are made at the same time. St. Luke's has a Governing Documents Subcommittee of the Council that is working to update our governing documents. They have been meeting and working (almost weekly) for several months. In the future, their review will finish and after being reviewed by the Council, they will be presented to the congregation. First, they will be presented for consideration at a listening post. Then they will be presented for adoption at a special meeting of the congregation. Finally, they will be presented again for ratification at an annual meeting. Once the congregation can meet again in our building, dates for the listening post and special meeting will be announced. For now, we ask prayers for the Governing Documents Subcommittee: Council Secretary Sherry Skogman (Chair), Vice President Bill Oliver, Ashley Bregantini, Robbin Krueger, and Pastor Jordan.

WORSHIP CONTINUES AT CUTLER PARK

We hear appreciation for the worship service we hold at Cutler Park. Our Church Council reminds us that COVID 19 remains very active among us and we are not yet able to safely meet as a community indoors. So, worship service will continue to be at 9:00 on Sunday mornings at the Les Paul Pavilion in Cutler Park. We encourage worshippers to bring chairs, as there aren't enough benches to accommodate all of us. If the weather is questionable, check our website and Facebook for a cancellation announcement.

STAFF NEWS

The Ministry of St. Luke's is strong and effective because of our staff. We have more than 40 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:

- Pastor Bogie's installation was August 23.
- Michael Schaner celebrated 5 years with St. Luke's on August 25th.
- CLM Staff had team building at Camp Lutherdale on August 29th.

COUNCIL NOTES

1. Council supports outdoor worship services at Cutler Park through the month of September. The outdoor worship services have continued to receive positive feedback and deep appreciation from those in attendance. Council continues to discuss, deliberate and pray over the return to indoor worship and will keep our faith community informed of any changes.
2. The Council would like to lift up and celebrate the ongoing efforts of the 100th Anniversary Committee. We are excited for this upcoming year long celebration of St. Luke's!
3. With the Fall/Winter season and beginning of this school year approaching, economic crisis and ongoing pandemic, the Council would like to encourage the entire St. Luke's community to continue their generous support to the St. Luke's Good Samaritan Fund. The gifts received have been an incredible blessing to those in need now more than ever. Gifts can be made through our online giving or placed in an envelope marked "Good Samaritan Fund".

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CORE VALUES

Honoring God and serving Jesus Christ,

1. We share Jesus Christ and make disciples.
2. We worship God together.
3. We are curious, courageous, and open to the Holy Spirit.
4. We celebrate children and lift up families as they are.
5. We practice kindness and uphold the dignity of each individual.
6. We are committed to being an inclusive community of grace.
7. We stand ready to serve and advocate for our neighbors.
8. We honor our past and look to God's future for us.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Baptisms

Aevie Rae Valentine
August 16

Deaths

Shirley Harrits
August 1

Lois Behling
August 19

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL

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The deadline is
Wednesday, September 15th
to turn in items for the
October issue of
***The Epistle*.**



TANZANIA PARTNERSHIP CORNER

MARORONI AND KILIMA MOJA PARISHES

SAMARIA PARISH & ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

GREAT NEWS FROM KILIMAMOJA!

Welcome to Pastor Christina Kaaya, the temporary Pastor-in-Charge of the Kilima Moja congregations selected to assist after the unexpected passing of Pastor Pallangyo.

Pr. Christina visited Waukesha in 2015 and is already a friend of our partnership.

The Maranatha Preschool is preparing to open soon. In MidAugust, we received special photos of the Open Houses being held for the little ones who will be able to attend a program based out of the church to learn English as a second language. This was Pr. Pallangyo's dream, and it is so good to see it begin! Baraka requests our prayers for the Maranatha startup. We have shared the link to FROG@home, our virtual Vacation Bible School, with our friends in Tanzania. So many of the songs will be perfect for the little ones attending Maranatha to sing and learn English (Father Abraham, Jesus Loves Me, and many more)

On a personal note, Baraka Melitha shared news of the baptism of his daughter on August 9. Her name is Brilliant Ernest.





MICHAEL SCHANER

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VIRTUAL SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

Our virtual Summer Music Camp was held the last week of July, and was a huge success. We had around 10 kids each day for the 30 minute Zoom lesson, and both Pastor Jordan and Pastor Steve even joined us during the week!

HYMN SINGS

Each week Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, hosts a hymn sing video on our Facebook and Vimeo sites. The hymns often are for the upcoming weekend's lectionary texts that we hear in worship. They are typically around 15 minutes, and if you have a copy of our cranberry hymnal, the ELW, use it and sing along with Michael. If you desire a copy of the ELW, we have them in the church office for you to purchase.

VIRTUAL CHOIR GATHERINGS FOR ALL AGES THIS YEAR!

During this time of COVID-19, it is not safe for us to be gathered to sing in person. However, we can continue to make music and learn together. So we will be gathering virtually with our choirs. Our kids and youth ensembles will gather weekly starting later in September on Zoom on Thursdays. Mr. Schaner will lead some singing and other activities along with other Bible stories, information about the church year, and more! It will be 20-30 minutes a week. More information, including sign up, will be sent out to families. There will be no cost for this, and no former experience required! If your child has ever expressed a desire to be in choir, but it hasn't worked, this will be a great way to join choir!

Our adult ensembles will gather twice a month on Zoom on Wednesday evenings. Once a month will be a check in time, and the other time will be making music similar to the format of our kids and youth Zoom calls. For all of the music making Zoom calls, only Mr. Schaner will have his microphone on. It's impossible to sing truly together on any sort of video call because of internet speed delays, different equipment, and processing time. But we can still make music in our homes together! If you are not a member of our adult ensembles, but would like to join, even for this year, please email Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org, or call the church office. And if you do not have a computer, there is a phone number that can be shared if you are interested as well. Come join us as we have a great time!

HOW TO PRAY WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

This is just one of the things Shelia Walsh addresses in her book "Praying Women". This year, Women of Faith Bible Study will be using Shelia's book. Through her book we will also discuss those prayer struggles that seem to get in our way of having a conversation with God. Shelia gets real when she shares her own struggles with prayer and offers up suggestions to overcome those struggles. This book seems as though it was written for just this time in our world. Come, join in the conversation, and see what Shelia has to say. Come and hear God's Words just for you.



We will meet virtually via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

You may purchase "Praying Women" on Amazon, Kindle and other places both audio and hard cover books are sold.

Please contact Laurie Rohrwasser at lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org to register or for more information.

We will have our 1st Zoom meeting on Thursday September 10, 2020 at 6:30pm.

"Prayer changes you and it changes the world..." Shelia Walsh

CARE & PRAYER MINISTRIES

There are many happenings in our lives today that create loneliness, anxiety and stress. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason and would like to be added to our prayer list, please let me know. Is there someone who could use a note of encouragement? I'd like to know that to. Please email requests or questions to Irohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org



SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MISSION

Healing Hearts:

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County offers a peer-to-peer support program for children and teens, ages 4 to 18, who are grieving the loss of a loved one due to death, divorce, separation, incarceration, military deployment, or immigration.

HOSPITALIZED/REHAB/HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know fall into any of these categories, please contact the church to let us know if 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:

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Care & Prayer Ministries
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WE ARE A CONGREGATION OF SOPHIA

St. Luke's is one of fifteen member congregations of SOPHIA. SOPHIA is a grassroots organization of people of faith united by a passion for justice, a commitment to community and a practice of hope. SOPHIA is dedicated to empowering people to work together on issues of justice, and to engaging individuals, agencies, and public officials in dialogue. We seek creative and effective efforts to improve our communities. SOPHIA members include individuals, organizations, and diverse faith communities who are united with a powerful voice to speak against injustices in our community. To learn more about SOPHIA, visit www.sophiawaukesha.org.

SOPHIA DRIVE-IN PRAYER BREAKFAST

Plan to support the annual SOPHIA fundraiser that will offer virtual and face-to-face opportunities.

WHO: SOPHIA Drive-In Prayer Breakfast

WHAT: Annual Fundraiser: Goal to Raise \$10,000

Inspirational Local Speakers on Equity Topics

Silent Auction will run the week before the event

WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 2020

TIME: 10 am-noon

WHERE: Church of the Resurrection, Pewaukee (Limited in person or unlimited virtual participation)

Watch the weekly announcements for details about the Silent Auction online and the registration link to participate.

SEARCH BIBLE STUDY MOVES ONLINE

Our weekly Bible Study moves online, beginning Wednesday, September 9, 9:30 a.m. Join Pastor Jordan in examining scripture via Zoom. If you wish to join the study, call the church office to register. As September 9 approaches, we will send you a link to log into Zoom. New to Zoom? We can help you get set up. Call the church office at 262-542-2545.



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If 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).

ST. LUKE'S ENDOWMENT FUND

St. Luke's Endowment Fund and the annual donations we make to local and global community partners are one of a number of our congregation's brightest examples of fulfilling our mission to serve. And it may be one of our lesser-known ministries. We would like to raise up the activities of the Endowment Committee for your information and consideration.

St. Luke's has a long history of supporting charitable organizations with members' volunteer time, but also with their financial gifts. A great example is how we make donations from the Endowment Fund

Recent endowment recipient organizations include Hope Center, Whittier Elementary School, The Women's Center, Hebron House, LSS, and several other local charities. We give to Tanzanian projects as well, such as the recent purchase of a grist mill, and funding for our Tanzanian ministry partners to travel here and to receive pastoral education. In addition, students who attend Lutheran colleges and seminary have and continue to receive scholarships each semester.

In 2020, the total of the annual donations from the Endowment Fund to these organizations and students was \$22,000, from an overall endowment fund investment balance of approximately \$650,000. This fund balance was created with donations and bequests from our members, over many years' time.

The fund is established with an investment policy that distributes an average of 4% of the total fund balance annually, a standard method for funds of this type, that creates sustainable giving, and helps predict annual amounts available for distribution.

St. Luke's ability to give from the Endowment Fund is enhanced any time someone donates directly to the fund. A few members make regular gifts, some members may choose to make a one-time gift in honor or in memory of someone special, and all of us can consider making a planned gift, to be given at the time of our death. Gift by gift, the growth of the Endowment Fund expands St. Luke's impact in our local and global community.

It is extremely easy to include St. Luke's Lutheran Church in your estate planning or will. All you have to do is to make sure the following language is included-

"I give, devise, and bequeath to ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WAUKESHA, WI the sum of \$ _____ (or a description of specific assets or a per centage of the estate) for the endowment fund or to a specific purpose/use".

Endowment Committee members include Pastor Jordan, Diane Voit, Lynn Lindberg, Mike Cameron, RJ Hildebran, Mark Bjerke and Ann Grove. We meet twice annually to review the Endowment Fund investment report and to distribute our available funds as donations.

If you have an interest in learning more about St. Luke's Endowment Fund, making a gift, or considering a planned gift, please reach out to PJ or to Ann Grove.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

UPDATE

Through July our general giving shows a deficit of over \$72,000. To reach our 2020 budget needs, general giving must increase by 25%.

Remember that *God's work never stops*. Continued giving is essential to St. Luke's. Please do not overlook financial support to the church so that our pastoral and office staff and Child Life Ministry personnel are able to continue providing the same work we experience from them throughout the year. They are all working just as diligently as ever even in the absence of in-person worship and gathering.

Concerning our goal to reach contributions of \$750,000 for our second debt-reduction campaign, to date we have received \$562,358 or about 75% of that goal. To those members who have already paid or exceeded their respective pledge, we are grateful for your support. To those who will be fulfilling their pledge before the campaign end date, we pray you will be able to honor your commitment.

In addition, if you would like to fund a special project, please consider assisting with the cost of our Stewardship for All Seasons program. Both 2020 and 2021 carry a cost of \$1,950 each. Your generosity, in any amount, would be welcomed.

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we would have to continue to do this for the upcoming school year. In the midst of all this uncertainty, one thing that is for certain is Healing Hearts commitment to being available to our community as we learn and grow from loss and adversity.

This Fall Healing Hearts will be providing an array of virtual programming for grieving children and families that will offer empathy and support along with activities that help build coping skills and resiliency. In addition, webinars and online trainings will be offered to members of the community to guide them on providing support to others who are challenged and overwhelmed by the impact of the pandemic and other life altering events.

2020 marks Healing Hearts 10th year of offering grieving children and families hope and healing. We invite you to help us honor the outstanding work and commitment that the supporting partners, board of directors, staff and volunteer facilitators have provided over the past 10 years. **The week of September 21st through the 26th we will be hosting a virtual auction and our popular balloon pop.** Stay tuned for additional information and a sneak preview of some of the items to be on auction.

We appreciate your support as we strive to provide services to children, families and our community as we cope with isolation, uncertainty, grief and loss.
Most Grateful,

Melissa Minkley, MSW, CT
Executive Director
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VIRTUAL AUCTION & BALLOON POP

Join us as we raise funds to support grieving children and families.

September 21 - 26, 2020

For more information visit our website at healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County
Celebrating 10 Years of Hope & Healing

Child Life Ministries

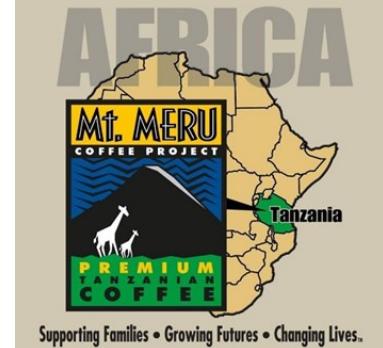
A reminder from ST. LUKE'S PRESCHOOL:

This fall marks the 24th year that St. Luke's Preschool has been in operation! Hurry! There are only a few *limited* openings remaining for families with **3 and 4 year old** children seeking half-day preschool programming. Preschool classes meet from 9am to 12pm during the school year and feature a faith-based Pre-K curriculum, small class sizes, professional early childhood staff, "chapel chats" with our pastor, music classes, loving personalized attention and so much more. Remember wrap-around childcare is also available for families who need childcare before and/or after preschool hours. Children must be toilet trained and must meet the age requirement by Sept. 1st.

Contact Liz Anderson at 262-522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org for more information. You can also find more details at www.stlukeslutheran.org. St. Luke's Child Life Ministries welcomes all children regardless of race, color, sex, differing abilities, religion, national, or ethnic origin. Please tell others about us! Brochures are at the Welcome Station.



Supporting Families • Growing Futures • Changing Lives.™



We are not having coffee sales at church, but you can still purchase Mt. Meru coffee online at <https://www.mtmerucoffee.org/>. Because of the strong volunteer ties to Waukesha for the order fulfillment, special delivery of your coffee purchases can be made without shipping costs. Consider purchasing a 20th Anniversary Sampler that features the varieties available:



2021 PHOTO DIRECTORY

We are working with Lifetouch to create a new pictorial directory of our current membership. More information will come this winter. Please contact Michelle Bedalov if you're willing to volunteer. MLbedalov@gmail.com

Are you still receiving a paper copy of The Epistle in the mail? Reading The Epistle online saves paper and postage, allows you to print only the pages you want, includes live links, and is in full color. If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, The Epistle by email, please contact the church office at **262-542-2545** or office@stlukeslutheran.org.



DT3 (DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

YEAR 3):

Classes begin September 13th. Please sign up via Sign Up Genius for one of the 2 class sessions: 11a-12a or 12:30p-1:30p. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) If you did not get the invitation to sign up, watch the weekly blasts, website and your email for updates.



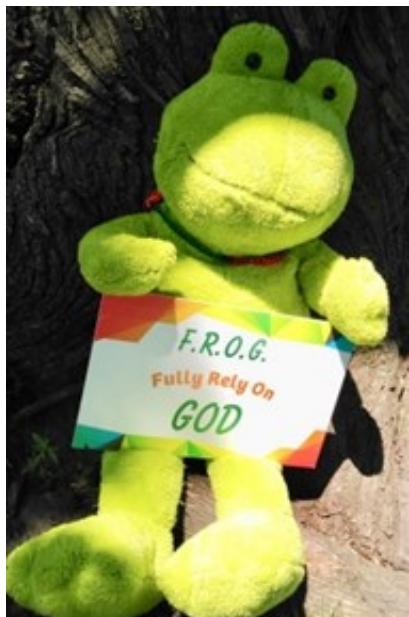
and Parent Informational meeting will be held Sept. 16th from 7p-8p. Classes will begin in early October. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) to sign up. Watch the weekly blasts, website and your email for updates.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

We will be having a Back to School Cook Out Sunday, September 6th from 11:30am – 1:30pm in the church parking lot. Bring your camp chairs and masks. RSVP to Cari by September 4th. Watch the weekly blasts, website and your email for updates.

F.R.O.G. @HOME VBS

Each Friday last month a new theme or lesson was presented for our F.R.O.G. at Home VBS. But the overall theme was “Fully Rely on God”! Each week people of all ages were given opportunities to explore the Bible, worship through music, offer up and make prayer requests, put ones faith into action via various service projects, post fun pictures, color or do scavenger hunts. There were some great recipes to try as well. The good news is that the FROG website with all the above and more, is still available through the month of September.



If you haven't been to the site, please stop in and look around- this site is for ALL ages! <https://sites.google.com/view/frogathome>

Many thanks to a fabulous team who spent many, many hours creating and meeting via Zoom to bring this virtual VBS to life! Thank you to Jan Christensen, Nancy Farrell, Linda Roberts, Nancy Sebranek, and Diane Voit. A special thank you to Janaka Subotnick for creating, maintaining, and troubleshooting our FROG website as well as being our photographer. Thank you Donna Subotnick for hosting Riley at your home (and for chauffeur services too!) Special thanks to Pastor Steve, Heather and Olivia Bogie, Sidney Edlbeck and Michael Schaner for their musical gifts!!!



2020 F.R.O.G. Team



Children's Epistle Page

Puzzle!

Using the code, fill in the blanks to discover what we should do each day.

CODE

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Answer: Talk to God and listen for God. "Be still, and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)





100 YEARS OF BLESSINGS ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN

ST. LUKE'S & CLM CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

St. Luke's is on the threshold of our 100th anniversary. An exciting year lies ahead of us. August 2020 marks the 99th anniversary of the founding of St. Luke's - Years of being ***Fed at God's Table***. Our first step into Year 100!

In August 1921, 39 participants attended the first worship service of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. What wondrous challenges, blessings and grace have been brought to this congregation since those early days.

Throughout the year, we plan to share stories from our past and our present as well as look forward to our next 100 years.

2021 also celebrates 25 years for Child Life Ministries, an integral and vital part of our mission, our values and our ministries. And, there is a story to tell...

In 1994, three grandmothers, Carolyn Huttner, Carol Lombardi and Carol Redenz had a shared vision to address a need in their congregation and the Waukesha community at large. They were deeply concerned about children returning home after school while parents were still at work – a problem needing a solution. For two years, they met and planned, joined by Pastor Ted Romberg and Carol Wisniewski, Director of Education at St. Luke's. Their goal was to provide excellent Christian based childcare.

Carolyn Huttner has stories of meeting with the Council of Elders on more than one occasion to share their vision and to seek congregational and financial support to purchase a passenger van to gather the children from schools and bring them to the church. \$19,000 was raised from the congregation and individual members for the van.

With assistance from Carol Wisniewski, the three dealt with the myriad of issues regarding state regulations and licensing. On August 26, 1996, everything was in place and the doors were ready to open. Child Life Ministries began with 6 children, 3 of them Carolyn Huttner's grandchildren. Carolyn said, "Not only were my grandchildren part of the program, but my great-grandchildren as well." How cool is that?



<u>4yr. Class</u>	<u>1997 - 1998</u>	<u>St. Luke's</u>
Cody Cooper	Alex Erke	Claire Meldembauer
Kyle Pfeiffer	Renee Cawstensen	Christopher Thompson
Autumn Schwane	Kelsey Fein	Ekaterin Kovatch

There were some adventures in those early days – a child locking himself in the closet, Pastor Romberg often having to drive the van, the Prayer, Service, Work groups cleaning the classroom furniture, preparing special lunches for the staff and helping with the children. Jim Krueger retired from the Postal Service, and had often been there to help with whatever needed doing. Carolyn Huttner and her aunt, Myrtle Ester, rode in the van on many days to help gather the children.

From there, Child Life Ministries grew and grew – more children and more programs. Over the years, before school care, preschool, full day childcare, infant and toddler care and in 2009, 4 year old kindergarten were added. And, today, the dedicated and talented staff serves over 100 working families, providing Christian based education and care!

Carolyn Huttner, many thanks to you and your partners and to those who helped along the way. What a legacy has grown from your early seeds and vision. Child Life Ministries is part of our past, our present and our future.

FIRST 100TH ANNIVERSARY OUTREACH APPEAL: CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF CLM

Goal: 100 Cash Donations for the Child Life Ministries Playground

This is the first 100 appeal for the year as we begin the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. Luke's. CLM has been an important part of that history for the past 25 years, and this is a special way to celebrate CLM! We are hoping to raise the necessary \$4,330. Mail your donations to St. Luke's with this CLM Playground designation or drop a check in the Sunday collection container at Cutler Park. The proposed Snug Play system is powered by the child's imagination and can be used indoors or outdoors without installation. It allows kids to:

- Create
- Play
- Move
- Learn
- Cooperate
- Imagine



Snug Play Primary System is open-ended and moveable. Children are inspired to play in creative ways using cooperation and communication. It is easy to handle and durable and comes with elements that can be added depending on the number of children at play. (Images from <https://www.playgoco.com/snug-play>)



Whoever welcomes one
such child in my name
welcomes me.
Matthew 18:5

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HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THE 100TH CELEBRATION?

We have officially kicked off our year of celebration, and you can help. We meet virtually twice each month. Check the contact list for our subcommittees, and

reach out to the group that you would like to be part of. If you only have a little time to offer or a lot of time, we have opportunities for everyone. Don't miss out on being part of our church's history!

Thank you to the Committee Leaders listed above and to the following members of the 100th Planning Committee that has been meeting since January!

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