



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

March 2025

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

Growing in Commitment to Faith

Ash Wednesday is near. It is the day that faithful Christians gather together to hear a difficult message: That all people are dust and to dust we shall all return. With the message is a cross of ash smeared onto the forehead. The ritual does the horrible work of reminding us what we'd rather forget: None of us will get out of life alive.

We start the Lenten season with this reminder so that we might spend 40 days and forty nights (not including Sundays) growing in faith as we make our way toward the great events of Holy Week and Easter. Our rituals, lessons, songs, and sermons call us to use this time to cultivate the ways of Jesus in our hearts and minds.



On Ash Wednesday you will hear these themes in the annually-spoken call to Lenten discipleship. Each year as we begin the forty day journey, one of our pastors says,

“Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus’ passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God’s mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Let us use the forty days, which start on Ash Wednesday, to strengthen our faith by dedicating our lives to the practices listed above. Let us let the stories of Christ shape us to be more like him, to follow him in daily life, and grow in Faith.

PJ Didn’t Go To Tanzania...Yet

Pastor Jordan, because of a covid infection, was unable to travel to Tanzania in February as planned. He will be going in the near future. PJ is talking to our partners about job-shadowing opportunities while in Tanzania, to learn about life and ministry more fully. This might be able to happen soon or perhaps right after Easter. Many of the medication donations collected in December and January were delivered by the group that went in February. PJ will deliver the pens, pencils and other gifts we gathered in the next few months.

So it's March and Lent... already?!

If you're like me, you might be feeling like the first two months of this year flew by! But here we are, and Lent is just around the corner.

Not many people associate the word "fun" with the season of Lent. Lent is traditionally seen as a more somber and introspective time. Yet, I believe we can have both: we can be thoughtful and introspective AND have some fun along the way! With that in mind, we will be having some "fruity fun" this season.



Our Lenten theme this year is "**Living the Fruits of the Spirit.**"

The Apostle Paul writes, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." (Galatians 3:25)

What does it mean for us today – living in these times and in these places - to live and be guided by the Spirit?

Our centering scripture comes from Galatians 5: 22-23: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

The Apostle Paul wrote "to the churches of Galatia" around 50-55 C.E., about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. These communities included both Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles).

Paul's letter was probably read aloud in the congregations. Galatians has sometimes been called "the Magna Carta of Christian Freedom." Galatians declares that Christians are free *from* both enslaving powers and attempts to save themselves. And Christians are freed *for* the calling to be a blessing to the neighbor and to be of service in the world.

Galatians testifies that the Holy Spirit is at work (3: 1-5) and that Christ is alive in the believer (2:20).

Throughout Lent, each Saturday/Sunday and Wednesday evening worship will focus on a different fruit of the Spirit. We will explore the theme through worship, song, and visual art.

Each Fruit of the Spirit will also have a corresponding actual fruit that we will play around with in a Recipe of the Week. We will provide new recipes you can try out at home, and we'll also sample some of these during Hospitality Hour and Wednesday Lenten meals.

Please join us as often as you can! As we journey towards the empty tomb, may our lives overflow more and more with all the fruits that God's Spirit activates in and among us.

God's peace to you,
Pastor Maren Hooper

Communion Conversations for Families (a.k.a., "First Communion Instruction")

Attention 4th and 5th grade students and parents. Come and learn about the Sacrament of Holy Communion – together! We will celebrate with all children receiving their First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service, **April 17 at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet for a meal and Communion Conversations each Wednesday during Lent, starting **March 12 through April 9 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.** This will be a FUN and a multi-sensory way to explore what it means to receive Holy Communion and be shaped as God's people! Anyone is welcome to attend, but we are asking that at least one parent/guardian/adult participate with each child. Please register for Communion Conversations for Families by **March 1st**. You may do this by calling the church office at (262) 542-2545 or emailing office@stlukeslutheran.org.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended my recital at Carroll University on Friday, February 7! It was a joy to see so many St. Luke's members in the audience and to share my work and that lovely instrument with everyone.

Thank you to everyone who came to Owen Ruck's senior trombone recital on Sunday, February 16! Owen did a fantastic job and filled our sanctuary with beautiful sounds on a lovely Sunday afternoon.

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

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

Join our musical ensembles from St. Luke's along with Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, for a hymn festival filled with readings, hymns new and familiar. A freewill offering will be collected, with a reception to follow the hymn festival. Come attend this meaningful service as we celebrate our connections from generation to generation through song!



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Collaborative Concert

On Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's presents a collaborative concert featuring local groups from Waukesha North High School, Brookfield East High School, and Jazz Express.

Wisconsin Philharmonic Shining Stars Recital

Join us on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. for the Wisconsin Philharmonic's Shining Stars Competition winners' recital. Tickets are \$10 at the door for adults. The performers are students from Waukesha County, and it's always an outstanding recital!

Holy Week Music

Have you been wondering about joining our musical ensembles at St. Luke's? Join us as we prepare for Holy Week. Godsbells, our handbell ensemble, meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Voices of Faith, our choir for middle school through adults, rehearses after midweek services, around 7:45 p.m. We will be preparing for Palm/Passion Sunday, Good Friday where Voices of Faith will sing Theodore Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ*, and Easter Sunday. For more information, or to ask any questions, contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

St. Luke's Centennial Scholarships Application Available

In honor of the 100th anniversary of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, the Endowment Committee decided to offer six St. Luke's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Centennial Scholarships in 2021. It has been decided that these \$500 centennial scholarships will be offered annually. St. Luke's wants to support our members who are pursuing post-secondary educations in service occupations such as the ministry, the medical field, or education. Application forms can be found on the St. Luke's website and will be due by May 1, to the church office for consideration. Scholarship recipients will be notified, and the awards will be presented during a church service in June. These scholarships are an annual reminder of St. Luke's century-long commitment to supporting the Sons and Daughters of our congregation as they went to Seminary. Reflect on this as you see the display of the 21 Ordained Pastors from St. Luke's!

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. During March, youth will be participating in the Lenten Mentorship Program on Wednesday evenings and also meeting Sundays during the Education Hour 9:20 to 10:25 a.m. to research, design, plan and prepare for the Walk with Jesus, a youth-led multi-generational stations activity telling the story of Jesus's path from Palm Sunday to Easter Morning. The Walk with Jesus activity will be held Palm Sunday, April 13, during the Education Hour. All family, friends and members are invited. It is not too late to join us. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) for additional information. Friends are always welcome to join us.

Schedule - Lent:

- 3/2 - Walk with Jesus - Intro 9:20 to 10:25 a.m.
- 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 - Lenten Mentorship Ash Wednesday Service 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.
 - Meet up with Mentor 6:45 p.m., Attend Service together 7:00 p.m.
- 3/9 - Walk with Jesus - Planning 9:20 to 10:25 a.m.
- 3/12 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.
 - 5:45 p.m. Arrival, Check-In & Connect with Mentor
 - 6:00 p.m. Dinner and Conversation with Mentor
 - 7:00 p.m. Lent Service attend with Mentor
- 3/16 - Walk with Jesus - Planning 9:20 to 10:25 a.m.
- 3/19 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.
 - DT & YG Host Lenten Dinner
- 3/23 - Walk with Jesus - Planning 9:20 to 10:25 a.m.
- 3/26 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.
- 3/30 - Walk with Jesus - Planning 9:20 to 10:25 a.m.
- 4/2 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.
- 4/6 - Walk with Jesus - Planning 9:20 to 10:25 a.m.
- 4/9 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.
- 4/12 - Walk with Jesus - Station Set-Up 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - *Parental help needed and very much appreciated*
- 4/13 - Present Walk with Jesus - Final Prep /Practice 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
 - Present to Congregation 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
 - Clean Up 10:15 a.m.-? *Parental help appreciated*
- 4/20 - Easter - Attend service with your family

Looking Ahead:

- 4/23 - DT 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Youth Room
- 4/27 - Penny War Award Ceremony during the Education Hour. Who will get pie-ed? YG, high school youth or DT, middle school youth
- 4/30 - DT 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Youth Room

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.

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, sugar-free syrup, and takeout option will be available. Pre-Orders will also be taken. Contact Cari for more information.

DT Lenten Mentors/Subs Still 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.

Help for Hadfield

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

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.

March Activities

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

3/19 - DT&YG Host Lenten Dinner watch for details and SignUp Genius

3/30 - Escape Room & Lunch - time TBD possible 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

RSVP required by 3/16 to Cari

Looking Ahead:

4/27 - Penny War Award Ceremony during the Education Hour. Who will get pie-ed? YG, high school youth or DT, middle school youth

A Penny War Has Started

The Youth of St. Luke's are at it again and have declared a Penny War during the months of 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 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. The youth decided it is an all or nothing penny war, so ALL members of the losing team will get a pie in the face. 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 as there could be up to 30 youth getting a pie! All fun and games aside, the youth would like to thank the congregation for once again supporting our sightly 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.

Egg My Yard Fundraiser

Let the Youth "egg" your yard. The Youth will stuff and hide plastic Easter eggs in your yard. Candy and non-candy options are available. The dates to have your yard egged are Friday, April 11 & 18, Saturday, April 12 & 19. Prices are 25 eggs for \$35, 50 eggs for \$60, 75 eggs for \$75 or 100 eggs for \$90. Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org for the signup form. Signup required by March 30, and spots are limited. In case of bad weather, your eggs will be dropped off at the front door in a Bunny Bag with a letter from the Easter Bunny.

Noisy Offering & Amy's Gourmet Apples Fundraisers

Thank you...Thank you...Thank you! Thank you to all that ordered yummy possible. Thank you also to all that dropped noisy offerings (and quiet donations too!) into the soup kettles on Super Bowl Sunday. The youth collected \$355.00 to support the Waukesha Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity and support! caramel apples or donated in lieu of ordering. We raised \$350.00 to support the youth programming at St. Luke's. Thank you for all your prayer and financial support without you the opportunities available for the youth would not be

Theology Uncorked – New Location

Please come be part of this special group that gathers for uplifting spiritual conversation and good fellowship. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Cantarito's 408 E. Main St., Waukesha. This is a "come-as-you-can" group; no commitment required. 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 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. before the evening worship at 7:00 p.m. 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.

March Mission: Hope Center

St. Luke's supports the Hope Center with a monthly contribution. All gifts will help offset this amount from our General Fund.

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.



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

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Mission Exploration Team (MET) Meeting

The MET team continues their work. They are carefully considering questions that we need to ask, information we need to share, and knowledge we need to gain before considering the shape of our ministry for the future. 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: Amy Lopez, Darius Outlaw, Eli Larson, Laura Tank, Kyle Poquette, Ed Raether, Robbin Krueger, Curt Steinquist, and Pastor Jordan.

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.

SLLC's Annual Meeting Held

The congregation gathered Sunday, February 9, for its annual meeting. Those gathered elected new members to the church council, receive reports on ministry and approved a spending plan for the coming year.

Council Members Elected, Members Departing

Gathered in the Annual Meeting, our congregation elected members to replace outgoing members of the council.

Those Serving in 2024 are listed below and include the year they complete their current term:

Pastor Lindsay Jordan	
Pastor Maren Hooper, Interim	
Gloria Brechlin	2027
Darius Outlaw	2027
Chris Jackson	2027
David Tank	2026
Laura Cameron	2026 (in her second term)
Jenny Thorstad	2025
Rob Reidel	2025
Don Grossman	2025
Ashley Bregantini	2025

Those ending their term in 2025 include:

Ashley Bregantini; Jenny Thorstad; Don Grossman; and Rob Reidel

Those elected to serve a three-year term include:

Jenny Thorstad	2028
Kim Stair	2028
Renee Messerschmidt	2028
Jim Federico	2028
Ron Staub	2028
Janet Steinquist	2028

New Officers of the Congregation Elected

Meeting in its first regularly called meeting since the Annual Meeting, the Congregation Council elected from its membership officers of the congregation. Chris Jackson will continue to serve as President. Jenny Thorstad continues in the role of Vice President. Kim Stair was elected the congregational secretary. Darius Outlaw is the congregation's new treasurer. Thank you to these leaders for their willingness to serve.

Shari Higgins is the New Assistant for Engagement

St. Luke's has hired Shari Higgins to serve as Assistant For Engagement. In this role, she will assist our pastors in helping visitors and new members get more engaged in our ministry. She'll also help interpret the ministry of St. Luke's for all our members, gathering and sharing impact stories about what we are doing. She will also help with Stewardship efforts, promoting ways to give, and more. She will also boost our social media presence and outreach efforts. This position has been a year and a half in development. It is fully funded for the first year, and partially funded for the following two years, thanks to the generosity of Al and Ella Mueller and their family.

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.



Mt. Meru Coffee Project “Coffee Talk”

Mt. Meru Coffee is sold on the second and fourth Sundays of the month and served every Sunday, thanks to the coffee hour sponsorships, in between the 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. services here at St. Luke's Lutheran.

Would you like to learn more about the Mt. Meru Coffee? Join Diane and Dennis Voit as they share highlights of the October Tanzania Coffee Project Delegation visit on Sunday, March 9 from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel.

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.

Prayer Shawl

Thank you for keeping our prayer patches full! We would like diversity in the prayer patches, both with and without crosses. We are also in need of prayer shawls. You pick the design, color, and type of yarn. Feel free to take yarn from the shelves by the veteran hall. Please call Gloria for dimensions of what you make and with any questions at (262) 547-8096.

Congregation Council News

1. At the February council meeting officers of the congregation council were elected.
2. Welcomed new council members Renee Messerschmidt, Kim Stair, Jim Frederico, and Janet Steinquist.
3. Council is scheduled to make and serve the March 12 Lenten meal.

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 January, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

In Memory of	Given by	Designation
Dave Addie	Anonymous	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Phil Bangle	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Jan Christenson	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Ginny Dietzler	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Anne Erke	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Jerry & Lois Haffner	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Kathy Hager	Building Fund
Dave Addie	Michael & Cory Haight	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Gerald & Bonnie Malcore	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Brian Ripp & Carrie McEvoy-Ripp	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Paraments
Dave Addie	Keith & Sandra Punker	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Ellen Reitz	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Curt & Janet Steinquist	Undesignated
Dave Addie	James & Susan Tosky	Undesignated
Dave Addie	Sharon Wood	Undesignated
Joseph Hildebran	Randy & Linda Martin	Sanctuary Fund
Judy Jurkowski	Anonymous	Good Samaritan
Judy Jurkowski	Dave & Julie Doepke	Good Samaritan
Judy Jurkowski	Marianne Gilpatrick	Tanzania Supplies
Judy Jurkowski	Jim & Gwen Kieso	Good Samaritan
Judy Jurkowski	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Paraments
Judy Jurkowski	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Judy Jurkowski	Ron & Cheri Staub	Good Samaritan
Judy Jurkowski	Dave & Judy Worzalla	Good Samaritan
Julie Lambert	Bill & Liz Schuman	Tanzania Supplies
Fran Parson	Anonymous	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Mark & Kim Babe	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Wendy Bacon	Youth
Fran Parson	Sue Bangle	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Phil Bangle	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Chris & Teresa Beronja	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Byron & Carol Bingham	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Gloria Brechlin	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Mike & Laura Cameron	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Brent & Kathy Castner	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Jan Christenson	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Robert & Julieann DeLeon	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Ginny Dietzler	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Dave & Julie Doepke	Good Samaritan
Fran Parson	Vi Ellison	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Anne Erke	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Nancy & Brian Farrell	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Youth
Fran Parson	Don & Candy Grossman	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Jerry & Lois Haffner	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Sandy Hendrickson	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	RJ & Cheryl Hildebran	Endowment/NLR

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, March 14.**

Memorials Continued

In Memory of	Given by	Designation
Fran Parson	Richard & Carolyn Huttner	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Teresa Jahn	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Jim & Gwen Kieso	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Diana Meidenbauer	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Doug & Sharon Milway	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Gary & Pat Nielsen	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Art & Pam Olson	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Paraments
Fran Parson	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Fran Parson	Renee Raether	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Zona Shalow	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Judy Sheets	Music
Fran Parson	Diane Sinner	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Nancy Spencer	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Ron & Cheri Staub	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Kathy Paulson & Sarah Stinson	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Pam Tajnai	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	David & Laura Tank	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Cari Thompson	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Kevin & Jenny Thorstad	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	John & Carol True	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Dennis & Diane Voit	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Daryl Wells & Susan Wells	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Joan Wisnieski	Endowment/NLR
Fran Parson	Sharon Wood	Endowment/NLR
Carol Sorenson	Anonymous	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Sue Bangle	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Mark & Gayle Blado	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Donna Butterfield	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Anthony Consiglio	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Anne Erke	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Youth
Carol Sorenson	Jim & Gwen Kieso	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Kathy Paulson	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Carol Sorenson	Andrew & Tracie Winkelman	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Sharon Wood	Undesignated
Carol & Bob Sorenson	Randy & Linda Martin	General Fund

Easter Flowers

As we look forward to Easter and prepare to enhance the church with palm trees and Easter lilies, we invite you to consider donating toward this worship space beautification. Your gift can be made in honor of, or in memory of loved ones, special events, or a ministry. Forms will be available in bulletins and at the Welcome Center. The suggested donation for a plant/flower is \$20, however any contribution will be appreciated. Each gift will be included in a special memorial mention in our Easter bulletins. And, as has been our tradition, Easter plants will be delivered to our homebound members and those living in care and residential facilities.

Undies Sundays

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/>

Call for Action

The Child Care Crisis in Wisconsin and the country continues to grow. Care is expensive for families, hourly rates for teachers is low, and expenses are climbing rapidly. For the past few years, childcares, including Child Life Ministries, have been receiving funding through the state to help fight these costs. Even with the funding, hundreds of childcare centers and family in-home centers have closed, making it nearly impossible to find care. **WE NEED HELP!** Last year, Republicans voted against a bill that would make the Child Care Counts funding permanent. This year, Child Care Counts has once again been put in Governor Evers's budget. But, our Senators and Representatives need to hear from us! Let them know we all rely on childcare, whether we use it or not. People need to go to work, and in order to do that, they need care for their kids. For more information on what to say or who to contact, go to <https://www.wecanaction.com/> for resources!

St. Luke's Calendar for March 2025

Saturday, March 1

5:00 p.m. Worship

6:30 p.m. MET Meetin

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

5:00 p.m. Community Meal

6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study

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

Sunday, March 2

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

9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Executive Committee

4:00 p.m. M&FAS Hymn Festival

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

Tuesday, March 11

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

6:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee

Saturday, March 22

5:00 p.m. Worship

Monday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal

6:00 p.m. CLM Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith

Sunday, March 23

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

9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee

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

Tuesday, March 4

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

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

5:30 p.m. Pancake Supper

6:30 p.m. Welcome to the Font

Monday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Thursday, March 13

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.

Tuesday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, March 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.

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday

7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith

Saturday, March 15

5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday, March 26

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, March 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.

Sunday, March 16

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

9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

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

Thursday, March 27

6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice

6:30 p.m. MET Meeting

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

Saturday, March 8

5:00 p.m. Worship

Tuesday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble

5:15 p.m. El Sistema Night

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee

6:30 p.m. Church Council

Saturday, March 29

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, March 9

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

9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday

9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee & Info Presentation

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

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

Wednesday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal

6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training

7:00 p.m. N.A.

7:00 p.m. Lenten Service

7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith

Sunday, March 30

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

9:15 a.m. Discipleship Training

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

12:00 p.m. YG Escape Room

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

Monday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

1:00 p.m. Maintenance Committee

6:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked

Thursday, March 20

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl

4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise

Monday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Amigos!

6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Please Remember

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

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REMINDER: Enroll NOW for FALL 2025 Preschool Classes

September may seem like a long way off, but enrollment for fall Preschool classes is well underway! Open enrollment has begun for children who will be 2-4 years of age by September 1, 2025. Classes meet September through May from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Don't wait – some classes are already full! Call for more information, set up an appointment to visit, and find out how to reserve a spot for your child or grandchild.

Tell your neighbors, friends, and co-workers to check us out, too! St. Luke's Preschool welcomes all children regardless of race, color, sex, differing abilities, religion, national or ethnic origin. Contact Liz at (262) 522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org

Week of the Young Child

April 6 through the 11, CLM will join other centers around the country to celebrate the Week of the Young Child. We will be holding our annual raffle for the week! Any donations of items or gift cards for the raffle would be appreciated! They can be dropped off with Tonia in the office or downstairs at CLM. Any questions? Please contact Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org.

Healing Hearts Celebration of Hope

On April 12, Healing Hearts will be hosting their annual fundraiser, Celebration of Hope. This year's theme is Under the Pink Tuscan Moon and will be held at Tuscan Hall in Waukesha. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased online at healingheartswisconsin.org or by mail. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org.