



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

July 2024

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

What's Up With Germany?

You may have noticed that I, recently have been focusing a lot on German history and language. I've been doing this in tandem with the congregational trip for this coming September. I've also been learning about Germany as a continuing education project because in the 16th century some important events happened in Germany that continue to shape us today.

Thirty years ago, I studied Lutheran history in seminary. I got a good glimpse of what had happened with Martin Luther and the impacts they had. Today, I'm working to understand these important events more deeply because the protestant reformation of the 16th century reshaped the worlds of culture, power, religion and politics. The movements that came out of Germany five hundred years ago continue to shape us to this day. Our church, country, and culture are rooted in ideas and movements that came before us. The past matters, in this moment.



Today, our society is asking questions about the relationships of church, politics, and power as we grapple with the real dangers of Christian nationalism, which seem to be on the rise in America. We are trying to figure out what religious centers hold us and compel us into meaningful ministry. In times of trouble and uncertainty we are asking, how to speak in ways that the gospel message of Jesus Christ will be heard. These contemporary questions were at the heart of the 16th century protestant reformation, a period of history that was about so much more than a monk nailing 95 theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

I admit it: I'm a curious nerd who is studying language, culture, and history to learn more about religious life in western civilization today. This matters because preachers are called to help their communities interpret God's action in the world, in the present. Understanding more deeply the movements that have shaped us to be who we are, I hope to strengthen my pastoral leadership as a Biblical scholar, student of the world, and curious fellow, so that I might be a better pastor in ministry. We stand in the Lutheran Tradition, a robust system of faith that equips us in powerful ways. As I learn German, read Martin Luther's works, and study the empires of the past, I am learning about us, who we are, how we came to be a Lutheran church in Waukesha, and more.

Germany Trip: Lederhosen Not Required

Twenty people will travel together in September to explore German history, culture and civic life. Sixteen of the twenty are St. Luke's members. Travel is an important sign of congregational health and vibrancy. A healthy congregation explores the world and learns together. During the trip to Germany, we'll explore the roots of Lutheranism. We'll visit many sites important to Lutheran history and learn together about Martin Luther's impact in the world. We'll also be exploring sites related to Lutheran Church Music: St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, and J. S. Bach House in Eisenach. We'll be touching on World War II history throughout the trip, especially when we visit Dachau Concentration Camp. We'll do so much more. Pray for this group as we travel September 9-20 and be ready to hear our stories when we return.

ELCA Youth Gathering

Time may be speeding up because the seasons seem to be moving quicker than ever. It is time to speak about summer! Summertime at St Luke's is a traditional time when our youth experience God through their love and service to their neighbor, which usually means it's time to travel.

This year, we have a memorable summer in store for our youth. Our youth will attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA, July 16 to 20. This extraordinary event happens every three years, where thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. The youth will spend time in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship to help inspire them to grow in their faith, be challenged, and motivated to live their faith daily. While some experiences can be replicated at home, some are unique and special to the Gathering because of the ministry's size and scope.



Five core goals have been envisioned for the youth at the Gathering: to affirm and challenge them in their faith, help them experience new perspectives, help them ponder their vocation, help them bond with their congregational group, and help them learn more about the ELCA and our partnerships. The ELCA Youth Gathering will be a life-changing, life-giving opportunity for those who attend and connect.

Throughout the summer, many of us enjoy some time away to disconnect and to get some respite or vacation. It is very good for us all to get away and disconnect for a little while to receive self-care. However, after a long summer, with all the different opportunities we may have experienced, we may need a renewal of energy renewal.

Looking Forward to Fall and Welcome Day

Not to put summer on the back burner, but it is essential to start spreading the word about a significant "Welcome" event in September at St Luke's. This year, St. Luke's will revisit a rallying event that welcomes us back into our faith from the summer by celebration. On Sunday, September 8, at Bethesda Park after 10:30 a.m. worship, we will have a "Welcome Day" celebration. What used to be called Rally Day will now be called Welcome Day. Welcome Day is a celebratory day where the church calls or rallies us back from summer to our faith at the start of the school year in September. Welcome Day will be a fun way to return from summer with celebration and positive energy while we kick-start the next program year.

Welcome day is Sunday, September 8, at Bethesda Park from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. We will have special "Welcome Day" activities for kids and adults starting at 12:00 p.m. For lunch, we will have pulled pork, shredded chicken, and roasted corn. All of St. Luke's will be invited to join in the fun and bring a dish to pass.

We look forward to "Welcoming" our faith into the new year this September.

Peace be with you always, Pastor Steve Bogie

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Friday Nights B.S.B. (Bonfire, Smores and Blessings)

Experience something life-giving while eating smores, playing games, and being part of a community. BSB will be held once a month on Friday night. On July 26 starting at 6:30 p.m., there will be games and fun things to do with others. Live into the image that you are created and gather to be fed by smores in the community.



Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's

Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's presents former Carroll University student, soprano, Janani Sundar in recital Friday, July 19. at 7:00 p.m. This will be a free recital to attend. You will not want to miss Janani and her amazing voice before she heads to medical school in the fall.

St. Luke's Fall Musical Ensemble's

Even though it's rather hot as I type this, it's not too early to think about joining the St. Luke's musical ensembles this fall! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org. More information will be coming but stay tuned for a great time in our musical ensembles!

Starting Wednesday, August 28:

Godsbells (adult handbells): 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Voices of Faith (7th grade - adult): 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Starting Sunday, September 8:

Men's Chorus: 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Rehearses the second Sunday of each month
September - May

Starting Thursday, December 12:

Joyful Noise: ensembles for 4 years old - 6th grade.

Angel Choir (4 years old - 1st grade): 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Sing for Joy (2nd grade - 6th grade): 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Lord's Chimes/Joyful Ringers (2nd grade - 6th grade): 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.



Congregation Council News

1.) A flamingo informed us the CLM Director, Courtney had her home flocked just in time for the annual Summer Kick-off hosted by CLM Staff and Advisory Committee. Council members were graciously invited. Was it council? Whoever did the flocking, thank you for supporting our youth!



2.) Council encourages everyone to continue to pray for our youth and leaders for a fun, safe and blessed trip to the youth gathering in New Orleans. This will be an awesome experience for our youth to continue to explore and grow their faith while experiencing worship and fellowship with thousands of other youths within the ELCA. We can't wait to hear about their experiences.

3.) CLM's improved playground is complete and being enjoyed by the children and staff. Pop out back and take a look. This will be another wonderful learning environment for the children to build their physical and social skills, along with emotional well-being. Thank you to those that were able to contribute to make this new playground possible.

Summer Pick up Choir

Our summer pick up choir returns this summer! Join us as we learn an anthem to sing in worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on July 14, and August 4. We will gather at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary and rehearse together. Our summer choir is for all ages and ability levels, so come and make a joyful noise! These are no-pressure dates to come and sing, whether you are interested in joining one of our choirs, a returning choir member, or can only attend in the summer. For more information, look at the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board by Door 3 and the Peace Meeting Room, or talk to Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

Music Camp

We are looking forward to our summer music camp with the theme of *Praising God All Around the World!* Our music camp will occur July 15-19, with a morning session for students entering kindergarten and 1st grade, and a full day session for students entering 2nd through 7th grade. Our morning session is full! Join us in worship on Sunday, July 21, as our campers present what they've learned throughout the week. Thank you to all who help make this fantastic week possible!

Receiving Our Weekly Connections Email?

Each week we send out an email called *Connections*. It includes announcements, links, information about worship schedules, community events, and so much more. If you are not receiving it, email the office (office@stlukeslutheran.org) to be added to the email list.

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8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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Youth Group (Y.G.)

Youth Group is open to 7th to 12th graders. Friends are welcome.

July Activities:

7/14 National Youth Gathering Send
Off Blessing at 10:30 a.m. service
7/15 Leave for National Youth Gathering 2:30 p.m. at St. Luke's
7/15 - 7/20 ELCA 2024 National Youth Gathering
7/26 B.S.B. (Bonfire Smore's and Blessings)
7/27 & 7/28 Youth Gathering presentation at all services
Looking Ahead - 8/16 Brewers Outing - Youth Fundraiser

Kwik Trip Card Fundraiser

Thank you to all who have purchased Kwik Trip cards already. A quick reminder that this an on-going year-round fundraiser, so for those that use Kwik Trip on a regular basis, please consider purchasing gift cards through St. Luke's to use for your gas and grocery purchases. The youth will get a portion of your everyday purchases. In addition to the gift, gas and grocery cards, we have also have 5-count car wash cards available. Cards are available for purchase two ways. Through an order form available on the Welcome Station. This option usually has around a two week turn around time from the time the form is filled out to delivery. The other option is directly from the stock on hand Sunday mornings. Contact Cari with any questions or to order.

Brewer's Game Fundraiser

Take me out to the ballgame! The youth invite our friends and family to join us for a Brewers game Friday, August 16. Come cheer on the Milwaukee Brewers against the Cleveland Guardians and support the youth at the same time. Sign up on the board in the narthex or contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org to reserve tickets.

Outreach for Hope 2024 Family Ride Run Walk

The 2024 Outreach for Hope Family Ride, Run, Walk, will be on Saturday, September 21. This is the Outreach for Hope's biggest fundraiser of the year. They are hoping to raise \$150K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. To register, volunteer, and/or donate, go to OFHRRW.ORG.

Sophia's 3rd Annual Community Multicultural Fair

Sophia's 3rd Annual Community Multicultural Fair will be held Saturday, August 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Frame Park in Waukesha. There will be food trucks, vendors, and arts and crafts. For more information about the fair visit, www.sophiawaukesha.org. If you are interested in being a vender, sponsor or volunteer, email sophiawaukesha@gmail.com.

Tee Up For Hope

Join the Hope Center for their annual "Tee Up For Hope" golf outing at the Broadlands Golf Club on Monday, July 15, starting at 9:30 a.m. There will be team scramble events with prizes, hole events, raffles, auctions, lunch buffet and post-golf heavy hors d'oeuvres social. For tickets or more information go to hopecenterwi.org/event/tee-up-for-hope-golf-outing-2024/

Memorials

In gratitude, we received memorials 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 month of May, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
June Buskel	Wendy Bacon	Youth
June Buskel	Cari Buskel-Thompson	Youth
June Buskel	Jim Buskel	Youth
June Buskel	Richard & Carolyn Huttner	Youth
June Buskel	Christine LaVoi	Youth
June Buskel	Dennis & Diane Voit	Youth
Larry Huebner	Dennis & Diane Voit	Centennial Scholarships
Erl Kolstad	Anonymous	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Sue Bangle	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Gloria Brechlin	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Janet Christenson	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Ginny Dietzler	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Lance & Karen Dill	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Vi Ellison	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Anne Erke	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Brian & Nancy Farrell	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Marianne Gilpatrick	Music
Erl Kolstad	Phil & May Hanson	Music
Erl Kolstad	Sandy Hendrickson	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Jim & Gwen Kieso	Prayer Shawl
Erl Kolstad	Rev. Keith & Karen Kolstad	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Betsy Koski	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Leeann Limberg	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Char Maile	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Art & Pam Olson	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Paraments
Erl Kolstad	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Erl Kolstad	Renee Raether	Endowment
Erl Kolstad	Rev. Richard Schmeling & Gayle Kasdorf Schmeling	ELCA Hunger Appeal
Erl Kolstad	Nancy Spencer	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Ron & Cheri Staub	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Tom & Sally Turner	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Dennis & Diane Voit	Centennial Scholarships
Erl Kolstad	Joan Wisnieski	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Sharon Wood	Endowment/Music
Erl Kolstad	Dave & Judy Worzalla	Endowment/Music
Char Maile	Anonymous	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Phil Bangle	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Sue Bangle	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Virginia Borck	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Sherry Casper	Music
Char Maile	Janet Christenson	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Jan Crooks	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Ginny Dietzler	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Anne Erke	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music

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.

July's Council Contact Rob Riedel

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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 ministry of St. Luke's Lutheran.



July's Monthly Mission: Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan

LSS empowers people to live their best lives by offering a path to recovery from addiction or mental illness, a home that's safe and affordable, a family to thrive in, independence and a life that is truly their own.

Memorials (continued)

Char Maile	Brian & Nancy Farrell	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Linda Fields	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Carolyn Fish	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Youth
Char Maile	Janet Freyer	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Kevin & Sherry Gierach	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Sandy Hendrickson	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	RJ & Cheryl Hildebran	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Richard & Carolyn Huttner	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Allan & Chris Jackson	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Alan, Barb, Jess & Heather Jerich	Needle & Thimble
Char Maile	Darlene Kleinow	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Jason Kleinow	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Matthew & Laura Kleinow	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Rev. Keith & Karen Kolstad	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Christopher & Katrina Ludin	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Heidi Martin	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Dawn Mittelsteadt	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Gary & Patricia Nielsen	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Fran Parson	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Parameters
Char Maile	Timothy & Kathleen Price	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Char Maile	Fred & Diane Regenfuss	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Rob & Kristin Riedel	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Ron & Cheri Staub	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Paul & Susan Swaab	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Stephen & Lynne Thomas	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Dennis & Diane Voit	Needle & Thimble
Char Maile	Charles & Trisha Wasemiller	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Joan Wisnieski	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Sharon Wood	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Char Maile	Dave & Judy Worzalla	Ndl & Thimble/Gd Sam/Music
Ella Mueller	Sue Bangle	Needle & Thimble / Gen Fund
Ella Mueller	Jan Crooks	Needle & Thimble / Gen Fund
Ella Mueller	Brian & Nancy Farrell	Needle & Thimble / Gen Fund
Ella Mueller	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Parameters
Erna Schultz	Christopher & Rhonda James	Undesignated

Good Samaritan Fund Continues Ministry

We are blessed to have been able to help so many people through the Good Samaritan Fund. We have helped people secure housing, stay in their homes, afford medicine, participate in drug/alcohol programs, pay for funeral expenses, care for children and so much more. Your help in boosting its balance would allow us to continue to care for people who come to the church looking for help. You can contribute by putting your gift in an envelope clearly marked for the Good Samaritan Fund. Place your gifts in the offering or drop them off in the office. Thank you!

CLM Scrip Fundraiser

Our St. Luke's Child Life Ministries Scrip Account through RaiseRight is now active! What is Scrip? It's a place



where you can purchase gift cards and CLM will get a portion of your purchase kicked back! Going shopping? Get a gift card to pay for your purchase and donate to CLM at the same time, it's that easy! You can order your gift card and have it instantly available to use, right from your phone. There are two easy ways to sign up, follow this link OR scan the QR code. Share with your friends and relatives by sending them a text or email! There's no cost or upcharge, just purchasing gift cards that helps CLM. <https://www.raiseright.com/enrollenrollCode=FD7CD7A8962586>

CLM Preschool Scholarship

Did you know that you can make an offering towards the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund? This fund is set aside for families in 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!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have a special designation for your Thrivent Choice dollars? All Thrivent Choice dollars are held in the Memorial Fund as undesignated and will be assigned a purpose as needed. If you know where you want your Thrivent Choice dollars to go, please let us know by calling or emailing Cindy in the finance office. Thank you!



Pastor Jordan Elected Vice President

At the monthly meeting of the Greater Milwaukee Synod's Partnership Committee, Pastor Jordan was elected to serve as vice-president of the Synod's Partnership Committee with Tanzania. He's been involved in this committee for almost six years, since becoming pastor at St. Luke's. The Vice President serves in the absence of the committee's president and agrees to serve as President in two years' time. PJ considers this to be a great opportunity for St. Luke's, as it will help us grow in our relationship with our partners on the African Continent.

St. Luke's Centennial Scholarships Presented

The St. Luke's Endowment Committee is pleased to support the eight recipients of the annual St. Luke's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Centennial Scholarships. On June 2, Mark Bjerke, the Chairperson of the St. Luke's Endowment Committee, presented this year's scholarships at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Mark shared that each of the eight applicants were asked to list the St. Luke's activities that they were involved in. Their responses included Preschool at CLM, Sunday School, Angel Choir and Music Camp, Vacation Bible School, and Confirmation. They have participated in Scouts, acolyted, lectored, and ushered, and shared their many vocal and instrumental musical talents with the St. Luke's community. Many stories were shared about the influence of Youth Group activities and their life-changing mission trip experiences.

Many of our applicants have been life-long members of St. Luke's. That is true of the first recipient **Maddie Thorstad**. It is an honor to award her, her fourth St. Luke's Scholarship as we continue to support her studies at the Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay with the goal of becoming a family medicine physician.

Other recipients include:

Olivia Bogie continuing her studies of Anthropology at UW-Milwaukee.

Kacey Kotvis continuing her studies at UW-La Crosse majoring in Elementary Education with minors in Dance and Theatre Performance.

Emily Ketter continuing her studies at Iowa State University majoring in Genetics with a minor in Criminal Justice to help solve crimes with genetic research.

Dmitriy Lando continuing his studies at UW-Whitewater majoring in International Business with a minor in German.

Alison Mehling continuing her studies majoring in History and Social Studies Education at UW-Stevens Point.

Alex Tank planning to attend UW-La Crosse for pre-med.

Natalie Warnes planning to attend UW-Madison to major in Finance Investment and Banking.

thank you

Tanzanians Send Thanks to St. Luke's

In June, Pastor Jordan received seven videos of servants in the Tanzanian Church thanking us for our partnership. Three of those speaking on the video are people Pastor Jordan knows personally, and who he's met when in Tanzania. We pray for one of them all the time, Pastor Lazaro Urhio. As we pray for him, we often as we pray for the father of another who offered thanks. Noele Mkenge, daughter of Pastor Mkenge is receiving support through the church to become a doctor. She's in Medical School right now. One of those who sends thanks is Helen Urhio, who was church secretary when I visited in 2022. Now, she's studying to become a pastor. We are equipping leaders in powerful ways because of our partnership with Kilimamoja and Mararoni.

Support the Food Pantry

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

Busy Bags are Available

Busy bags and totes are available to be used during worship with age-appropriate materials in the bag for three different age groups: 1 to 3, 4 to 6, 7 and up. You can pick up a bag or tote off the tree located near the usher counter. After service, drop the bag off on the tree outside the sanctuary doors. We hope our guests enjoy the materials put together by loving hands. Thank you for using our Busy Bags.

Needed for Prayer Shawl

Knitters and crocheters, thank you for keeping our prayer patches full! We need prayer shawls now. The shawls should be approximately, 60W x 20H, or triangular, 60W x 27H. We are also in need of lap robes that would be 36 square inches. You pick the design, color, and type of yarn. Feel free to take yarn from the shelves by the veterans hall. Please call Gloria at (262) 547-8096, if you have any questions.

Prayer Ministry

How can we pray for you, a friend or a loved one? Our Prayer Team is here for prayer support during the trials and joys of daily life. If you or someone you know needs prayer for any reason, could use a note of encouragement or get well wishes, or if you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser.

Planning a Wedding?

Our website has 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 about ceremonies in our sanctuary, chapel, or offsite. Visit www.stlukeslutheran.org for information.

Welcome to the Font: A Baptismal Gathering

Pre-baptismal gathering, *Welcome to the Font*, is scheduled quarterly in our church. *Welcome to the Font* is a time for parents preparing for baptism to join together with other parents while learning about God's work for them and their children in Holy Baptism. *Welcome to the Font* is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Baptisms are scheduled only after attending a *Welcome to the Font* gathering. To attend "Welcome to the Font" call the church office at (262) 542-2545.

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.

Prayer Team

What a privilege it is to lift up the needs of others before God! The need for prayer and prayer-ers grows daily! Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Team. No meetings and passing on requests are not needed. You will receive prayer requests via email or, a direct phone call from a designated person. You are asked to pray daily for that request. No specific time or type of prayer. Simply ask God to guide you as you pray. Did you know you can pray anywhere and at any time? How about in the shower or brushing your teeth? What about when your at one of your children's practices or games? How about while waiting for an appointment? All are acceptable places to pray. Prayer time can be as long or as short as you choose. All we ask is that you lift these people up daily in prayer. Please consider this vital ministry. Contact Laurie Rohrwasser to be a part of this ministry team.

Extending Care for You

There are times in life when we could use some care for ourselves. Yet, when we need care, we sometimes do not want to reach out to for help. Both pastors and lay-led care team are here to provide care at all times, especially in times of need. Please let us know if you or someone else needs pastoral care. We are available to help schedule pastoral care visits. As a team, our primary goal is to provide care and hope during times of need. A significant component of Pastoral Care is maintaining contact with those who cannot attend church. We want to keep in touch with God's children, but sometimes we need help. If you know anyone who would like a visit, please let us know.

St. Luke's Calendar for July 2024

Monday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 p.m. N.A.

Thursday, July 4

Office Closed - Independence Day
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Friday, July 5

Office Closed - In observance of Independence Day

Saturday, July 6

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, July 7

8:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, July 8

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

Tuesday, July 9

6:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee

Wednesday, July 10

5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee
6:15 p.m. CLM Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

Thursday, July 11

6:00 p.m. D.H. Band Practice
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday, July 13

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, July 14

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
10:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Summer Pick Up Choir
10:30 a.m. Youth Trip Send Off
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Amigos!
9:00 a.m. Music Camp
9:30 a.m. Hope Center
Tee Up for Hope
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Music Camp
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Congregation Council

Wednesday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Music Camp
7:00 p.m. N.A.

Thursday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Music Camp
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Friday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Music Camp
7:00 p.m. M&FAS Janani Sundar Recital

Saturday, July 20

12:45 Forever Forty to see Wizard of Oz
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, July 21

8:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, July 24

7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

Thursday, July 25

6:00 p.m. D.H. Band Practice
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Friday, July 26

6:30 p.m. B.S.B.—Bonfire, Smores, & Blessing

Saturday, July 27

Youth Mission Trip Presentation
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, July 28

Youth Mission Trip Presentation
8:15 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, July 29

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

Wednesday, July 31

7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

Please Remember

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



Rescheduled

The deadline for the next issue of the Epistle is Friday, July 15.





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Our Playground is Complete!

Mid-June, workers installed and completed work on our new playground for children in our Child Life Ministries. The old play structure and the compacted particles below it, were removed. A new structure was erected and a “pour in place” cushioning system was spread below. This is an important ministry of our congregation. We strengthen kids by providing a place for them to do the very important work of play. On this playground they will be strengthened, physically, mentally, and emotionally. As they climb, slide, and jump, they learn about spatial relationships, movement, their bodies, and so much more. The playground is an important learning environment – not a place to keep kids busy. Thank you for your contributions to this work!

