



Program Guide

2021-2022

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Mission, Vision, and Core Values

The Mission of St. Luke's

Helping people make life changing connections with God through Jesus Christ.

The Vision of St. Luke's

St. Luke's is a faith community committed to Connecting, Growing, and Serving.

Core Values of St. Luke's

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.

Mission Statements – Describe an organization's reason for existence, why it does what it does.

Vision Statements – Express the vision an organization has for itself, what it aspires to be.

Core Values – Describe principles the organization holds dear, the values that guide the organization.

Making Disciples

Why we do all we do

What is Discipleship

Discipleship is following Jesus as God's baptized people who are empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in love of God and others.

PoWeR SuRGe

Six discipleship practices through which the Holy Spirit helps us turn our hearts toward God and others.

- **Praying** without ceasing
- **Worshipping** weekly
- **Reading and studying** the Bible daily
- **Serving others** without expectation of return
- **Relationships** that foster faith
- **Giving** generously

Programming Overview

We help people make life-changing connections with God through Jesus Christ through these activities.

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training
5:30 p.m. *The Table* (1st and 3rd Sundays)

Monday

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
9:30 a.m. First Tuesday Book Club (1st Tuesday of the month)
6:30 p.m. Women of Faith Bible Study (2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month)

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. God's Bells
7:00 p.m. Voices of Faith
7:00 p.m. Gift Bible Study (1st and 3rd Wednesday)

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters (1st and 3rd Thursdays)
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
6:00 p.m. Saints and Sinners

Connecting with God

Saturday Evening Worship – 5:00 p.m.

A liturgical worship service for the whole community.

Sunday Morning Worship – 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Liturgical worship services for the whole community. These services feature music by the various musical ensembles of the congregation.



The Table – First and Third Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

An alternative worship experience especially for (but not limited to) young adults that is centered on scripture, song, and community. The Table is a gathering of people who come together to experience worship in small group settings. This worship experience includes a meal, music, the Word and Holy Communion. It is conducted around tables in Cloninger Hall and

follows a liturgical pattern for gathering

September 19
October 3
October 17
November 7
November 21
December 5
December 19
No Table on January 2
January 16
February 6
February 20
March 6
March 20
April 3
May 1
May 15

Welcome to the Font

Baptismal gatherings to help prepare parents to bring their child(ren) to the baptismal font. Parents attend one session (without children) to prepare for baptism. Upcoming sessions:

Tuesday, September 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Godsbells – Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Our adult handbell ensemble rings for worship services throughout the year. For more information, contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

Voices of Faith – Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

Our adult mixed voice choir sings for worship services throughout the year, including holidays, and other special services. The music varies in style from classics to brand new music, and everything in between. For more information, contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

Joyful Noise – Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

These are a variety of ensembles for children from 4 years old through sixth grade. Our choirs are Angel Choir for 4 year old through first grade, and Sing for Joy for second through sixth grade. We learn healthy singing technique and Bible stories while learning music to lead worship throughout the year. We also have Lord's Chimes for those in second and

third grade, and Joyful Ringers for those in fourth through sixth grade. Rehearsals are on Thursdays between 4:30-6 pm, with specific times within that for each ensemble. We also have Blasting Zone, our time for a community meal for the families of Joyful Noise and Saints & Sinners. We provide a healthy meal each week for our children, youth, and families. For more information, contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

Saints and Sinners – Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

These are our ensembles for 7th-12th grades. They rehearse from 6-7:30 p.m. for both handbells and vocal choirs. Saints & Sinners ring and sing throughout the year. For more information, contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

Men's Chorus – 2nd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Our Men's Chorus is open to any men who love to sing and make a joyful noise to the Lord! We rehearse the second Sunday of the month at 9:30 a.m. between services. Men's Chorus sings in worship the third weekend of the month. For more information, contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

Growing in Faith

Child Life Ministries – Mondays through Fridays, 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our flagship ministry serving more than 100 families every day. Child Life Ministries provides childcare, preschool for kids who are three- and four-year-olds, and four-year-old kindergarten on behalf of the School District of Waukesha. Child Life Ministries serves infants to thirteen-year-olds.

Adult Forum – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

A gathering of adults who wish to grow in faith and spirituality. The content of forums will vary from week to week. Some weeks may be a Bible Study. Others may be focused on learning about a ministry opportunity. Some may be presentations by ministry partners.

Discipleship Training – Sundays

Confirmation ministry at St. Luke's Lutheran happens under the name "Discipleship Training." It is a ministry of the congregation for youth in grades seven and eight and those in the fall year of their ninth-grade year. Discipleship Training helps youth engage scripture and topics of faith, using a Lutheran lens to help youth grow as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Discipleship Training operates with the following principles in mind:

1. Assisting youth to make life-changing connections with God through Jesus Christ.
2. Encouraging youth to deepen their involvement in this faith community so that they might connect, grow, and serve in and through St. Luke's.
3. Providing opportunities for youth to explore the Christian faith.
4. Encouraging youth to develop life-long faith practices.
5. Assisting parents in the on-going commitments made in Holy Baptism: "to teach [the newly baptized] the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments... to nurture them in faith and prayer... to place in their hands the holy scriptures."

First Tuesday Book Club – First Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

A gathering of readers who enjoy a book and discuss it. This group is led by Diane Voit.

Women of Faith Bible Study – 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

A gathering of women to study scripture and pray together. This study group is led by Laurie Rohrwasser.

GIFT Bible Study – First and Third Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

A women's small group Bible Study that studies a variety of passages from scripture. This group also sets up and distributes mitten tree contributions. It also donates baby food for the Food Pantry and other special causes as needed. Gift Bible Study is led by Diane Voit.

Search Bible Study – Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

A faith-growth group that studies scripture together. We'll experience God's love through Christ Jesus in a community of learners. This Bible study is led primarily by Pastor Jordan.

Sunday School – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School welcomes youth ages 3 to sixth grade into the sanctuary after worship. We focus on creating an atmosphere that includes the presence of our parents, grandparents, guardians, and mentors. St. Luke's has a history of strengthening relationships between the youth and their parents, grandparents, guardians, and mentors. We continue this tradition in Sunday School.

Sunday School begins in the sanctuary at 9:30 am. with a Bible lesson, and then breaks into small groups. Sunday School ends at 10:15 am. The youth can be picked up by the hospitality area on the main level of the church by their families.

High School Youth Group – Sunday Afternoons

High School Youth Group (HSYG) is a ministry at St. Luke's for high school youth in ninth thru twelfth grades. HSYG helps our youth explore their faith in a community that connects them with one another and the community around them, grow in their Christian understanding, challenge them to look beyond themselves and see the world where they can make a difference. HSYG strives to give our youth a safe and caring place where they can explore their faith through activities, service projects, mission trips, time with each other...and food. Traditionally, this group meets on Sunday afternoons. However, days and times can vary depending on the activities.

Serving Others

Blessings in a Backpack - Ongoing

This community organization mobilizes communities, individuals, and resources to provide food on the weekends for elementary school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. St. Luke's volunteers pack meals and deliver them to Whittier Elementary School.

Amigos – Mondays at 8:30 a.m.

A group of men who gather weekly to do property improvement projects around the church. They improve the facility by working on landscape, lighting, electrical, plumbing, and other maintenance projects. Of course, there's always coffee, goodies, and conversation to accompany the work.

Annual Adult Mission Trip – February 19 to 27, 2022

A multi-church opportunity to do disaster relief in a part of the country that has been hit hard by storm and/or poverty. This trip is usually in the warmer climes of the US. Dates are still tentative. More details of the trip will be advertised as they become available.

Needle and Thimble – Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

A group of quilters who gather weekly to sew and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Each year, hundreds of quilts are sent from St. Luke's to war zones, places of poverty, and other locations throughout the world. No quilting experience is necessary to make a difference with this group. Beginners to experts are welcome!

Prayer Shawl Knitters – Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

A group of knitters and crocheters who make blankets to wrap people in God's love. Each blanket is prayed over and blessed for its ministry.

Loaves and Fishes – When Scheduled

A group of people who provide food through the Hope Center for those who are hungry in our community. Meals are served on Sundays.

Worship Technology Team – Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

A service team that helps provide technological support for live streaming of worship services.

Dates and Events of Note

September 12	Celebration Sunday, kicking off fall programming
October 24	Anniversary Celebration Meal
October 31	Reformation Sunday
October 31	Confirmation Sunday
November 1	All Saints Day Worship: 7:00 p.m.
November 7	All Saints Sunday
November 14	Centennial Hymn Festival: 3:00 p.m.
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve and Pie Fest: 7:00 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve: 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 and 10:30 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Worship: 9:00 a.m.
December 25	No 5:00 Worship Service
December 26	Service of Lessons and Carols
January 1	No 5:00 Worship
January 28/29	Michael Schaner in Solo Recital
February 13	Annual Meeting
February 19-27	Adult Mission Trip
March 2	Ash Wednesday Worship: 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
March 4	Voces 8 Concert
April 14	Maundy Thursday: 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
April 15	Good Friday: 11:00 and 7:00 p.m.
April 16	No 5:00 worship
April 17	Easter