



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church

August 2024

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

## Partnership: More Than Just a Nice Word

Each week we pray for partners in the ministry. It's a standard prayer petition we regularly use to name people and activities we hope God will bless. We pray for organizations and congregations in Waukesha. We pray for our Bishops. We lift to God's care our partners in the Meru Diocese of Tanzania.

"Partners in Ministry" is an important designation we use in a specific way. Partners are those with whom we have a particular relationship. "Partners," are people we have agreed to walk with in particular ways. When we hear that somebody is our partner, we are saying that we have made conscious decisions to focus our ministry with theirs in mind. We encourage each other to be active in the groups we call partners and we often provide financial support.



Our partnership with our friends in Tanzania is extremely important to us. Long before I started to serve here as pastor, this congregation made commitments to partner with churches in Tanzania. The scope and number of partnerships in Tanzania has changed a bit over the years, but the commitment at the center remains central. When we designated Kilimamoja and Mararoni Parishes as partners, along with their subparishes, we agreed to participate in six different activities, laid out in our synod's partnership agreement with the Meru Diocese. When we signed onto this partnership, we declared the following six activities to be important ministries of this congregation:

1. "Accompanying" one another, as equals, developing relationships based on mutuality, vulnerability, empowerment, inclusivity, and sustainability.
2. "Praying" for one another on a regular basis including in our weekly services. We pray for them and they pray for us. We pray for their pastors, Pastor Nathan Mkenge and Pastor Lazaro Urhio.
3. "Communicating" with each other. So, I and our partnership team sends regular information about what we're doing in Wisconsin. We receive, in turn, stories about what is happening in Kilimamoja and Mararoni.
4. "Visiting" each other. We agreed to exchange visits by members and leaders of our congregations as frequently as possible. This is a key part of our relationship that allows us to learn from each other and to build personal relationships with one another.
5. "Educating" each other on topics of life, their country, and ministries.
6. "Supporting" one another by informing each other about projects within our ministry plan and to invite mutual participation in our missions.

Our partnership with the people of Kilimamoja and Mararoni is important. We accompany friends in Christ and pray for one another. These are people with whom we communicate regularly – sometimes several times a month. We visit each other by sending leaders and visitors to TZ and by receiving them as they visit us, as they did five years ago. We support each other as we learn about each other's ministry. This is a mutual ministry to which I continue to be deeply committed. I invite you to deepen your commitment to the thousands of people with whom we partner in these important relationships.

## Looking Forward to Fall

It is August, and we still have some of summer to look forward to. However, it is time to consider Sunday School, Discipleship Training, the Youth Group, and T.E.A.M. for the next program year. We are excited for the 2024-25 church year to begin as we gather in Christ's name on Welcome Day, Sunday, September 8.



Our teachers work hard to give our students the materials they need to learn about God and the Bible. Yet, sometimes, as we gather for worship, the service can go longer than anticipated. We ask parents and guardians to have their children leave worship at 9:15 a.m. so students can promptly reach their Sunday School or Discipleship Training class at 9:20 a.m. Early release from worship provides the necessary space for our teachers to complete their lessons with their students.

Sunday School will meet in the gym in the basement to spread out into age-coordinated groups for learning and end the day in the sanctuary with a pastor. Sunday School will focus on Bible literacy, playing with God and God's children, building relationships with our neighbors, as a life-giving experience for our students. Registration for is on Welcome Day, September 8. Classes begin on Sunday, September 15, at 9:20 a.m.

Pastor Jim Durnil and Cari Thompson will work with our middle school students and guide the Discipleship Training program. Discipleship Training will meet in the youth room to dig into the Bible and to play. Additional learning opportunities, service projects, and community activities will sometimes occur outside the normal timeframe during the Sunday Education Hour.

Once students are part of the Discipleship Training program, they will be signed up to be an acolyte during worship. Being an acolyte is integral to the program. If the student cannot serve as an acolyte, the student will be responsible for finding a substitute for their absence. Registration for Discipleship Training will be between worship on Welcome Day, Sunday, September 8, 2024. Discipleship Training will begin on Sunday, September 15, at 9:20 a.m.

The Youth Group focuses on activities grounded in play, the Bible, service projects for our neighbors, and fun for our youth. The Youth Group will go on a summer mission trip in 2025. The trip will be a fantastic life-giving experience. However, the summer mission trip information will not become available until closer to October. Watch for the start date for the Youth Group to be in mid September.

T.E.A.M., or Thursday Evening Action Ministry will continue for the 2024 program year. This unique ministry happens on the second Thursday of every month. On the second Thursday, students are invited to gather at St. Luke's at 4:30 p.m. for a community meal, then move into a different space to talk about their day, build relationships, and ask where we see God in the midst of it all. This time will primarily be used to check in with students and provide a safe space for rest, release, and refueling. Watch for the start date for T.E.A.M.'s to be in mid September.

This program year will offer a variety of youth-orientated ministries that will help students experience God's grace, mercy, and unconditional love for their lives. All are welcome, we are created in God's image and called very good.

St. Luke's is a congregation that is committed to our students. If you have any questions, do not be afraid to contact Cari, Shelly, or me. This year will be another incredible adventure for us all. May God bless us along the way.

Please watch your email, the Epistle, Connections (St. Luke's weekly email blast), and website for additional information about Sunday School, Discipleship Training, Youth Group and T.E.A.M.'s.

Peace be with you all! Pastor Steve Bogie



## Summer Music Camp Thank You

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our Summer Music Camp July 15 - 19! We had a great week filled with all sorts of music, Bible stories, adventures, crafts and more. Thank you to all of our adult volunteers for generously giving so much time and energy to help our campers have a week filled with so many wonderful experiences!

## 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](mailto: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 (7<sup>th</sup> 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, September 12:

Joyful Noise: ensembles for 4 years old - 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

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

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

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

## Congregation Council New

1.) We welcomed our youth back from New Orleans in July! Thank you all again for your support of our young people. Special Thank You to Pastor Steve, Cari Thompson, Jim Durnel, and Heather Bogie for attending with our youth so they could have experiences to explore and strengthen their faith.

2.) Council discussed the many exciting things that are already in planning for the fall! Please keep an eye out for special information being mailed soon!

3.) Diverse Harvest will continue playing on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. This 3rd Sunday 10:30 a.m. worship time will be referred to as the Ignite Service. Stay tuned for some news on different worship experiences.

## Online Giving

To start giving electronically or make changes to your existing on-line giving, please log on to our website and click on 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!

## Summer Pick up Choir

Join us as we learn an anthem to sing in worship at the 10:30 a.m. service on 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! This is a 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.

## 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](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org)) to be added to the email list.

## Theology Uncorked

Our next meeting will be Monday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Kathy Pederson, 1935 Harvest Lane, Waukesha. Appetizers, light desserts, and wine will be provided. Weather permitting, we plan to spend our time out on their lovely deck.

Please come and join the women of St. Luke's and be part of this special group that gathers for uplifting spiritual conversation, good fellowship, and lively atmosphere. As always, consider bringing a neighbor or friend!

**Church Office Hours:**

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

Monday - Friday

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## Kwik Trip Card Fundraiser

Thank you to all who have purchased Kwik Trip cards already. A quick reminder that this is 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.

## St. Luke's Preschool

This fall marks the 28<sup>th</sup> year that St. Luke's Preschool has been in operation! All preschool classes are almost full for the fall! If you know of anyone that is looking for a Preschool, tell them to contact Liz ASAP at (262) 522-6747 or [landerson@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:landerson@stlukeslutheran.org) for more information.

Here are the options we offer for Preschool:

**For 2-year-olds:** We offer "First Steps to Preschool" program, which is a unique child-and-adult offering designed to provide children with a fun variety of educational, faith-based, and social experiences.

**For 3-year-olds:** We offer half-day Preschool 2 mornings a week, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

**For 4-year-olds:** We offer half-day Preschool 2 or 3 mornings a week, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. Preschool classes feature a faith-based Pre-K curriculum, small class sizes, professional early childhood staff, "chapel chats" with Pastor Bogie, weekly music classes, loving personalized attention and so much more!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? Our Preschool classes LOVE volunteers! An extra set of hands is great to help us complete cooking activities, messy art projects, etc. All you need to volunteer is a quick training session at the beginning of the year and a background check. We will teach you the rest! All are welcome! Please contact Liz at 262-522-6747 or [landerson@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:landerson@stlukeslutheran.org) for more information.

## 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>



## 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 June, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<b>In Memory of</b>	<b>Given By</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Larry Borck	Dawn Mittelstadt	Undesignated
June Buskel	Anonymous	Youth
June Buskel	Phil Bangle	Youth
June Buskel	Sue Bangle	Youth
June Buskel	Richard & Lynn Boulay	Youth
June Buskel	James & Fay Burmeister	Youth
June Buskel	David & Janelle Carnell	Youth
June Buskel	Janet Christenson	Youth
June Buskel	Kathleen Conley	Youth
June Buskel	Jan Crooks	Youth
June Buskel	Sally Eickelmann	Youth
June Buskel	Anne Erke	Youth
June Buskel	Carolyn Falvey	Youth
June Buskel	Brian & Nancy Farrell	Youth
June Buskel	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Youth
June Buskel	Paul & Jody Geibl	Youth
June Buskel	Marianne Gilpatrick	Youth
June Buskel	Phil & Mary Hanson	Youth
June Buskel	Sandy Hendrickson	Youth
June Buskel	Lennart & Patricia Johnson	Youth
June Buskel	Jim & Gwen Kieso	Youth
June Buskel	Debbie Knee	Youth
June Buskel	Robbin Krueger	Youth
June Buskel	Theo & Amy Lopez	Youth
June Buskel	John & Judy Mayhew	Youth
June Buskel	Jerry & Patricia McCormick	Youth
June Buskel	Diana Meidenbauer	Youth
June Buskel	Lynn Messer	Youth
June Buskel	Doug & Sharon Milway	Youth
June Buskel	Bret & Lori Mundt	Youth
June Buskel	Art & Pam Olson	Youth
June Buskel	Kathy Paulson	Youth
June Buskel	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Youth
June Buskel	Charles & Nancy Potter	Youth
June Buskel	Ed & Arlene Raether	Youth
June Buskel	Lawrence & Barbara Runnoe	Youth
June Buskel	Curt & Janet Steinquist	Youth
June Buskel	Cari Thompson	Youth
June Buskel	Kyle & Sanic Timmer	Youth
June Buskel	Roy Uelner	Youth
June Buskel	Muriel Van Beek	Youth
June Buskel	Jerome & Majorie Wegner	Youth
June Buskel	John & Laura Wilson	Youth
June Buskel	Sharon Wood	Youth
June Buskel	Katie Woodford	Youth
June Buskel	Penny Young	Youth
Marcia Davis	Dave & Julie Doepeke	Good Samaritan
Char Maile	Marianne Gilpatrick	Good Sam/Ndl&Thmble
Ella Mueller	Marianne Gilpatrick	Ndl&Thmble/Gen Fund
Travis Soto	Ray & Debbie Kuechler	Undesignated
Glenn Stewart & 61 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary	Pat Stewart	Undesignated

## 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.

## August Council Contact Don Grossman

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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.



## 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!



## Women of Faith Bible Study

Come, journey with us as we meet some people from scripture whom Jesus encountered. See Jesus working in and through people like you and me at some of the most difficult and trying times of their lives. We continue the book "They Walked with God, 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us" by Max Lucado. The book is available through Amazon and/or your favorite book seller. Women of Faith Bible Study meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Our first study is Thursday September 5. Our final study is May 15, 2025. "For every person, Scripture has a story. For every problem, God has a promise. For each occasion when we feel our story coming undone, God steps in with a message: Just trust me. I'm the author and the finisher of your life!" Max Lucado. Join us, bring a friend, all are welcome! For more information, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser @ 262-542-4664 (c) or [lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org).

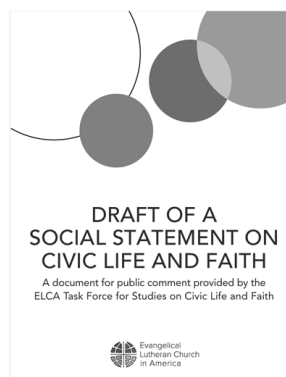


## Search Bible Study Resumes: September 25, 9:30

Learn about the faith and explore your Christian identity by joining us for Search Bible Study. This fall, our conversation will be guided differently than in the past couple of years. We'll explore a resource titled *By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism*. In this study, we'll use scripture, history, video, and discussion to talk together about core concepts of the Lutheran way of understanding Christian principles. We meet in Cloninger Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, beginning September 25.

## Civic Life and Faith: Draft Available

The ELCA is developing a social statement on civic life and faith, the relationship of church and state, and related matters, as called for by the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Social statements are the ELCA's primary documents to address significant social issues. They are intended to aid reflection, shape conscience and set forth the ELCA's teaching and policy on the major social issues and questions of contemporary life. Social statements are developed by task forces, using an established process of study and widespread participation across the church to guide theological and moral deliberation.



At this time, the task force encourages you to study and give feedback on a draft version of the social statement. Copies are located on at the St. Luke's Hospitality Center. You can participate by filling out a survey, found on the social statement's website. The feedback period will be open until Sept. 30, 2024. In 2023, the task force put out a six-session study for public feedback. Thank you to everyone who participated and sent input. Analysis of that public feedback informed the draft social statement and will continue to inform the task force's work.

## Sophia's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community

### Multicultural Fair

Sophia's 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.sophiawaukesha.org). If you are interested in being a vender, sponsor or volunteer, email [sophiawaukesha@gmail.com](mailto:sophiawaukesha@gmail.com).

## Prayer Ministry

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NRSV  
How can our Prayer Team pray for you, a friend or loved one? We are ready to lift up prayers for you during the joys and trials of your life. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer for any reason, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser. Perhaps you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or well wishes, please let her know. Laurie 262-542-5444 (c) [lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org)

## Name Tags Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that we are working on creating permanent name tags for us to wear at church! We will have a rack to store name tags at church so they can be easily accessible whenever you enter the building.



## 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. In 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, the 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 they travel September 9-20 and be ready to hear their stories when they return.

## Loaves and Fishes Thank You

Thank you to all who donated food and prayers for Sundays Loaves and Fishes Dinner. The group prepared and served 75 Hungry people and had a good time doing it. This wonderful meal would not have been possible without your help. St. Luke's will again serve on October 20. Watch for the sign-up poster



## 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.

## Brewer's Game Fundraiser

Take me out to the ballgame! The youth invite 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](mailto:youth@stlukeslutheran.org) to reserve tickets while they last.

## 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](http://OFHRRW.ORG).

## 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.

## Flower and Coffee Hour Sponsorship

We are very blessed to see so many participating in sponsoring Coffee Hour and Ambo Flowers to honor or celebrate a loved one or a special occasion! If you have signed up on the Ambo Flowers poster or the Coffee Hour board, please drop off your offerings to cover the sponsorship at the church office, offering plate, or via mail. Please include which sponsorship you are paying in the memo line, envelope detail, or a simple note. The cost of the sponsorships are as follows: Flowers: \$45 per weekend, Coffee Hour: \$30 for 2 weekends or \$55 for a month. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy in the church office. Many thanks!

## **Voits Visit the Meru Diocese October 2024**

Diane and Dennis Voit plan to visit Tanzania October 15-29, 2024, with the Mt. Meru Coffee Project delegation that is preparing to celebrate the start of the coffee project 25 years ago. During this Economic Development delegation, Voits also hope to visit Maranatha Preschool and the Akeri Preschool that Maranatha was modeled after.

St. John's Brookfield started a preschool several years ago in partnership with Akeri Parish in the Diocese of Meru Tanzania. Akeri was the preschool that Baraka researched after visiting our Child Life Ministries preschool during his 2019 visit to St. Luke's. Our partners modeled Maranatha after the Akeri preschool program.

Akeri has been gradually growing the primary school after starting with the preschool by adding standard one, then the next year standard two, etc. until they have reached standard 7. The Diocese of Meru recently adopted Akeri Primary School as one of their official Diocese schools.

## **Committing to Worship**

We are encouraging each other all year long to commit/recommit to deeper engagement in worship. Perhaps you've drifted away from regular worship attendance. Come back and let God feed you in the Word and at the table of Holy Communion. Maybe while you're here, you might be called to participate more fully in the liturgies we speak and sing together. Commit yourself/ yourselves to deeper engagement in worship. The more you engage God in worship, the deeper your relationship with him grows.

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## **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](http://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**

Scripture encourages us to bear one another's burdens. Lifting others up in prayer is one way to do that. What a privilege that is! The need for prayer and for people to pray grows daily! Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Team. There are no meetings or phone calls to be made. You will receive prayer requests via email as prayer requests come in. You are asked to pray daily for requests received. No specific time or place for prayers. No specific prayer, although suggestions are given in the email you receive. Simply ask God, to guide you in your prayer. Did you know you can pray at any time and in any place? How about while brushing your teeth or showering? Or while during your kids practices or games? How about while waiting for appointments? All are acceptable places to pray. Prayer can be as long or as short as you choose. All that is asked is that you pray daily. Please consider joining this vital ministry. For information, contact Laurie Rohrwasser.

## **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.

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# St. Luke's Calendar for August 2024

## Thursday, August 1

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

## Saturday, August 3

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Sunday, August 4

8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Summer Pick Up Choir  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## Monday, August 5

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

## Tuesday, August 6

9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club

## Wednesday, August 7

7:00 p.m. N.A.

## Thursday, August 8

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

## Saturday, August 10

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Sunday, August 11

8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:45 a.m. TZ Committee  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## Monday, August 12

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

## Tuesday, August 13

6:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee

## Wednesday, August 14

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, August 15

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

## Friday, August 16

7:00 p.m. Youth Fundraiser  
Brewer Game

## Saturday, August 17

9:00 Sophia's 3rd Annual  
Community Cultural  
Fair  
5:00 p.m. Worship

## Sunday, August 18

8:15 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Ignite Worship  
11:45 a.m. TZ Penpal Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## Monday, August 19

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

## Tuesday, August 20

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
6:30 p.m. Congregation Council

## Wednesday, August 21

7:00 p.m. N.A.

## Thursday, August 22

7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

## Saturday, August 24

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Sunday, August 25

8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Backpacks  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## Monday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Amigos!  
5:00 p.m. Germany Trip Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

## Tuesday, August 27

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

## Wednesday, August 28

CLM Taco John's Fundraiser  
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers  
7:00 p.m. N.A.

## Thursday, August 29

7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

## Saturday, August 31

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Please Remember

All calendar dates and times are subject to change as needed. Check for updates on the online calendar at: [www.stlukeslutheran.org](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org).



**Rescheduled**

**The deadline for the next issue of the Epistle is Thursday, August 15.**

## Epistle Online

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## August Monthly Mission: Seminaries of the

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### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Sunday, August 25th, we will bless the backpacks, bookbags, and other school –related items, at both services. If you are a student, an educator, or school staff member, let us pray for you and ask God’s blessings on your educational journeys. No need to sign up, just show up in worship.

### **Welcome Weekend**

The weekend of September 7 and 8 we rally for the fall, as we roll out our fall programming and celebrate Life-Changing Faith. Watch for more information about Sunday School, Bible Studies, and other activities for the fall. We’ll celebrate the weekend with a picnic at Bethesda Park, Sunday, September 8. Watch for more information.



### **Bible Distribution for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

On Sunday, October 6, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will celebrate God’s word and give Bibles to children in Grade 3. A Bible Party will be held following worship, for kids and parents. To be included in these events, call the church office at 262-542-2545, or email us at [office@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org).

### **D.T. Blessing in Worship**

Youth engaged in our Discipleship Training (confirmation), grade seven, eight, and for those preparing for Affirmation of Baptism in the Fall of 2024, will be blessed for learning at the late Service, Sunday, September 8. We will pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our youth in their exploration of the faith and remind one another that this is an important ministry to continue to grow in God’s grace by learning together in which we are engaged.

