



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

November 2024

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

Giving is Heart Work

From the heart comes all sorts of expressions: love, joy, and peace. Sometimes the opposite of these, too. In the heart, God is at work, always transforming us from the self-centered ways of sin to life-giving actions for the neighbor.

Because God is at work, the constant struggle present within us – between that which God desires and that which we desire – is nudged daily toward the direction of God's will. We mature into Christ, putting aside our ways and striving to bring about that which God wants.



Generosity is a key part of that movement. Where and how we use what God has given to us can make many differences in the world. Where we invest ourselves shapes who and how we become. We always have choices to make: between bettering our own lives, or in the name of Christ bettering the lives of our neighbors; of holding on to all God has given, instead of returning a portion to God as a sign of our love, devotion, and thankfulness.

Examining our hearts and asking where we invest our time, talents, and treasures reveals what sort of heart work is being done in and through us. If I choose to feather my own nest and not worry about the neighbor, I ignore the call of Jesus to love the neighbor as ourselves. If my heart moves me toward hatred and abuse of others, I reveal that the grace of God has not moved me toward God's intended ways of mercy, love, and acceptance.

This November, we will be challenging each other, in the annual stewardship campaign, to examine our hearts and to be moved by three impulses: love, service, and generosity in giving. These movements always draw us closer to God and the neighbor while turning us away from ourselves.

I invite you to engage in these themes as we focus on them each week. As we examine these themes, let the Holy Spirit shape the work of your heart so that you express more love, are moved to Christian service, and give generously for the sake of God's mission in the world.

Congregational Gift Received

St. Luke's has received a generous gift from Al and Ella Mueller. The gift given through their children totals \$100,000 for two purposes. First, is to help us raise up a staff member who will work with members new and old, to become more engaged in the ministries we share. Second, the gift establishes a new organ repair fund to which they challenge others to give. In their giving, Al and Ella have continued to do among us what they have always done: they are moving us into the future by sharing of the bounty God has given. We are thankful for this gift and honor the memory of Al and Ella.

Hello and Thank You

First off, thanks for the warm welcome! I have been here about a month now as your Associate Interim Pastor, and it has been fun getting reacquainted and meeting new folks. (As many of you know, I was here for two months in 2019/2020 as a “Bridge” Pastor before Pastor Steve Bogie arrived.)

I consider it an honor to have been invited to serve once again in this great community of faith. Even though I was here only briefly before, I have fond memories of my time here. As the old Sunday School song goes, “The church is the people.” And that’s what I enjoy the most. Getting to know you, the good people of St. Luke’s! Hearing your stories – your joys, your struggles, your cares and concerns, and how God intersects with it all.



I also give thanks for a great staff who works well together. After serving many smaller congregations, it is nice to be part of a collaborative setting again! Thanks to all the staff who have patiently helped me “learn the system” of computers and phones, procedures, weekly rhythms and more.

Pastor Jordan and I work closely together to tend to ministry priorities and tasks. We both of course are involved in core ministries such as Worship and Pastoral Care. My duties may shift over time according to need, but to start out some areas of my focus/oversight will be Stewardship, Sunday School, and Search Bible Study. My call here is $\frac{3}{4}$ time, most weeks I’ll be in the office Monday to Wednesday, work from home on Thursdays, and Friday is a day off.

Now a bit of an “About Me”:

I grew up in Maple Grove, Minnesota. I attended Luther College, graduating with a degree in religion. Between college and seminary, I spent an enriching volunteer year in El Paso, Texas leading Border Immersion Experiences as part of the ministry of Cristo Rey, an immigrant ELCA congregation.

The following year I enrolled at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. It was a good decision, not only academically/professionally... but it is also where I met my husband Brian! Brian is an ELCA pastor as well, serving at St. Stephen the Martyr in Greendale.

We have two children, Ben (14) and Norah (17). They certainly keep us on our toes, as they participate in various sports and extracurricular activities. We reside in New Berlin.

When not pastoring or parenting, I enjoy spending time outdoors, reading and writing, and spending time with family and friends.

I was ordained in 2010, and have served interim pastor positions at various churches in Milwaukee, Hartland, Wauwatosa, Muskego, West Milwaukee... and let's not forget Wonderful Waukesha!

Celebrating All Saints in Two Ways

All Saints Day is November 1. We'll be observing this important date in two ways. First, Friday, November 1, we'll hold a memorial service at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel for families of the congregation who have lost loved ones this year. Then, on Saturday and Sunday, November 2 and 3, we'll remember the saints in our weekend worship services. At those services, we'll celebrate those who have entered new life through Holy Baptism and death. We will read the names of the newly baptized and those who have passed. There will be opportunities for people to remember loved ones who have died and to light candles in their memory.

Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Upcoming Events

We are excited to have several upcoming musical events at St. Luke's as a part of our Music & Fine Arts series. For more information check out the Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Facebook page or the bulletin board by the Peace Meeting Room and Door 3.

Sunday, November 17: Waukesha West Choirs, 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 6: Waukesha Choral Union - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7: Waukesha Choral Union - 2:00 p.m. activities before the concert

Friday, December 13: Milwaukee Festival Brass - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 26: Wisconsin Philharmonic Family Concert

1:00 p.m. instrument petting zoo, 2:00 p.m. concert.

Sunday, March 2: Hymn Festival - *From Generation to Generation* - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8: Wisconsin Philharmonic Shining Stars recital: 6:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for other events coming up throughout the year!



**MUSIC
MINISTRY**

Thanksgiving Eve Choir

At our Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m., we always sing John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth*. Anyone who knows the piece of music can come join us for singing this anthem in worship. If you would like to attend a warmup before the service, we will gather around 6:30 p.m. Come sing with us before celebrating with pie fest!

Christmas Musical Opportunities

It hardly seems possible that Christmas is only two and a half months away as I type this, but it's time to start thinking about Christmas music at St. Luke's! At our 3:00 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve the youth participate in the prelude. If your child would like to be involved, please contact Mr. Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org. If you have something in mind, or would like suggestions of pieces to play, Mr. Schaner will be happy to help find the right piece of music! Also, we invite any former Sing for Joy members to come and join us as we sing, *I Saw Three Ships* at the 3:00 p.m. family service. If you would like to join Voices of Faith, our adult mixed choir, for the Advent and Christmas season, but cannot commit to the entire year, consider joining us for rehearsals in December. We rehearse from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., and on Christmas Eve we sing at the 10:30 p.m. Festival Worship Service.

Name Tag Project

We are excited that we are working on creating permanent name tags for us to wear at church! We will have a rack to store the name tags at church so they can be easily accessible whenever you enter the building. We look forward to having name tags as a way to help welcome each other, both visitors and those people who you just can't remember their name, but now it's been too long so you can't ask them anymore. And as we are in this pastoral transition and have graciously welcomed Pastor Maren, it helps her get to know us even better! The name tags will have your first and last name, and if you would like to have a nickname or pronouns listed. Forms will be available to complete on the welcome station soon, or you can contact mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org.

Community Meal

We will have our community meal for families of our musical ensembles and anyone else who wants to come join us at 5:00 p.m. starting on Thursday, September 12. We serve family friendly meals each week. For more information, talk to Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, or take a look at the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board.

Michael Schaner to present recital at Carroll University

On Friday, February 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, will present an organ recital at Carroll University in Shattuck Auditorium. Stay tuned for more information. You will not want to miss this recital on the magnificent organ in Shattuck!

Discipleship Training (DT)

DT meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and is open to all middle school youth, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade. Pastor Jordan has joined Pastor Jim Durnil and Cari to help guide youth on this part of their faith journey. We will start in Youth Room for brief check-in and gathering then move to Hospitality for a Meal. The meal is provided by the host family for the week then after clean-up the host family participates in our activities for the evening. We are currently learning about the people of the Old Testament. It is not too late to join us! Contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org, for additional information.

Friends are always welcome to join us!

November Schedule

11/6-6:00-8:00 p.m.-Theme: Moses: The Frustrated Leader

11/13-6:00-8:00 p.m.-Theme: Rahab: The Faithful Opportunist

11/20-6:00-8:00 p.m.-Theme: Deborah: The Exasperated Matriarch

11/27 - No DT Be thankful for God's Blessings. Enjoy the Time with Family & Friends at the Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fest at 7:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

12/14 & 12/15 - Christmas Cookie Sale (Bakers Needed)

12/25 & 1/1 - No DT

The month of January DT meets on Wednesday's AND Sunday's, with the YG, between services to prepare for the Youth Led Weekend.

1/25 & 1/26 - Youth Led Weekend.

Please also start thinking about your Lenten Mentorship Mentor. DT youth need to ask an adult, but not their parents, to be a mentor.

Adults willing to be a mentor or substitute mentor, please contact Cari. No prior experience required. Willingness to meet one-on-one with a DT youth for a guided conversation, share a meal and go to Wednesday Evening Lenten service are all that is required. Wednesday evenings 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. during Lent, March 5 to April 9.

Youth Group

High School Youth Group is open to all youth 9th - 12th grade.

Friends always welcome.

November Schedule

11/2 & 11/3 - Elegant Farmer Fundraiser - take orders

11/14 & 11/15 - Elegant Farmer Fundraiser - take orders

11/10 - Cinnamon Rolls 7:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

11/23 - Elegant Farmer pick-up, sort, & distribute after 5:00 p.m. service

Coolers needed, contact Cari if you can lend a cooler or 2

11/24 - Elegant Farmer distribution after services

12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Assemble College Care Packages followed by lunch

Looking Ahead:

12/8 - Christmas Party - RSVP to Cari

12/14 & 12/15 - Christmas Cookie Sale - Bakers needed

January - Meet in between services with DT to plan Youth Led Weekend

1/25 & 1/26 Youth Led Weekend

1/25 - 2/2 - Amy's Gourmet Apples Fundraiser orders taken - Delivery 2/5

Elegant Farmer

Fundraiser

The youth will be taking pre-orders for Elegant Farmer Award-winning Pies and Signature Foods, before and after services starting October 26. The last day to pre-order is Sunday, November 10. Orders will be available for pick up at St. Luke's beginning Saturday, November 23, the weekend before Thanksgiving. Payment is due at the time of order. Questions? Please contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org).

Pies

8" Apple Pie

Baked in a Paper Bag® \$26

8" Caramel Apple Pie

Baked in a Paper Bag® \$26

10" Pumpkin Pie \$23

8" Door County Cherry Crisp \$26

Fruit Breads

Large 1.35 lb Pumpkin Apple Bread or Banana Bread \$23 each.

Bonus Item:

3+ lb CiderBaked Mini Ham \$26

Cinnamon Rolls &

KwikTrip Card

Fundraisers

Stop by the Youth Table for a Yummy Cinnamon Roll, or 2 or more, no judgement here. Your last for 2024 is Sunday, November 10, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. The cost is a freewill donation.

KwikTrip gift cards and car wash cards will be available for purchase and/or to order. Kwik Trip Cards make great Christmas Gifts! Beat the long lines. Skip the parking. Place an order with us. We will be submitting an order November 25, so that the cards will be back in time for Christmas. A portion of every card sold helps to support the Youth Programming at St. Luke's. Questions? Please contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org).

Thanks for the Help

Thanks to everyone who helped load the truck for Lutheran World Relief on Saturday, October 12! Ten congregations brought donations. We loaded a total of 850 quilts, including 249 from St Luke's, and approximately 500 baby, school, and health kits. We also received a Thrivent Action Team grant to support this work. Thank you again!

Needle & Thimble

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. They 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 questions, (262) 844-2519.

Updated Please Read

Prayer Shawl

Thank you for keeping our prayer patches full! We have new patterns for prayer patches with crosses in the middle for both knitters and crocheters. If you would like a pattern, they will be available in the church office or by contacting Gloria. We need prayer shawls also. 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.

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.



Welcome Pastor Maren Hooper

Pastor Maren Hooper has returned to share her gifts for ministry with St. Luke's as three-quarter time Interim Associate Pastor. Pastor Maren was with us for eight weeks, prior to Pastor Bogie's arrival. She brings an awesome amount of experience to our congregation, along with a passion for preaching and teaching. Welcome, Pastor Maren!

M.E.T. Process Comes Next

Now that we have an interim Associate Pastor in place, we will begin forming a "Mission Exploration Team" (MET) to lead us forward in processes related to vision and mission. The MET process is a series of steps that all congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod work through whenever there is a pastoral vacancy. The MET process helps congregations state goals for the future, think about proper staffing levels needed to meet these goals, and more. It is a congregational process that is led by a team of people appointed by the Church Council. While we know that we will have an interim-type Associate Pastor, we don't know what our next permanent staffing will be. The council is now forming the MET team. Pray for them as they do this important work.

Praying for St. Luke's

During this time of transition, be sure to be praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us in the deliberations underway among us. God has placed this congregation in the center of Waukesha for mission and ministry. As we enter into dialogue and consider our future, we need all our members to be praying that we will see God's future for us and have the courage and strength to step into it.

Congregation Council News

Congregational Council met on October 22, to begin the discussion on the Mission Exploration Team (M.E.T.) process that will lead us into a Call Committee for our next Associate Pastor. We will keep the congregation up to date on the progress being made. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Jordan or Council Members.

- 1.) Council would like to officially welcome Pastor Maron as our Interim Pastor. We are excited to work with her.
- 2.) Council is beginning the work of organizing the MET process. Please pray as council looks at how to gather characteristics for members of the team.
- 3.) Save the date and stop by the Ministry Fair on November 17! We encourage everybody to find (new) ways to be involved at our church serving God and the world.

Loaves and Fishes Thank you

Thank you to all who donated food and prayers for Sundays, October 20, Loaves and Fishes Dinner. The group prepared and served over 100 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 in the future. Watch for the sign-up poster.

Let's Talk Theology

Join "Theology on Tap" on Tuesday, November 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Point Burger Bar, W22N1400 Westwood Dr Ste A Waukesha, 53186. Theology on Tap is an excellent way to connect with other members of the church. Point Burger Bar provides an excellent space for fellowship, food, and spiritual growth through conversation and adult beverages. Contact Ron Pederson / Jim Kieso, mrkieso@gmail.com with questions.

We Love All

The Greater Milwaukee Synod's Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team invites you to participate in their annual learning event, "We Love All," on November 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Adoration Lutheran Church, 3840 W Edgerton Ave, Greenfield. The event is geared toward anyone who wants to help their community become welcoming and inclusive of all people, especially the LGBTQIA+ community. The keynote speaker is Josiah Crawford. He is a Madison-based educator, presenter, and clinician, focusing research on creating inclusive spaces that haven't been traditionally welcoming to the LGBTQIA+ community. For more information visit their event link, Milwaukeesynod.org/even/we-love-all-2024, or their Facebook event page fb.com/share/2i9jF98JjN3Giboo/.

Forever 40

The Staubs invite you to experience Italian Medieval Villages through a PowerPoint/video created from their recent trip. Please join us on Thursday, November 14, at 1:00 p.m. We begin our "travel" in the Hospitality room. Please contact Cheri to sign up at (262) 894-4411.

Hope Center "Hope Follows Help" Fundraiser

The Hope Center is having their annual dinner and silent auction fundraiser, Thursday, November 21, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Brookfield Conference Center. The theme this year is "Hope Follows Help Please Lend a Hand." There are many ways to help with this fundraiser other than attending. For information and/or to attend contact (262) 549-8726, or <https://hopecenterwi.org/events/>

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=FD7A8962586>



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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.

Prayer Team

Scripture encourages us to bear one another's burdens. Lifting others up in prayer is a way to do that. 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 make. You will receive prayer requests via email and are asked to pray daily. No specific prayer, although suggestions are given in the email you receive. Simply ask God to guide you. Did you know you can pray any time and any place? How about while brushing your teeth or showering, during your kids practices or games, while waiting for appointments? All that is asked is that you pray daily. Please consider joining this vital ministry. For information, contact Laurie Rohrwasser.

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.

ELCA World Hunger Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will celebrate World Food Day and the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger during a special online event, Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Rev. Amy Current, bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod, and Imran Siddiqui, ELCA vice president.

"ELCA World Hunger is a great example of how we are church together and church for the sake of the world," said ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. "I have witnessed firsthand the impact of ELCA World Hunger on communities around the world. During a trip to the Yunnan province of China, I had the opportunity to visit with the Lisu people at a farm where they grew crops to help support their families with food and clothing. The partnership with ELCA World Hunger changed traditional farming methods to help lift people out of poverty."

"ELCA World Hunger is one of the best things we do as a church," Siddiqui said. "For 50 years, we have embodied 'God's work. Our hands.' by feeding those who are hungry around the world, and we have made a real difference. I look forward to 50 more years, and beyond that, of feeding the hungry and fighting poverty in our country and the world."

During the event, participants will hear stories from ELCA World Hunger partners — including Educación Popular en Salud (EPES), a community health organization in Chile founded over 40 years ago, and more recently established ministries including Tapestry Farms, a Midwestern urban farm system in the Quad Cities of Iowa and Illinois. These partners will talk about their work with ELCA World Hunger and the impact of their ministries on the communities they serve.

"We are grateful for the ministry of welcome and dignity Tapestry Farms provides the refugees who make the Quad Cities their home," Current said. "The partnership with World Hunger strengthens their capacity to invest in the lives of the refugees and their families as they seek to build meaningful lives in our community."

The world has experienced a decline in hunger since ELCA World Hunger was founded in 1974, but now, 50 years later, the number of people affected by hunger globally is increasing because of rising costs, global conflict, the effects of climate change and the lingering effects of COVID-19. "We are grateful for the generosity of ELCA members and others who have responded to God's promise of a just world where all are fed," Eaton said. "We look forward to the next 50 years of transformational work through ELCA World Hunger."

November Mission: ELCA World Hunger and Waukesha Food Pantry

During the month of Thanksgiving, we are motivated to share a portion of the gifts we received from God with others, so they too receive the gift of food. The ELCA World Hunger program is highly regarded in its effectiveness of its ministry as is the Waukesha Food Pantry in its ministry to Waukesha Residents.

Memorials

In gratitude, we received memorials supporting 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 are listed here each month. During **September**, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

In Memory of	Given by	Designation
June Buskel	Chana Hoffman	Youth
Bob Drain	Anonymous	Undesignated
Bob Drain	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Music
Bob Drain	Debbie Knee	Undesignated
Bob Drain	Kathy Paulson	Undesignated
Bob Drain	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Paraments
Bob Drain	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Bob Drain	Dennis & Diane Voit	Undesignated
Carol Goeman	Marianne Gillpatrick	Undesignated
Father, CBK	Eric Kirkeeng	Undesignated
In Honor of	Given By	Designation
Allice Kellog's 90 th Birthday Her 85 th Birthday	Ed & Arlene Raether Pat Stewart	Endowment Undesignated

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, and includes live links. 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.

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 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our first study was Thursday September 5. Our final study is May 15, 2025. We break December 19 to January 2 and return on January 16, 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.

See You Soon: Joanne Crooks Celebration

Joanne Crooks, a St. Luke's longtime member will be moving to Florida to live with her son and daughter-in-law the weekend of November 18. Her Wisconsin family is planning a "See You Soon" gathering on Sunday, November 10 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Please stop in and wish her well! We know she is going to miss her St. Luke's family. There will be sandwiches and of course cake.

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.

November Council Contact Gloria Brechlin

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

Prayer Ministry

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 lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org.

Online Giving

To start giving electronically or make changes to your on-line giving, please log on to our website and click on “Online Giving” 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.

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, December 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.

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.

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.

Generosity is Heart Work

Each week during worship, we share our financial gifts – the gifts that make things happen in our faith community, our neighborhoods and the world at large. We pray for peace and healing and for our partners at home and abroad.

Annually, we renew our financial commitment for the following year through a Stewardship Appeal. November is our annual appeal. This year’s theme is “Generosity is Heart Work”. During the three weeks, our focus builds on the theme: Love is Heart Work, Service is Heart Work, and Giving is Heart Work.

First, the weekend of November 9 and 10, share what you love about St. Luke’s. You’ll have the opportunity to share your response on hearts and display the message in the Hospitality Area. On Sunday, November 17, from 9:15 to 10:25 a.m., in the Hospitality Area, there will be an opportunity to explore many ways we can show our love through involvement and service. Discover how you can serve others and share your talents.

The weekend of November 23 and 24 is commitment weekend, your opportunity to share your plan and gratitude for God’s blessings. During the weeks ahead, we invite you to reflect and seriously consider an increased commitment on the 2025 Statement of Intent. Watch for additional information throughout the month of November.

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 any dates you are not available to serve.

Extending Care for You

Our pastors make visits and calls to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care from our pastors, 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.

Wanted: College Addresses

The youth group will be sending care packages to our friends in college and trade schools. Planned mailing date is Friday after Thanksgiving to arrive in early December. If you have a young adult in college or trade school, please send their current address this school year to Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) or turn into the church office by November 3, even if you have turned it in previously.



High School Summer Trip 2025 Interest Meeting

Planning for the High School Mission Trip 2025 is under way. Please keep all planners and potential participants in your prayers as preparations begin. We are going to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and partnering with Re-Member to spend a week learning and serving with the Oglala Lakota Nation. Re-Member is an independent, non-profit organization working with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation. They improve the quality of life for those who live there and provide meaningful opportunities to serve and learn for those who volunteer and support their work. An interest and registration meeting for all HS youth incoming freshmen to graduating seniors, current grades 8 to 12, and their parents/guardians, who are interested in going on the 2025 High School Summer Trip will be Sunday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. Sign Up deadline for the trip is December 1. Please contact Cari with any questions.

Julie Doepke Appointed Hadfield Liaison

It is with sincere appreciation that we announce Julie Doepke as St. Luke's Hadfield Elementary Liaison. This appointment comes from the Serving Life Committee and is intended to strengthen lines of communication and engagement with our partner elementary school. Please extend gratitude to Julie for stepping up in this role and know that she is available for you for questions.

Supporting Hadfield Elementary

Thank you to everyone who donated candy to Hadfield's Trunk or Treat. Two members from St. Luke's decorated their trunks, and it was a huge success! Hadfield's current needs are, size 6-12 underwear, girls or boys, size 6-12 jogging pants girls or boys, preferably black or grey, as they can be worn by either, youth socks, and youth size waterproof gloves or mittens. There is a box marked "Hadfield" at the welcome center for all donations. Volunteers are also needed in the classroom. This can be anything from a few hours a week or a few hours a month. It goes around your schedule which makes it a perfect volunteer opportunity. Please check Hatfield's website for volunteer requirements or give them a call at (262) 970-1505 for more information. Thank you in advance for supporting the kids.

Help For the Hope Center

There are many ways to help the Hope Center. Sorters are needed in the Clothing Shop, prep and serve breakfast and lunch, dates can vary. You can volunteer by contacting (262) 549-8726.

Check out their website for their weekly donation request list at <https://hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/>.

Sunday School News

Registration is still open for Sunday School for children K4 through 5th Grade.

We would love to have you join us Sunday's between services from 9:20 to 10:20 a.m.

In November we will be studying and working on the following:

- 11/3 John the Baptist
- 11/17 Introduction of the Christmas Program

Search Bible Study

Learn about the faith and explore your Christian identity by joining us for Search Bible Study. 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.

Worship Techs Needed

We need help operating our streaming equipment on Sunday mornings at our 8:15 a.m. services. It's fairly easy to do, and we offer you the training needed! This helpful ministry allows those who cannot join us in person to see and hear our outstanding worship services. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact the church office, Pastor Jordan, or Michael Schaner.

St. Luke's Calendar for November 2024

Friday, November 1

7:00 p.m. All Saints Day Worship

Saturday, November 2

Elegant Farmer Youth Fundraiser

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, November 3

Elegant Farmer Youth Fundraiser

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Executive Committee

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, November 4

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

6:30 p.m. Church Council

MET Meeting

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

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

6:30 p.m. A.A. Meeting

7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap

Wednesday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

6:00 p.m. Godsbells

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, November 7

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:00 p.m. Community Meal

6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study

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

Saturday, November 9

Elegant Farmer Youth Fundraiser

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, November 10

Elegant Farmer Youth Fundraiser

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Rolls

9:30 a.m. 2025 High School
Mission Trip Meeting

9:30 a.m. Mr. Meru Coffee

9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsals

11:30 a.m. Joanne Crooks Gathering

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

6:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee

Wednesday, November 13

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Facilities Committee

6:00 p.m. CLM Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Godsbells

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, November 14

1:00 p.m. Forever Forty

Tuscany Presentation

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:00 p.m. Community Meal

6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice

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

Saturday, November 16

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, November 17

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Ministry Fair

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

5:00 p.m. M&FAS Waukesha West

Choir Concert

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

5:15 p.m. El Sistema Night

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 20

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Godsbells

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, November 21

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

5:00 p.m. Community Meal

5:00 p.m. Hope Center Fundraiser

6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study

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

Saturday, November 23

Elegant Farmer Pick-up

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, November 24

Elegant Farmer Pick-up

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales

6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, November 26

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, November 27

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve

Worship

7:00 p.m. N.A.

Thursday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 30

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.



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Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Join with one another and enjoy give thanks to God for all the gifts God gives us: home and family, food and clothing, daily work, and everything we need from day to day. Plus, He gives us even more: Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son. Through Him, we are set free from sin, death, and evil. The Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m. Pie Fest will follow the service – so, stay and enjoy a slice or two!

Holden Evening Prayer: Saturdays in Advent

We will be singing Holden Evening prayer in worship on the Saturdays of Advent. Join us as we share in word and sacrament with the melodies of this familiar and beloved liturgy. Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Worship With Us for Christmas

We will have four Christmas services for you to choose from, and each service will be different. The first will be on Tuesday, December 24, a 3:00 p.m. A family Service that will be geared for families with children. It will feature carols and candlelight and special craft project for kids to complete as part of the sermon. We'll meet again for worship at 5:30 p.m. This early evening service will be a traditional candlelight service with candlelight, Holy Communion, and carols. The final service of the evening will be held at 10:30 p.m. It will be a traditional Festival Holy Communion and Candlelight Service that celebrates the season by pulling out all the stops. There will be one worship service on Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday after Christmas Worship Schedule Change

The Worship Life Committee in its October meeting, decided to abbreviate our worship service offerings for the weekend of December 28/29. There will be no Saturday service that weekend and that weekend we will have only one service, it will be at 9:30 a.m.