



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church

January 2025

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

## God Does It All!

January brings a good reminder for us to remember what God has done for us in Holy Baptism. The first Sunday, following Epiphany is always "Baptism of our Lord" Sunday. On it, we hear the story of Christ's baptism from one of the gospels and use it as a way to consider God's work in the water.

Our Lutheran heritage stresses that we do nothing in baptism, but God does. We celebrate that in Holy Baptism our Gracious Heavenly Father sets us free from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. God does the action. God sets us free, forgives us and gives us eternal life. All of this God does by connecting us to the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus.



We live our lives out trusting that God has done this completely for us and that God has done it correctly. trusting God, we no longer worry about whether we have done "the faith" well enough to merit salvation. We simply Trust that Christ's death gives us new life when God joins us to the saving work of Jesus on the Cross. Once baptized, we live lives of faith.

January is a great time of the year for this reminder. The calendar pages have been turned. A new year is upon us. The past is behind, the future is ahead. We live now. So it is with Christ. There is past, present, and future. What God has done for us in the past gives us faith in the present and helps us trust God's future for us.

The ancient call of faith repeated in our liturgy helps us remember this three fold focus of religious life: We call it the mystery of faith: "Christ has died." That's the past. "Christ is risen." That's the reality in which we live. "Christ will come again." That's an expression of our trust that we will be caught up in eternal life by Jesus who is yet to come.

It's January and I encourage you to think about the past, present and future as we head into the new year. You were joined to Christ's death... When were you baptized? You live now in the resurrection of Jesus Christ... How do you currently express your faith in Jesus? You will live again, When Christ comes in his glory. How do anticipate and celebrate what God will do for you?

## 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.

## Rejoice!

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4: 4-7)

These are ancient words (written by the Apostle Paul), written to an ancient church (the first church established in what is now modern-day Greece). But these ancient words have grit and wisdom that I think our modern-day ears long to hear.



I don't know about you, but some days it feels downright HARD to rejoice. No months are immune from hardships. But sometimes I feel like January is particularly hard. Here in Wisconsin, it's cold and dark and spring seems far off. We may be exhausted after the holidays – a time of heightened yet unrealistic expectations of "the perfect Christmas."

Maybe things didn't quite go as planned. Maybe you are missing somebody. Maybe there were family tensions. Maybe you're struggling to accept the things you cannot change. I have no doubt that you could probably add to this list of "reasons it can be HARD to rejoice."

"Rejoice in the Lord always" might sound like "just put on a happy face," ... but it is NOT that. Joy cannot be forced or artificially manufactured. Perhaps no one knew this better than Paul... who was writing these words while in prison. So just what could make Paul write these words?! Sitting in a jail cell seems like one of the least conducive environments for rejoicing!

There's a small sentence that Paul slips into this letter... "The Lord is near." (vs. 5) Just four words, but it's a powerful statement of belief and trust. Even in the midst of trying and incomprehensible circumstances, Paul clung to the promise that God is right there in the midst of all of it.

The source of Paul's rejoicing was NOT because he was guaranteed that everything was going to be "just fine." Much like us when we find ourselves in a difficult time, Paul had to sit with the unknowns. Even with all the uncertainty, Paul could talk about rejoicing because he trusted that "The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7)

In this New Year, it's my prayer that you can envision your hearts and minds being guarded by Jesus, the lover of our souls. Amidst all the unknowns, amidst all the disappointments and sadness of this world - may we rejoice that we still have Emmanuel, the God who promises to be forever with us and forever for us.

Blessings to you,  
Pastor Maren Hooper

## What's Our Spending Plan?

Learn more about what your gifts to St. Luke's makes possible. Discover more about the finances of the church. The finance committee will present information about the church's spending plan at a listening session Sunday, February 2, at 9:30 a.m. This session will be held in the chapel.

## Annual Meeting

St. Luke's Lutheran will gather for its Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 9, following the completion of the first service, around 9:15 a.m. At the annual meeting, we'll hold elections, approve the budget, and more. See the Annual Report for the complete agenda, available late January 2025.

## 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.

Friday, January 17: Millikin University Choir - 7:30 p.m. - freewill offering

Sunday, January 26: Wisconsin Philharmonic Family Concert

1:00 p.m. instrument petting zoo, 2:00 p.m. concert - tickets available at the door

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

freewill offering

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

tickets available at the door.

Stay tuned for other events coming up throughout the year!



## Thank you

Thank you to all the musicians who helped make our Advent and Christmas seasons special! Your hard work is appreciated by all, especially Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Waukesha Choral Union and Milwaukee Festival Brass concerts in December! We had great attendance at all the events, with numerous people commenting on how beautiful and welcoming our church is.

## Name Tag Project Update

We continue to move forward on our project for name tags for St. Luke's. Stay tuned for more updates. We look forward to having name tags 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. Thank you for those who are wearing our temporary name tags each week as we wait to get our permanent ones!

## 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!

## Mission Exploration Team (MET) To Hold first Meeting

In November, the Council appointed a MET team to begin their work of considering the shape of our ministry for the future. The team will gather for its first meeting in January, when it meets with Bishop Erickson and/or his staff. 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. Please pray for the following as they serve our congregation by leading this important process: Darius Outlaw, Eli Larson, Laura Tank, Amy Lopez, Kyle Poquette, Ed Raether, Robbin Krueger, Curt Steinquist, and Pastor Jordan.

## 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 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.

## Discipleship Training (DT)

DT meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and is open to all middle school youth, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. 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](mailto:youth@stlukeslutheran.org), for additional information. Friends are always welcome to join us!

### January Schedule:

- 1/5-9:15-10:15 a.m. Youth Led Weekend Planning & Prep
- 1/8-6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: David: The Flawed and Beloved King
- 1/12-9:15-10:15 a.m. Youth Led Weekend Planning & Prep
- 1/15-6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Solomon: The Ambitious Son
- 1/19-9:15-10:15 a.m. Youth Led Weekend Planning & Prep
- 1/22-6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Elijah: The Get-R-Done Prophet
- 1/25-Youth Led Service Practice & Final Prep 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
Youth Led Service 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided
- 1/26-Youth Led Service 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will be provided in between services.

Please start thinking about your Lenten Mentorship Mentor. Youth need to ask an adult, but not a parent, to be a mentor. Turn in your mentor's name and contact information to Cari by February 5.

## Discipleship Training Lenten Mentors/Subs Needed

We are looking for adult volunteers to be Lenten mentors and subs for our awesome youth. Qualification are a willingness to meet with one of our St Luke's youths on Wednesday evenings 6:00-8:00 p.m. during Lent, March 5-April 9, for supper and guided conversation. Then, attend the Lenten service with the youth. If you would be willing to be a mentor or substitute mentor in case of absences, please contact Cari via email at [youth@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:youth@stlukeslutheran.org).

## Youth Group

High School Youth Group is open to all youth 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The focus for January is planning and leading the Worship Services the last week of January. Please join DT in the Youth Room during the Education Hour 9:15-10:15 a.m. during the month of January. Friends always welcome.

### January Schedule:

- 1/5-9:15-10:15 a.m. Youth Led Weekend Planning & Prep
- 1/12-Cinnamon Rolls 7:30-11:30 a.m.  
9:15-10:15 a.m. Youth Led Weekend Planning & Prep
- 1/19-9:15-10:15 a.m. Youth Led Weekend Planning & Prep
- 1/25-Youth Led Service Practice & Final Prep 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
Youth Led Service 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided
- 1/26-Youth Led Service 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Breakfast will be provided in between services.

## Looking Ahead: February - Penny War

## 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, March 4, and June 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](http://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.

## 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.

## Sign Up Central

Are you looking for a sign up, All sign ups, now and in the future, will be located at Sign Up Central, the bulletin boards on the south side of the hallway outside of the Hospitality area.

## 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.



## Christmas Cookie Sale Thank you

Thank you to all who supported the cookie sale by baking, frosting, purchasing and eating cookies in December! We raised over \$950 for youth programming. Without your support this would not have happened. Thank You!

## Fall 2025 Preschool Enrollment Time!

It may be chilly outside, but January is the hottest month for preschool registration! If your child/grandchild will be 2, 3, or 4 years of age by 9/1/25, this information is for you! Now is the time to call with your questions and to arrange a visit before the registration process begins. All classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Preschool enrollment dates are as follows:

**January 20:** Priority registration for families with children currently enrolled in the Preschool Program.

**January 27:** Registration for St. Luke's church members, families with children currently enrolled in the Child Care program at St. Luke's and families who have had children in our Preschool Program in past years

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

### Save the Dates and Tell Your Friend!

St. Luke's Preschool features small class sizes, weekly music classes, Bible stories and songs, Chapel Chats with a pastor, service projects, Pre-K readiness, field trips, and much more. More details can be found at [www.stlukeslutheran.org](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org). Children entering the 3-and 4-Year classes must be toilet trained. Classes follow the school year calendar, and the following options will be available for fall 2025:

**2 Years Old (by 9/1/25):** First Steps to Preschool-Classes meet 1 morning a week-9:00 to 11:00 a.m. (child must be accompanied by an adult).

**3 Years Old (by 9/1/25):** Classes meet 2 mornings a week-9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**4 Years Old (by 9/1/25):** Classes meet 2 or 3 mornings a week-9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Many families choose to attend our Preschool in the morning and our School District of Waukesha 4K in the afternoon!

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

## 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.

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## Let's Talk Theology

Join "Theology on Tap" on Tuesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Point Burger Bar, W22N1400 Westwood Dr Ste A Waukesha. 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](mailto:mrkieso@gmail.com) with questions.

## Theology Uncorked

Please come and be part of this special group that gathers for uplifting spiritual conversation, good fellowship, as well as dinner and beverages if you like.

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. at Casa Tequila, 2423 Kossow Road, Waukesha. This is a "come-as-you-can" group; no commitment required. And if you prefer, not to dine, come a little later for the fellowship and community.

Please join the women of St. Luke's and be part of the lively atmosphere. Consider bringing a neighbor or friend!

## January Mission: Lutheran Disaster Response

This organization of the ELCA brings God's hope, healing, and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. Lutheran Disaster Response provides ongoing assistance to those affected by wildfires, hurricanes, tsunamis, flooding, earthquakes, drought, war, and conflicts.

## 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 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.

## 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.

## Church Office Hours:

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

Monday - Friday

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## 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 **November**, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<b>In Memory of</b>	<b>Given by</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Connie Borck-Weare	Dawn Mittelsteadt	Undesignated
June Buskel	Vonda Bickett	Youth
June Buskel	Sandy Hendrickson	Youth
Charlotte Maile	Dawn Mittelsteadt	Music

## 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](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org).

## 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/>.

## 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](mailto:lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org).

## 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.

## 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.

**January  
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**The deadline for the next  
issue of the Epistle is  
Wednesday, January 15.**

## 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



## Sunday School News

In case you missed our table at the Engagement Fair, you can still get involved. We have some wishes that we're hoping our congregation members could help with throughout the year. Donations of gift cards to Hobby Lobby, Dollar Tree, Target, Walmart, etc., snacks for the kids, and juice boxes or pouches would be very much appreciated. These can be dropped off in the office or with a Sunday School teacher. We could also use your gift of time and/or talents in many different areas of Sunday School. Contact Amy Lopez at (262) 955-9804 with questions.

## Search Bible Study

There will be NO Search Bible Study on New Year's Day, but join us again on January 8 at 9:30 a.m. as we begin a new book study entitled, *Acts: Catching up with the Spirit*. The Acts of the Apostles is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven. Author and New Testament professor at Luther Seminary, Matthew Skinner, explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

## Communication is Key

Communicating when, where, what, why, and how is key. If there is something you would like communicated in the weekly bulletin, weekly Connections email, or the monthly Epistle newsletter, it's as easy as writing up the announcement and emailing it to Tonia at [office@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org) or stopping by the office with your article by the deadlines. The deadlines for the bulletin and *Connections* is by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Thursday or weekend you would want the information in *Connections* or the bulletin. The deadline for the monthly Epistle newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month unless the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday; then, the deadline is the Friday before. If you have any questions, please reach out either by email or call Tonia at (262) 542-2545.

## Stewardship

Thank you to all who have made a commitment to assist St. Luke's with generous funding for 2025! Thank you for supporting the many ways that St. Luke's serves our neighbors within the church and Child Life Ministries program, within our Waukesha community through partnerships with the Hope Center, Food Pantry, Women's Center and Hadfield Elementary School, and throughout the world with the quilts for Lutheran World Relief and our partnerships in Tanzania, Africa. It is not too late to help to support St. Luke's with your response of the amount you could set aside each week to reflect the generous love of God in your life. There are many options on how to make your commitment: drop of a sheet during worship service, mail it to the office, or email Cindy at [finance@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:finance@stlukeslutheran.org) to find out how easy it is to set up online giving.

## Poinsettia and Christmas Decorations

The Worship Committee was again overjoyed at the abundant gifts given for our Christmas decor of poinsettia plants, wreaths, and trees. Poinsettias were delivered to our homebound members, and we received their heartfelt thanks.

Poinsettias in the church will be available to take home, especially for those of you who contributed. Please feel free to pick them up any time after the December 29 service.

Again, our thanks for your generosity in making our worship space so beautiful and that memorialized so many of our loved ones.

## 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. on Thursday's. 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.

# St. Luke's Calendar for January 2025

## **Wednesday, January 1**

Happy New Year! Office Closed  
7:00 p.m. N.A.

## **Thursday, January 2**

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

## **Saturday, January 4**

5:00 p.m. Worship

## **Sunday, January 5**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:20 a.m. Sunday School  
9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training  
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## **Monday, January 6**

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

## **Tuesday, January 7**

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble  
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club  
7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap

## **Wednesday, January 8**

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study  
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, January 9**

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, January 11**

5:00 p.m. Worship

## **Sunday, January 12**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday  
9:20 a.m. Sunday School  
9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training  
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee  
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## **Monday, January 13**

8:00 a.m. Amigos!  
1:00 p.m. Facilities Committee  
6:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked  
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon  
6:30 p.m. MET Meeting

## **Tuesday, January 14**

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble  
6:30 p.m. Worship Life

## **Wednesday, January 15**

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. CLM Staff Meeting  
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, January 16**

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.

## **Friday, January 17**

7:30 p.m. Millikin University Choir

## **Saturday, January 18**

5:00 p.m. Worship

## **Sunday, January 19**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:20 a.m. Sunday School  
9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## **Monday, January 20**

8:00 a.m. Amigos!  
1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle  
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

## **Tuesday, January 21**

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble  
5:15 p.m. El Sistema Community  
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

## **Wednesday, January 22**

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Godsbells  
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:00 p.m. Square Dancers  
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

## **Thursday, January 23**

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, January 25**

Amy's Gourmet Apples Fundraiser  
2:30 p.m. Youth Service Practice  
5:00 p.m. Youth Led Worship

## **Sunday, January 26**

Amy's Gourmet Apples Fundraiser  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Youth Led Worship  
9:20 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales  
1:00 p.m. M&FAS Wisconsin  
Philharmonic Janboree  
Concert  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## **Monday, January 27**

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

## **Tuesday, January 28**

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble  
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

## **Wednesday, January 29**

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

## **Thursday, January 30**

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise  
5:00 p.m. Community Meal  
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

### **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).



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## **PJ Heading to TZ end of January**

In his role of Vice President of the Tanzania Partnership Committee of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, PJ will return to Tanzania the end of January to visit partners of the synod and the five partner congregations of St. Luke's. He will be one of 18 participating in the synod's Bishop's Delegation to the Meru Diocese, January 21-February 6, 2025. The delegation will tour Mount Meru Coffee Project, visit partnership parishes on two weekends, visit the seminary in Ailanga, learn about the "Telescopes for Tanzania" project, visit the pharmacy at Ngarenuki, spend time at the Leguruki Health Center, learn more about plans for the Makimura Farm development, explore the synod's university, meet children at the Nkoranga Orphanage and the Ngaza Primary School, and spend time exploring Tanzanian culture, nature, and more.

## **Pens, Pencils, and Painkillers**

As PJ heads to Tanzania, we are collecting items for him to take as gifts from St. Luke's. These items will be given to people along the way, clinics, and teachers.

- Red Pens for teachers
- Money for school supplies – to be bought in TZ
- Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen for use in the clinics

Donations can be dropped in the office, or brought to worship, between now and January 15.

## **Penny War 2025 Coming in February**

Start saving your change! The Youth of St. Luke's have declared a Penny War in February. They are still strategizing the details, so watch for future details on who will be at risk to get a pie in the face. There are some older brothers and sisters that volunteered their younger siblings to step up after the pieing last year. All proceeds raised will help to offset costs to go to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer.