



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

April 2025

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

Be Present, Lord

This year, we've been rejoicing the long-held Christian practice of singing our table prayer before our weekly Lenten meal. It's been a wonderful thing to do, for we should sing songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. Giving thanks to God before the meal is an important Christian practice.

We've been using the familiar words given us by John Cennick in 1741:

Be present at our table, Lord,
Be here and ev'ry where adored,
These mercies bless, and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.



John Cennick was born in England in 1717 and was heavily influenced by the Methodist movement. Later he found himself worshipping and studying among Moravian Christians, whose roots are tied to the Lutheran movements of Germany. He wrote many hymns that are sprinkled across the Christian traditions.

This famous hymn is a prayer that simply asks after four things:

1. That God would be present at our table.
2. That God would be adored everywhere.
3. That God would bless the mercies set out at the table.
4. That we might be included among those gathered at the heavenly banquet of eternity.

These simple requests have echoed poetically through church parlors and fellowship halls for centuries, because they are beautifully phrased and beloved by many. We continue to sing these lines as they have most often been done set to the tune of "The Old 100^{th.}"

Remember that is important to be doing table prayers in our homes and with our families. For doing so, reminds us that all we have is a gift from God, not something earned and prepared by our own hands. Giving thanks helps us remember our dependence on the abundance of God's mercy and helps us conquer false notions of self-sufficiency.

So, sing this song with joy and praise. Let it echo in your minds regularly. Fill your hearts with its sentiments and be fed at the abundance tables set by God, our gracious and loving Lord.

Lenten Meals

In our life together, community is important. We are again having soup suppers Wednesday evenings from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., before the service at 7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together.

Seasons

As I write this, it almost officially the first day of Spring! Behind Fall, Spring is my second favorite season. There is something powerful as the seasonal calendar and church calendar coincide this time of year. Just as the earth is beginning to renew itself after winter, so also the seasons of Lent and Easter are times of spiritual renewal.



As we journey through Lent and anticipate Easter, nature itself reminds us of the story of Holy Week. The story of new life springing forth from death: the plants dormant in the ground spring to life again, and the grass that was once brown turns a bright shade of green. Likewise, when faith and hope and life seem dead and gone on Good Friday... on the third day there is wondrous surprise, joy, resurrected life, and hope restored!

Here in the Midwest winters get LONG, but maybe that is what makes a new season all the more glorious. After the long grey days and piles of snow, we are ready to welcome the sunnier days, walks in the park, planting gardens, and enjoying all that nature has to offer.

Sometimes life itself can feel like a long winter - whenever we are facing hard times or dealing with challenges. We may wonder when this season will give way to a new one. We long for rays of light, both literally and metaphorically.

As we journey through Lent, we are reminded that it is a walk to the cross. There is no Easter without the cross. We sometimes find ourselves in despair, just as Jesus and the disciples must have. No one *wished* for the experience of the cross! In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus even prayed, "Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." (Matt. 26:39)

Yet Jesus did not flee or turn away from suffering but entered more deeply into it. As we face our own sufferings and the sufferings of the world, we can take heart that we have a Savior who has been down that road. And while we may not be able to see how the various challenges we face will work out, we do not lose heart because we know the story of Easter.

We know the story of the victory of our Lord. Death and decay and sorrow and pain are swallowed up in victory. And we are the recipients of new life! There is a new day coming and much like a Spring Day, we stand in anticipation of it.

Blessings on your Lenten and Easter journey!
Pastor Maren

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.

Congregation Council News

- 1.) Council members voted to hang a banner outside the church on Grand Avenue to support the Hadfield Elementary School Craft & Vendor Fair held on Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 2.) Council members chose a church ministry to serve on.
- 3.) Council took time to review our various ministries (Worship, CLM, Adult Bible Study, Discipleship Training and Others.)

Sing, Sing, Swing!

Join Jazz Express, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and choirs from Waukesha North and Brookfield East High Schools for a fun filled concert on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. There will even be a piece with everyone combined. This will be a fantastic way to spend a Monday evening.



The Wisconsin Philharmonic Shining Stars Recital

Join us at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. for the Wisconsin Philharmonic Shining Stars recital. Tickets will be \$10 at the door. The performers are students from Waukesha County who competed in March for the scholarships presented at the recital. This is always a fantastic recital you will not want to miss!



Holy Week Worship Services

As we are in the midst of Lent, please join us for our observance of Holy Week starting April 12/13 with Palm/Passion Sunday worship services. We then observe Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with the celebration of first communion. Also on Maundy Thursday, we invite any former singers of Sing for Joy to join us as we sing Helen Kemp's *A Lenten Love Song*. On Good Friday at 7:00 p.m. Voices of Faith will sing Théodore Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ* during our Tenebrae service. This powerful work was written in 1867 and still is sung regularly around the world. It features a soprano, tenor, and baritone soloists along with the choir and organ. On Holy Saturday we do not have any worship services, but we celebrate with joyful singing, brass, organ, choir, handbells, celebration, and more on Easter Sunday, April 20 at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Summer Music Camp 2025

Our Summer Music Camp will be the week of July 28 to August 1. Registration will open later in April. We will once again have a morning session for students entering kindergarten and 1st grade from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and a full day session for students entering 2nd to 7th grade from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The week is filled with singing, Bible stories, devotions, crafts, instruments, and fun adventures! The morning session is \$50 per student and the full day session is \$100 per student. Stay tuned for more details.

Summer Pick Up Choir

Our summer pick up choir returns this summer! It's a time to either try out the choir before joining us in the fall, or just to come and sing with others. All ages are welcome! We will gather at 9:45 a.m. to learn something to sing at the 10:30 a.m. service. The dates are June 8, July 27, and August 24.

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 to 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 April, youth are in the middle of the Lenten Mentorship Program on Wednesday evenings and are 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 and encouraged to attend. It is not too late to join us. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) for additional information. Friends are always welcome to join us.

Schedule:

- 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. to ?
Parental help appreciated
- 4/20 Easter Attend service with your family
- 4/23 DT 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Youth Room
- 4/27 Penny War Award Ceremony during the Education Hour
- 4/30 DT 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Youth Room

Looking Ahead:

- 5/7 DT 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Youth Room
- 5/11 Cinnamon Rolls Sunday
7:30 a.m. frost and box, 9:00 a.m. sell
- 5/14 DT 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Youth Room
- 5/16 CLM Luau volunteers needed service opportunity
- 5/21 DT 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Youth Room Last Class

Youth Group

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

- 4/6 Stuff Eggs for Egg My Yard 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- 4/11 Egg Yard delivery 6:00 p.m. meet at St. Lukes confirm with Cari
- 4/12 Egg Yard delivery 6:00 p.m. meet at St. Lukes confirm with Cari
- 4/18 Egg Yard delivery 6:00 p.m. meet at St. Lukes confirm with Cari
- 4/19 Egg Yard delivery 6:00 p.m. meet at St. Lukes confirm with Cari
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- 5/11 HS Graduate information due
- 5/16 CLM Luau volunteers needed service opportunity
- 5/18 YG 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.
- 6/1 HS Graduate Recognition

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. Would anyone be willing to wear the Easter Bunny costume? If you have any questions, please reach out to Julie Doepeke (414) 750-4524 or doepekejulie1@gmail.com.

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.

High School

Graduate Recognition

We look forward to lifting up the accomplishments of our high school graduates and celebrating with their families Sunday, June 1 at the 10:30 a.m. service followed by a luncheon in honor of the graduates and their families. If you do not receive the request for information by mid-April, please contact Cari or the church office for a copy. The information form and picture need to be returned by May 11. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) to sign up or with any questions.

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, 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

A Penny War Continues

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 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.

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.

April Mission: Tanzania Partnership

We give thanks for our Tanzania partnership and offer our gifts to continue to support five congregations that are arranged into two parishes, Kilimamoja and Mararoni. We support them through prayer, through learning, through relationship building and through financial assistance as well.

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.



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 **February**, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Larry Borck	Virginia Borck	Undesignated
June Buskel	Cari Buskel-Thompson	Youth
Jan Crooks	Richard & Carolyn Huttner	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Shirley Kaepernick	Undesignated
Megan Pederson	Dennis & Diane Voit	Worship Décor
Jean Krueger	Anonymous	Worship Décor
Jean Krueger	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment Fund
Lauren Miller, Granddaughter	Shelby Hemauer	Undesignated
Lois Nelson	Mark & Shari Bernicky	Undesignated
Lois Nelson	Brian & Nancy Farrel	Undesignated
Carol Sorenson	Brian & Nancy Farrel	Undesignated
Jane Stoel	Brian & Nancy Farrel	Undesignated
Sandy Stoltz	Paul & Jody Geibl	Youth
Jim Walker	Jerry & Kathy King	Undesignated

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, April 14, 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!

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.

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.

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.

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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.



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, the Madison law makers 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!

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.

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.

Search Bible Study

Join us for Search Bible Study on Wednesdays 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.

Undies Sundays

The Hope Center is currently in need of various items, particularly underwear for their clients. St. Luke's initiated "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/>

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.

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 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 prior to your sponsorship month. If no pictures are received a written acknowledgement of your sponsorship will be displayed. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hendrickson (262) 542-5940 or Tonia in the church office with questions.

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.

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 Thursdays. 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.

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.

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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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.

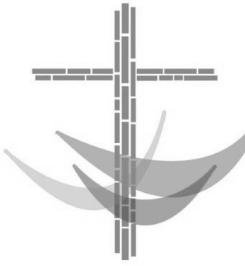
The deadline for the next issue of the Epistle is Tuesday, April 15.

St. Luke's Calendar for April 2025

Tuesday, April 1	8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble 9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club	Thursday, April 10 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.	Sunday, April 20 EASTER! 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.
Wednesday, April 2	9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal 5:45 p.m. Discipleship Training 5:45 p.m. First Communion Class 6:00 p.m. Godsbells 7:00 p.m. N.A. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service 7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith	Friday, April 11 6:00 p.m. Egg My Yard Delivery	Monday, April 21 Church Office is Closed 8:00 a.m. Amigos! 1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon
Thursday, April 3	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, April 12 9:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Egg My Yard Delivery	Tuesday, April 22 8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
Saturday, April 5	5:00 p.m. Worship	Sunday, April 13 8:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:20 a.m. Walk with Jesus 9:20 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	Wednesday, April 23 9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training 7:00 p.m. N.A. 7:00 p.m. Square Dancers
Sunday, April 6	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training 9:20 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Executive Committee 12:00 p.m. Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	Monday, April 14 8:00 a.m. Amigos! 1:00 p.m. Maintenance Committee 6:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	Thursday, April 24 4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice 7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.
Monday, April 7	8:00 a.m. Amigos! 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. M&FAS Jazz Express Brookfield East High School & Waukesha North High School	Tuesday, April 15 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, April 26 5:00 p.m. Worship
Tuesday, April 8	8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble 6:00 p.m. M&FAS Wis Phil Shining Stars Recital	Wednesday, April 16 9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study 5:30 p.m. CLM Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Godsbells 7:00 p.m. N.A. 7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith	Sunday, April 27 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:20 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee 9:30 a.m. Penny War Ceremony 6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.
Wednesday, April 9	9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study 5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal 5:45 p.m. Discipleship Training 5:45 p.m. First Communion Class 6:00 p.m. Godsbells 6:00 p.m. CLM Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. N.A. 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service 7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith	Thursday, April 17 9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.	Monday, April 28 8:00 a.m. Amigos! 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon
		Friday, April 18 6:00 p.m. Egg My Yard Delivery 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship	Tuesday, April 29 8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble
		Saturday, April 19 6:00 p.m. Egg My Yard Delivery NO SATURDAY WORSHIP	Wednesday, April 30 9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m. Godsbells 7:00 p.m. N.A. 7:00 p.m. Square Dancers 7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Please Join Us Walk with Jesus

On Sunday, April 13, Palm Sunday, during the Education Hour, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. the 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 then resurrection on Easter morning. Come see how they tell HIS story in their unique way.

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. Forms are available and should be returned to the office or placed in the offering plates by April 6. And, as has been our tradition, Easter plants will be delivered to our homebound members and those living in care and residential facilities.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship Schedule

Wednesday midweek worship from March 12 to April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Passion/Palm Sunday worship April 12/13

Maundy Thursday worship, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

No 5:00 p.m. worship Saturday, April 19.

Easter Sunday worship, April 20, at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.