



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

February 2025

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

A Time to Love

February, because of Valentine's Day, is sometimes referred to as the "month of love." Kind of arbitrary, yes?! And while Hallmark and Brach's might capitalize on the sentimentality of the day, as Christians we know that **every** day is a good day to express love!

God calls us to love - and not just those we "are in love with." (Think life partners, family, good friends). God's love goes beyond sentimentality or "easy," stretching us out of our comfort zones to love the stranger; the outsider; all those who might speak, look or act differently than we do.



God calls us to love **all**. And wouldn't you know, that includes the person who pushes all your buttons; the person with whom you don't see eye to eye; the person you'd rather avoid altogether. God doesn't say we have to be chummy friends with everyone; but we are expected to love.

Love, as it turns out, is not always as easy as a Hallmark movie! Sometimes love comes easy. But more often than not, love calls for a little something extra: God's help. Left to our own human inclinations, it's impossible to love when we'd rather not; or when it's hard or inconvenient or complicated. But we who have the Spirit of love graciously gifted to us, we can call upon this very Spirit to strengthen us with the power to love.

In 1957, in one of his most famous sermons, *Loving Your Enemies*, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached: "Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

It's a message that still rings true today. In a world of deep divisions, animosities and strife, the call to love is needed perhaps now more than ever.

Shortly before his betrayal, Jesus told his disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. **By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.**" (John 13:34-35)

So a couple things to ponder this month...

How might God be calling you to love more deeply?

What do you need to do that?

How might God be calling St. Luke's to love more deeply?

What do we need to do that?

Friends, let us love deeply, widely, persistently, together.

Peace and love and blessings, Pastor Maren Hooper

Love
ONE ANOTHER

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Millikin University Choir and Wisconsin Philharmonic JanBoree concerts in January! Your support and continued attendance helps makes these events possible!



Our next events in our Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Concert Series:

Hymn Festival: *From Generation to Generation*

Join the choirs and Michael Schaner for a hymn festival on Sunday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m. A hymn festival consists of music and readings with a theme. Our theme is *From Generation to Generation*. Come sing and hear hymns that are well-known and new to us all! A reception will follow the hymn festival.



Wisconsin Philharmonic Shining Stars Recital

Come hear some of the best musical students in Waukesha County as the winners of the Wisconsin Philharmonic's Shining Stars competition in recital on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Come Join Voices of Faith for Lent and Holy Week

Have you been looking to sing with Voices of Faith during Lent and Holy Week? Or wanting to give our adult mixed choir a try before joining? Come join us for the seasons of Lent and Holy Week! We will be preparing to lead worship during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday as we will sing Théodore Dubois' *The Seven Last Words of Christ*, focusing on the seven last words of Christ, with soloists and chorus. During Lent, Voices of Faith will rehearse immediately after midweek worship, usually around 7:45 p.m.

Michael Schaner to Present Recital at Carroll University

On Friday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m., Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, will present an organ recital at Carroll University in Shattuck Auditorium. Works by Ives, Bach, Hancock, Shearing, Duruflé, and more will be performed on the Shantz Organ. Parking is available in the campus center lot across the street from Shattuck. This concert is free to the public.

Owen Ruck Senior Trombone Recital

Come hear Owen Ruck, grandson of Joyce Ruck, present a trombone recital on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's. Owen is a trombonist in the Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra's Senior Symphony. This recital is free, and an offering will be collected to help support Owen's trip to Poland and the Czech Republic with the Senior Symphony in July 2025.

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.

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, 6th, 7th, & 8th grade. Pastor Jordan, Pastor Jim Durnil and Cari help guide youth on this part of their faith journey. We start in the Youth Room for a brief check-in and gathering, then move to Hospitality for a Meal. The meal is provided by the host family of 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.

February Schedule:

2/5 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Theme - Daniel: The Invincible Visionary

2/12 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Jonah: The Passive-Aggressive Coot

2/19 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Mary Mother of Jesus: The Long-Suffering mom

2/26 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Activity Night

Looking Ahead

During Lent March 2 to April 9, DT meets Wednesday and Sundays. Sundays in between services to plan and design the Walk with Jesus April 13, Palm Sunday Present Walk with Jesus. A multi-generational stations activity telling the story of Jesus's path from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning

3/4 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, a youth fundraiser

3/5 - Ash Wednesday, Attend service with your Mentor 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

3/12 - Regular Wednesday Evening Lenten Mentorship schedule begins

5:45 p.m. Arrival, Check-In and Connect with Mentor

6:00 p.m. Dinner and Conversation with Mentor

7:00 p.m. Lent Service attend with Mentor

March/April, TBD Host Lenten Soup Supper

4/12 - Walk with Jesus, Station Set-up 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

parental help appreciated

4/13 - Present Walk with Jesus, Final Set-up 8:00 a.m., Present 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., Clean-up 10:30 a.m.

Please remember to turn your mentors name and contact information into Cari by February 19. DT youth need to ask an adult, that is not their parents, to be their mentor.

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.

Walk with Jesus April 13

Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, during the Education Hour 9:15 to 10:15 a.m., DT youth will be presenting a self-guided walk using stations to tell the story of Jesus's journey the week leading up to His death and then resurrection on Easter morning. Come see how they tell HIS story in their unique way.

Amy's Gourmet Apples

Fundraiser

Delivering just in time for an early Valentine's Day treat. The youth are taking pre-orders for yummy caramel apples from Amy's Gourmet Apples through February 9. Pick-up is Wednesday, February 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at St. Luke's. Six delicious flavors are available to choose from: Heath Toffee, M&M Peanut, Dark Sea Salt, Milk Pecan Turtle, and Milk Chocolate with Sprinkles. All apples feature a caramel base and are coated with imported Belgian Chocolate, YUM! Cost is \$16.99 per apple. Payment is due at the time of order.

Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Super March 4

You are invited to join the Youth of St. Luke's for an old-fashioned pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 4. Pancakes and sausage will be served from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The cost is a freewill donation. The proceeds benefit the Youth programming of St. Luke's. Gluten free pancakes and takeout option will be available. Pre-Orders will also be taken. Contact Cari for more information.

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.



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 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

Youth Group

High School Youth Group is open to all youth in 9th -12th grade. Friends always welcome.

February Activities

- 2/1&2 - Amy's Apples pre-orders continue
- 2/8&9 - Noisy Offering Collection after all services. All money collected will go to the Waukesha Food Bank
- 2/9 - Cinnamon Roll Sunday 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., frost, box and sell
Last day to order Amy's Gourmet Apples
- 2/12 - Amy's Apples Pick-Up day 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 2/23 - Movie Day

Looking Ahead:

March/April TBD Host Lenten Soup Supper

3/4 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. Set-up/Cook
5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Serve Dinner
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Clean-up

3/5 - Ash Wednesday Service

A Penny War is Coming

The Youth of St. Luke's are at it again and have declared a Penny War during the months of February, March and April. This year the war is between DT (the middle school youth) & YG (the high school youth). All proceeds raised will help to offset costs of the Summer Mission Trip to go to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation this summer and other youth activities.

The winner of the Penny War will be the one with the lowest points total at the end of services April 20, and they will get to cheer on the losing team as they receive their just dessert. The losing team, with the highest points, will be awarded the flavor of their choice pie in the face at the end of the Penny War. Paper, bills, checks, and electronic giving will be positive points and noisy money, coins, will be negative points. Weekly progress totals will be posted. At the writing of this article, the actual representatives for each group have not yet been determined, but several college-age siblings volunteered their younger siblings after last year's award ceremony. Bid sheets to help smush a pie in the face of an awesome St. Luke's youth will be on the Penny War table at the beginning of April. There might be a few youth leaders and parents, plus college age siblings, lining up for that opportunity. The "award" ceremony will be April 27, in between services. Hoping for good weather so that we can be outside.

All fun and games aside, the youth would like to thank the congregation for once again supporting our slightly wacky ideas and allowing us to continue to support the faith formation of our youth. Without your prayers and financial support opportunities such as attending a mission trip to Pine Ridge to serve along with the people and learn about their culture would not be possible.

Let's Talk Theology

Join "Theology on Tap" on Tuesday, February 3, 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 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, February 10, 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!

Lenten Meals

In our life together, community is important. Beginning March 12, we will again be having soup suppers served each Wednesday from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. before the evening worship at 7:00. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together.

Attending Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, is Ash Wednesday. We will gather as God's people to enter Lent, the season of repentance and renewal at 7:00 p.m. Throughout the world, Christians will observe this holy day by hearing and receiving a reminder of our mortality. The words are stark: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The sign of this reminder is even starker: ashes in the shape of the cross. In this action, we liturgically remember our eventual death with a sign of hope in the face of death: the cross. This is an important festival of the church year. All members of the church should attempt to be present for it.

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 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 lrhrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org.

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Gather Games MKE

Gather Games MKE is a group of young adults, (18-35) looking for meaningful connections to faith and our world. Gather Games MKE is ELCA based, but welcome all who are looking for authentic community to gather and play board games on the third Sunday of the month from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m., dinner is included at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 13200 W Greenfield Ave, Brookfield. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact gathermke.com, or scan the QR code.



2025 Monthly Coffee Hour Sponsorship

The 2025 Monthly Coffee Hour Sponsorship is now available at sign up central. The fee for the coffee hour is \$30 for 2 weekends or \$55 for the whole month. With the sponsorship you receive the **option** to have displayed 1 to up to 12 pictures on the high tables in the narthex and hospitality area. The picture(s) must be received in the office no later than the 15th of the month before you have signed up. If no pictures are received a written acknowledgement of your sponsorship will be displayed. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hendrickson or Tonia in the church office with questions.



Mission Exploration Team (MET) Held First Meeting

The MET team has begun their work of considering the shape of our ministry for the future. The team, as an orientation, met with Pastor Kristen Nielsen, Assistant to the Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod. 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.

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.

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 Rohwasser.

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.

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!

Help for Hadfield

Thank you to all who have helped fill the needs of Hadfield. The staff and kids appreciate it very much!

There will be a school carnival on Saturday, February 22. Volunteers are needed for carnival games, but they also need some prizes kids can earn with their tickets. They have a lot of small things like erasers, pencils, snap bracelets, keychains, tattoos, etc. They could use some bigger things. Anything purchased can be put in the Helping Hadfield box by the welcome center. They also do a silent auction so if anyone wanted to donate a basket of some sort that's another idea and way of helping. The sign up is located online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA8AD2CAAF4C16-54317813-hadfield#/>

The school will also be having a craft and vendor fair on Saturday, April 12. For the fair they mainly need volunteers for the kids activities. This year's theme is Easter. Anyone wanting to wear the Easter Bunny costume? If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Doepke (414) 750-4524 or doepkejulie1@gmail.com.

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.

Needle & Thimble Needs Your Fabric and Thread

Needle and Thimble is our church sewing group that makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We rely on fabric and thread donations; our stash is getting low at this time. If you have fabric (please no little scraps) and / or thread, that you will not need, please consider donating to Needle and Thimble. We especially welcome gently used bedsheets. You may drop off these items anytime at the church office, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Gwen Kieso (262) 442-1749 or Marilyn Olson (262) 844-2519.

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.



Search Bible Study

Join us for Search Bible Study on Wednesday's at 9:30 a.m. as we study a book 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 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 15th of the month unless the 15th 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.

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 December, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Dave Addie	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Kelly McEvoy	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Mark & Laurie Rohrwasser	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Dennis & Diane Voit	Endowment
Judy Jurkowski	Debbie Knee	Good Samaritan
Fran Parson	Debbie Knee	Undesignated
Larry Sheets	Byron & Carol Bingham	Music
Larry Sheets	Britt Feight	Music
Larry Sheets	Clay Feight	Music
Larry Sheets	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment

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.



Undies Sundays for the Hope Center

The Hope Center is currently in need of various items, particularly underwear for their clients. St. Luke's is going to initiate "Undies Sundays for the Hope Center." During lent members will be asked to donate new underwear, in the original packaging, for the Hope Center. Currently the need is for men's boxer briefs in sizes S, M, L, and XL, and women's low-rise briefs in sizes 4 to 9. The donations can be dropped off in the baskets in the front of the sanctuary. Check the weekly Sunday bulletin for updates regarding current needs or visit the Hope Center's website, <https://hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/>

Calling an Assistant for Engagement

Over the past year, the Stewardship Team has developed a vision for a new position on staff. We are looking for a qualified candidate to serve St. Luke's as Assistant for Engagement. This position will do many things. In short, the A.F.E. will encourage people to become more engaged in the ministries of St. Luke's. S/He will strengthen processes for recognizing visitors, encouraging new members, thanking donors, assisting the stewardship team in the work, interpret the mission and ministries of St. Luke's, developing a social media strategy for the church and more. We expect the position to be 15-20 hours a week.

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.

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**The deadline for the next
issue of the Epistle is
Friday, February 14.**

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.

St. Luke's Calendar for February 2025

Sunday, February 2

Amy's Gourmet Apples Fundraiser
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Spending Plan Meeting
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club
6:30 p.m. MET Meeting
7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap

Wednesday, February 5

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, February 6

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, February 8

Amy's Gourmet Apples Fundraiser
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, February 9

Amy's Gourmet Apples Fundraiser
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Amy's Apples Pick Up
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, February 13

6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday, February 15

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday, February 17

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

Tuesday, February 18

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

Wednesday, February 19

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, February 20

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, February 22

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, February 23

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Ignite Worship
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
6:30 p.m. MET Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

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, February 27

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.

Please Remember

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

February Mission: Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts of Waukesha County offers a peer-to-peer support program for children, youth, and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one due to death, divorce, separation, incarceration, military deployment, or immigration.



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PJ is in Tanzania

In his role of Vice President of the Tanzania Partnership Committee of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, PJ has returned to Tanzania 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 through 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.

Thank You for all the Pens, Pencils, and Painkillers

PJ filled several suitcases with all you donated for the People in Tanzania. The items collected will be given to people along the way, clinics, and teachers. A rough count of donations included: 4 containers of body wash, 58 containers of ibuprofen (of various sizes), 57 containers of acetaminophen, 67 packs of red pens for teachers, 12 packs of crayons, 5 packs of pens, and 30+ packs of colored pencils (including a couple of very high quality artist pencil sets)

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.