



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

January 2023

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

Where's New Life to Be Found

The pages of the calendar say it's a new year. The old has passed away and the new has come. The bearded and bent man has shuffled off the stage, replaced by the infant of expectation. And what has come with this change? What is different?

We're still talking about violence in Syria, fear of ISIS, and outlandish statements made by politicians. There are still hungry folks in the world. Trouble still stalks the night, claiming victims of the street, victims in their homes. Emergencies still interrupt and we are often caught by surprise.

Yet, we of faith speak of new life in Jesus Christ? What's so new about this life? When will it be among us and how will we know it? These are important questions for us in times of trouble, when fear stalks, when we ponder what is going on in our world.



The vision of faith given us by John describes a new reality that is coming, a new heaven and earth that will replace the broken creation within which we live. When this new world comes, death will be no more, tears will stop flowing, mourning will be turned to joy, and pain will be finally and fully comforted. The voice of God will call out to us in our hiding places. God will say, "Look! I'm making all things new!" And we'll look around and see that the enemies stalking us have been transformed. Death, pain, suffering, and fear will come to an end (Revelation 21).

The change of a calendar does not have the power to do this. No politician we elect will bring this kind of peace. No government is capable of fixing this messed up world. If we pin our hopes on a candidate, we will be disappointed. Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. No other has the power to enter into the suffering of this world and transform it into everlasting peace and new life.

New life comes only through God in Jesus. We hold out hope that God will make all things new. We point to the resurrection and declare that God's work in the grave is a sign of God's deep commitment to breaking every power that destroys life. We do not know when or how this new life will fully become a reality among us. Rather, we trust that God's new life is coming among us. It is already among us, but not, yet, fully in place.

Here's how we recognize God's new life in the world. We know God's life wherever we see healing coming to places of brokenness. We see God's new life emerge wherever people are being raised out of poverty, in places where the hungry are being fed, in healing places that bring hope, in forums where peace breaks down walls of division. Wherever the destructive powers of death and self-centered sinfulness are turned, the power of God's new life is found.

God's vision for this world is that it would be restored. To this end, God has called us, the Church, to action. We are to be God's hands and feet working as the body of Christ in the world, bringing the new life of Jesus to places where death and destruction are still at work: In our lives, in the church, in our communities and in the world.

When we are the church, living and enacting God's mission of new life through Jesus, people will look and see that God is making all things new. People will be energized by the impact we make in the world. They will see that we, when acting in the name of Jesus, bring healing, peace, and love. When we are the church at its best, we are a place of new life in a world still gripped by death and destruction.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This is my third January with the community of St. Luke's. After three years at St Luke's, this January has been the best one yet. We worship and play together more and more like we are a family. You can know that the Bogies are honored and blessed to be part of such a wonderful faith community. Thank you for your blessings and support through our three years together.



It is the New Year, and our preparation for the coming of the Christ child is over. This is the time of year when the magic of the Holidays leaves us a little more drained and irritable. This is the time of year when we keep writing 2022 for the date and forget that we are now in 2023.

What does 2023 hold for the world? What does 2023 hold for the faithful? What does 2023 hold for St Luke's? It is hard to answer any of these questions without having a time machine or some superpower that can see into the future. In 2023, Jesus teaches us to love without condition. If we could fully follow Jesus' example, there could be a more unconditional loving spirit in the world, and if there could be a more loving spirit in the world, we all would be in a great place for 2023.

Even though Christmas is over, one of the joys of this year was the addition of the Blue Christmas service on December 18. Christmas is a time for celebration, but Christmas can be difficult for those who have experienced loss or trauma. St Luke's stands with our surrounding community; it was a blessing to stand with those who struggle during this time of year. The Blue Christmas service was a new blessing for the community of St Luke's.

Great love was received by the children and youth of St Luke's as we saw the return of our children-led Christmas Program. The Christmas Program was a blessing; seeing our children of different ages work together collectively was a fantastic experience. This year's Christmas Program was filled with many loving memories of our youth, children, and the people who helped to bring it together.

We look forward to Epiphany and Pastor Steve's birthday on January 6. After Epiphany, we have some time for rest. However, the Lenten season and Easter are just around the corner, which then leads to the beginning of spring, and then summer. It will be a great year, especially if we ground the year in unconditional love.

The people of St Luke's can know that their pastor deeply enjoys worshipping with and serving this community of faith, especially during the holiest times of the year. There is great joy in the opportunities that St Luke's has blessed me with over the last three years. Thank you, dear people.

Peace be with you all,
Pastor Steve Bogie

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Music & Fine Arts Events

We are very excited for a full and wonderful year with Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's! In December, we welcomed Jazz Express before the Waukesha Christmas Parade. For more information in addition to the Epistle, take a look at the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board outside of Door 3 (parking lot door), or on Facebook at Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's.

Here are the upcoming events we have scheduled at this time:

January 22, 2023 – Wisconsin Philharmonic family concert 2:00 p.m. and petting zoo at 1:00 p.m.

March 12, 2023 – Jubilate Chorale & Purdue University Choir – time TBD

March 27, 2023 – Augustana Choir from Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois at 7:00 p.m. (They were the first concert in our renovated sanctuary in 2017!)

April 18, 2023 – Wisconsin Philharmonic Shining Stars recital at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you to all of the musicians who helped lead worship on Christmas Eve and during Advent! I am so thankful for everyone who did so well, and all of the preparation that we had in practicing and rehearsals.

Michael Schaner

Director of Music Ministries



St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Pronouns: he, him, his

In gratitude, we received memorials this past month to support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's. You, too, can memorialize others with gifts to St. Luke's. You can also honor loved ones with honorariums given to St. Luke's. Memorials and honorariums will be listed here each month. During the past month, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<u>In Memory</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Jane Hilt	Lon Becher	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	Cory & Suzanne Boulton	Bldg/Sanctuary/Mortgage
Jane Hilt	Roxanne Bralick	Bldg/Sanctuary/Mortgage
Jane Hilt	Barbara Cairn	Bldg/Sanctuary/Mortgage
Jane Hilt	Rick & Annette Castner	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	Dick Crooks Family	Bldg/Sanctuary/Mortgage
Jane Hilt	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Music
Jane Hilt	Carol Hilt	Music
Jane Hilt	Allan & Chris Jackson	Paraments
Jane Hilt	Teresa Jahn	Chapel Piano
Jane Hilt	Mark & Ellen Parson	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	Fran Parson	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	Kathy Paulson	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Jane Hilt	Diane Sinner	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	Mary Uglow	Bldg/Sanctuary/Mortgage
Jane Hilt	Dennis & Diane Voit	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	Waukesha Engine Historical	Undesignated
Jane Hilt	James & Holly Wenzel	Bldg/Sanctuary/Mortgage
John Howard	Janice Howard	Undesignated

2023 Annual Meeting Announced

St. Luke's Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held February 12, 2023, between services in the sanctuary. Each year, we hold the annual meeting to complete elections, present and approve an annual budget, and more.

2023 Financial Inquiry Meeting

If you'd like to know more about the finances and proposed 2023 budget of the congregation, please attend the 2023 Financial Inquiry Meeting. It will be held February 5, between services, in the Martin Luther Chapel. Members of the Finance and Budget Committee will be present to take your questions.

Remembering the Church

Giving to the church in memory of someone who has died is a great way to make a gift. Naming the church as a recipient of memorials is a powerful way to support the ministry that has supported you throughout your life. Memorials are used for a variety of purposes. When giving or designating memorials, you can choose to have gifts given to certain ongoing projects of the church such as music ministry, youth ministry, Christian education, and so on. You can also choose to leave memorials undesignated, in which case the funds will be used to support needs as they arise. Memorial gifts are acknowledged in our monthly newsletter. If you have questions about memorials, talk with Pastor Jordan. He will help you think about ways you can make an impact through memorial giving.

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.

Online Giving

To start giving electronically or make changes to your existing on-line giving, please log on to our website and click the "Online Giving" tab on the far right. You can also fill out the paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Paper authorization forms are available at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

Use your phone to give.

Point your camera at the QR code to use Omella to make an online gift. Your gifts will be counted as offerings and will support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's Lutheran.



The deadline for the next issue of the Epistle is
Friday, January 13.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you are a Thrivent member, you can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Thrivent Choice Dollars are held in the Memorial Fund as undesignated, unless otherwise noted, and will be assigned a purpose as needed. If you have questions, call or email Cindy in the finance office. Thank you!

Support the Food Pantry

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website.

Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store, or bring to church to drop in the cart by door 2. The pantry is also experiencing a shortage of baby wipes and diapers (especially size 3, 4, 5, and 6.)

Food Pantry Delivery

Many of you are bringing food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry. Help deliver the donations to the pantry each week. It takes less than an hour.. If interested in adding your name to the list of volunteers, please sign up at Signup Central. In January, a schedule will be sent out with the weekly assignments and contacts for a substitute if you're not able to make the delivery. Special thank goes out toCarolynn Fish and the Amigos for their diligent delivery of items over the past many months. Kudos to you! Your service was much appreciated. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Wood at 262-542-5118.

Our Monthly Book Club

First Tuesday Book Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Please watch the bulletin for more information on this ministry.

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More Help for Tanzania

You can sponsor the Mt. Meru Hospitality Coffee Hour. Orders can be placed for a 5 x 7 table tent to be placed on the tables during coffee hour to honor, remember, or celebrate someone or something special in your life. Sponsor 2 weeks for \$25 or 1 month for \$45 to benefit the Tanzania coffee project. Sign up now to reserve your spot by contacting Sandy Hendrickson at (262) 613-0610 or shendrickson504@gmail.com.

CLM Preschool Scholarship

Did you know that you can make an offering towards the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund? This fund is set aside specifically for families within our half-day Preschool program that need financial assistance, or for families that wish to enroll in Preschool but cannot afford full tuition. Offerings to the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund can be made through your regular giving envelope or through on-line giving. Thank you!

Vans Are Running Again

We are excited for the return of drivers to aid our members that may not be able to make it to in-person services. Drivers will pick up for the 10:30 a.m. service. Check the bulletins for future dates. If you need a ride to service, call the church office, (262) 542-2545, no later than Thursday by 4:00 p.m. to get your name on the list for pick up for that Sunday.

Lutheran Disaster Response

This organization of the ELCA brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. In 2022, Lutheran Disaster Response provided ongoing assistance to those affected by many disasters.

Connecting, Growing, Serving

Forever Forty Planning 2023

Forever Forty will be meeting at church on Saturday, January 21, for the annual chili dump/event planning for the 2023 year. Bring enough chili for two to three people and an item to share. Examples of an item to share are, sour cream, chopped onions, bread, butter, juice, soda or dessert. Everyone is welcome. Please join us and bring your events, ideas, and suggestions. Let's make it a great year of new adventures! Please contact Fran Parson by January 16, for your reservations and the item you will be sharing. She can be reached at 414-840-1625 or fclparson@gmail.com

Serving in Worship

There are a variety of ways to serve the community whenever we worship. Each of the ways are equally important to our weekly experience of God's grace. You can serve as a lector, an usher, a member of the altar guild, a communion assistant and more. We use "Ministry Scheduler Pro," an online tool, to help people schedule their worship ministry involvement. If you have an account on Ministry Scheduler Pro, you received an email inviting you to update your profile and involvement. That email also contained your credentials to log in. The spotlight section of our website's homepage also has a link to our Ministry Scheduler that you can follow. Our goal is to develop schedules that use the many gifts and talents present in our congregation. Please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro, update your profile, and let us know what dates you are not available to serve. Also, watch your email for more information about serving God in our worship ministries.

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New Paraments Update

How wonderful to finally have our first sets of new paraments for all to see! The worship team hopes you experienced the new beauty the Christmas set, and now the new green elements, have provided to the sanctuary.

It has been a long path since the initial 100th anniversary appeal for these that began in June 2021. There have been several artists, numerous design meetings, and many construction challenges. But we are pleased to celebrate our future with the new look of these important liturgical pieces.

Our thanks to everyone who has supported the parament project. We truly value your gifts. Our hope continues to be to purchase new paraments for each of the liturgical seasons and festivals; six sets in all.

If you are thinking about a special contribution to honor a family member, or a memorial to a loved one, it is never too late to do so by donating in their name to this project. Your gift would have lasting effects toward our sanctuary enhancement.

ELCA Receives Lilly Grant

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has received a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish the ELCA Compelling Preaching: Transformed Listeners Initiative.

The goal of the initiative is to cultivate persuasive preaching by inviting ELCA ministry leaders to review research findings about current preaching settings; propose innovative ways to apply those learnings in their individual ministry contexts; participate in funded cohort learning initiatives; and produce successful preaching foundations for all lay leaders and rostered ministers seeking to transform lives through the gospel. A \$50,000 grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. earlier in 2022 supported the initiative's research phase.

"We believe the word of God has power, changes lives and transforms communities," said the Rev. Louise Johnson, ELCA executive for administration. "To have the opportunity to understand the task of preaching from the perspective of the listener is an extraordinary gift in a world longing for justice, reconciliation and healing. We are deeply grateful for the Lilly Endowment's commitment to the life and health of congregations and anticipate that this work will lead us to live more faithfully into our calling as a church to steward the word of God."

"While the story never changes, the ways people communicate have rapidly been changing," said the Rev. Philip Hirsch, ELCA executive director for Christian Community and Leadership. "Zoom, Facebook Live, TikTok and Instagram have changed the methods by which people have engaged in the message of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our hope is that people's lives will be well reflected in the messages they hear and see, and that the good news of Jesus will lead us all to a more hopeful future that God has in mind for humanity."

The project is being funded through Lilly Endowment's Compelling Preaching Initiative. The ELCA is one of 32 organizations receiving funding in an invitational round of grants for the initiative, which is designed to help Christian pastors strengthen their abilities to proclaim the gospel in more engaging and effective ways.

Tanzania Partnership Corner

Maroroni and Kilima Moja Parishes and Samaria Parish Ascension Lutheran Church expresses sincere gratitude from Tanzania.

The Meru Partnership Committee is very grateful to the Greater Milwaukee Synod for the generous response to the hunger relief appeal after three years of drought experienced by the people of Meru. Between May and November of this year, we have received gifts from well over 100 contributors totaling over \$95,000 to purchase corn, beans, and cooking oil. Bishop Paul Erickson was able to assist with food distributions on his visit to Meru for their General Assembly in August 2022.

Mr. Joseph Kaaya, General Secretary of the Diocese, has written, "We thank our friends in the Greater Milwaukee Synod for their great effort to help our people. The catastrophe is still dwelling. We still appeal for more food aid and for seeds to be planted next year. God bless all who donated this time and those who will donate in future." Giving is easy! You may send a check made out to the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA indicating in the memo line that it is for Meru Hunger Relief. The address is: Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA – Meru Partnership Committee P.O. Box 341695 Milwaukee, WI 53234, Or visit our website at www.partnerswithmeru.org Click on Hunger Appeal for more information, and to make an online donation. Asante sana, and may you be blessed again and again!

Please Remember

All calendar dates and times are subject to change as needed. Please check for any updates on the online calendar at www.stlukeslutheran.org

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Knit While You Pray

Please join us for Prayer Shawl Ministry the first and third Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. We are looking to grow our ministry. If you do not know how to knit or crochet, we would be happy to teach you. Attendance is not required. You can donate items made at home: Prayer Patches, Prayer Shawls, and Lap Robes. Please call Gloria at (262) 547-8096, if you have any questions.

Sew With Us

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. We meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be able to sew. There are other things that can be done. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have any questions, (262) 547-7818.

Prayer Ministry

How can we pray for you, a friend or a loved one? Our Prayer Team is ready to pray for you during the trials and joys of daily life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, or if you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser. Perhaps there is someone you know who could use a note of encouragement or get well wishes. She'd like to know that also.

Planning a Wedding?

Our website has great information about getting married at or through St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Download the *Preparing for a Wedding* booklet from the weddings page of our website and you can learn more about ceremonies in our sanctuary, in our chapel, or offsite. Visit www.stlukeslutheran.org for more information.

Preparing for a Funeral

Our ministry of walking with people at times of death is an important work of this church. To help families prepare for a funeral, we've developed a booklet entitled, *Preparing for a Funeral*. You can download this resource from the funerals page of our website. Our pastors are available for any who would like to prepare for a funeral.

Welcome to the Font

Pre-baptismal gatherings, *Welcome to the Font*, are scheduled quarterly in our church. *Welcome to the Font* is a time for parents preparing for baptism to join with other parents while learning about God's work for them and their children in Holy Baptism. The schedule is Tuesdays, March 7, and June 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Baptisms are scheduled only after attending a *Welcome to the Font* gathering.

Community Meal

We are also excited to be continuing our Thursday evening community meal from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. We provide a healthy meal for our families and youth every Thursday between youth choir rehearsals. All are welcome to join us for this time together.



Community Meal

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make regular visits and phone calls to people in need of care. If you would like pastoral care, please call the church office at (262) 542-2545. This is especially important if you are going through life-transitions, illness, or trauma. If you change your address or enter a care facility or rehab center, please update the church office with your contact information.

Epistle Online

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 weekly **Connections** email and our monthly newsletter, The Epistle, by email please contact the church office at 262-542-2545 or office@stlukeslutheran.org.

Penny War

The Youth of St. Luke's are challenging the congregation to a Penny War during the month of January. All proceeds raised will be donated to Tanzania to purchase beans and maize for the children, families and friends impacted by the drought. The brave volunteers who are willing (?!?) to risk the potential "reward" of a pie in the face during the Education Hour will unveiled January 1st at the table in the Narthex and announced in a weekly Connections afterwards. The "winner" of the honor will be the one with the highest points total at the end of January. Paper (bills and checks) & electronic giving will be positive points and noisy money (coins) will be negative points. Reminder to our clever youth, only legal tender counts toward point totals (Sorry! Monopoly bills and hand drawn bills – although clever - do not count in the point totals).

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Discipleship Training (DT)

DT is open to all 7th & 8th grade youth (or older youth) who wish to affirm their baptism. DT generally meets Sundays during the Education Hour, 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. with additional learning, service and community time outside the Education Hour. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) for additional information.

Come join us in the Youth Room Sunday mornings during the Education Hour for Discipleship Training to explore and learn more about your faith. Friends are always welcome. The focus for January will be learning the various aspects of a Lutheran worship service then plan and lead all services the last weekend of January with the Youth Group.

Reminder: Sign up to acolyte at least twice a month.

January Activities:

- 1/1 No DT class – Winter Break
- 1/8 Planning Youth Led Worship 9:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
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- 1/22 No DT
- 1/28 Youth Led Service Practice & Final Prep 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Youth Led Service 5:00 p.m. ** Dinner will be provided
- 1/29 Youth Led Service 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
** Breakfast will be provided in between services.

Looking Ahead:

- 2/21 Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 2/22 Lenten Mentorship every Wednesdays begins on Ash Wednesday

Youth Group (YG)

St. Luke's Youth Ministry is open to all 7th to 12th grade youth. Friends are always welcome. We would love to have you join us in the Youth Room for faith and fellowship. The focus for January will be the planning and leading the Worship Services the last week of January. Please plan to join DT in the Youth Room during the Education Hour 9:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. during the month of January.

January Activities:

- 1/15 Planning Youth Led Worship 9:15 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
Pizza Theology 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 1/22 Movie Day 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (tentative)
- 1/28 Youth Led Service Practice & Final Prep 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Youth Led Service 5:00 p.m. ** Dinner will be provided
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Looking Ahead:

- 2/4, 2/5, 2/11 & 2/12 Noisy Offering
Collection for the local Food Pantry
- 2/5 Escape Room
- 2/21 Shove Tuesday Pancake Supper



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Check Out Journi

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is pleased to introduce Journi, a web-based tool designed to help people discern their call to leadership in the ELCA.

"Journi encourages all of us to seek out and inspire gifted people in our congregations and communities to consider a call to ministry of the gospel," said the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, ELCA presiding bishop.

Journi.faith is an online tool that connects people with programs and ministries from across the ELCA. By creating a free account with Journi, a person can take the ELCA Spiritual Gifts Personality Quiz, which will identify their top five spiritual gifts, and receive content recommendations based on those gifts. "Journi is for anyone who wants to explore how they might follow Christ in love and service," said the Rev. Philip Hirsch, executive for ELCA Christian Community and Leadership. "For those who feel they are called to make the world a better place but don't know exactly what they want to do, Journi will help them find a next step." Users can also check out upcoming leadership events in the ELCA on the calendar and have access to nine different paths that are similar to small courses that showcase programs and ministries from across the ecology of the ELCA, along with dozens of articles, videos, podcasts, and other resources for users to learn from. Those nine paths are: Called to Lead, Chaplaincy, Choosing the Right Seminary, Connecting Faith & Public Life, Finding Faith on Campus, Get a Scholarship: Fund for Leaders, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Young Adults in Global Mission, and Youth Leadership. "Journi is for everyone, not just those who want to become pastors or deacons in the church," Hirsch said. "God calls everyone to love and serve."

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Outreach for Hope

We are honored to invite you to join us as we celebrate the impact of our Ministry Partners over the past year. As families struggle to make ends meet, our Ministry Partners have stepped up to meet the ever-growing demand for direct services that address basic needs, all while continuing to do the transformative, Gospel-inspired work that makes them centers of hope in our communities. Examples include: Incarnation Lutheran, Milwaukee, where youth organized an event earlier this year providing free clothing, food, and more for their neighbors; Grace Welcome center in Kenosha, which feeds over 200 families every week with bags of groceries; Cross Lutheran in Milwaukee, which offers free health care to the community through its Bread of Healing Clinic; and many more!

Even as we reflect on the past year, we imagine in hope all that God has in store for us in the year to come! We are excited to share that Outreach for Hope has expanded the number of grants we're funding in 2023, to 20 Ministry Partners across Southeast Wisconsin.

So far, our year has been highly successful in raising money for grants to our Ministry Partners, but the need continues to grow. Will you consider contributing?

Thank you for supporting Outreach for Hope in our mutual work of ministry, as we walk with our Ministry Partners who serve people who need to know of God's love, grace, and goodness at Christmas time and always. And may God bless you and yours this season as well!

Pastor Chris Manke, Executive Director of Outreach for Hope

Hope Center Financial Assistance

The Hope Center Financial Assistance program helps people facing financial crises. This includes limited medical expenses (copays) or transportation to and from work. Throughout the years, they have helped thousands of people avoid becoming homeless. An applicant may receive financial assistance once a year and must be in the low-income population. From its beginnings as a program supported by congregations their Financial Assistance program has grown to include partnerships with St. Vincent de Paul, Hebron House of Hospitality, ERAs Senior Network Inc., Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Waukesha Community Development Board, various private foundations, and a multitude of individuals and congregations.

Urgent Request from the Hope Center, Keep People Warm.

With the extreme cold temperatures, they are in need of the following items to help keep our friends on the street as warm as possible throughout the night: hand and body warmers, heavy duty waterproof winter gloves (sizes M-XL), long underwear, men's and women's (sizes M-XL), adult snow pants/snowsuits, warm blankets, thick warm socks, gas cards, tents, tarps, and sleeping bags. Donations can be dropped off Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call their office at (262) 549-8726 if you need to drop off outside of hours.



St. Luke's Calendar for January 2022

Sunday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, January 2

Office Closed
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.

Wednesday, January 4

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
1:00 p.m. Companions in Ministry
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:30 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, January 5

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, January 8

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
9:15 a.m. DT
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus
10:00 a.m. Van Pick Up
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 10

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.
5:00 p.m. Tanzania Partners Meet

Wednesday, January 11

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:15 p.m. CLM Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, January 12

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee
6:00 p.m. El Sistema Community
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Mtg.

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, January 15

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. DT/YG Plan Worship
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. YG Pizza Theology
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 17

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Congregation Council
7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap

Wednesday, January 18

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. CLM Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:30 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, January 19

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal

Saturday, January 21

10:00 a.m. WI Philharmonic Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Forever Forty
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, January 22

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
10:00 a.m. Van Pick Up
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. YG Movie Day (Tentative)
12:30 p.m. WI Philharmonic Concert
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, January 25

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:30 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, January 26

11:00 a.m. New Perspective
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Saturday, January 28

2:30 p.m. Youth Led Worship Prep
5:00 p.m. Youth Led Worship
6:00 p.m. YG/DT Dinner

Sunday, January 29

8:15 a.m. Youth Led Worship
9:30 a.m. DT/YG Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Youth Led Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's AA

Monday, January 30

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:00 p.m. Endowment Committee
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
4:00 p.m. O.A.



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Fall 2023 Preschool Enrollment Time!

It may be chilly outside, but January and February are the hottest months for preschool registration! If your child will be 2, 3, or 4 years of age by 9/1/23, this information is for you! Now is the time to call with your questions and to arrange a visit before the registration process begins. All classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Preschool enrollment dates are as follows:

January 9-11: Priority registration days for families with children currently enrolled in the Preschool program.

January 18: Registration for St. Luke's church members, families with children currently enrolled in the Child Care program at St. Luke's, and families who have had children in our preschool program in past years.

February 1: Enrollment is open to the community. Spread the word!

Save the Dates and Tell Your Friends!

St. Luke's Preschool features small class sizes, weekly music classes, Bible stories and songs, Chapel Chats with a pastor, service projects, Pre-K readiness, field trips, and much more. More details can be found at www.stlukeslutheran.org. Children entering the 3 and 4 - Year classes must be toilet trained. Classes follow the school year calendar, and the following options will be available for fall 2023:

2 Years Old (by 9/1/23): First Steps to Preschool – Classes meet 1 morning a week - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (child must be accompanied by an adult).

3 Years Old (by 9/1/23): Classes meet 2 mornings a week - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

4 Years Old (by 9/1/23): Classes meet 2 or 3 mornings a week - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Many families choose to attend our Preschool in the morning and our School District of Waukesha 4K in the afternoon!

Contact Liz at 262-522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org to learn how your child or grandchild can be a part of the St. Luke's Preschool experience!