



# St. Luke's Lutheran Church

May 2025

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

## The Land is Holy

As I drive to work each day, my eyes are often drawn to the Indian mounds in Cutler Park. Near the edge of the amphitheater, they rise quietly—solemn and enduring witnesses to the sacredness of this land long before Waukesha became a city. Our church stands on ground once shaped by the sacred rituals of the First Americans who lived along the Fox River. Mounds once stretched from the riverbanks all the way to what is now Carroll University. St. Luke's Lutheran Church stands in the heart of what was once a vibrant community of the Potawatomi people.

With the help of Jeanette Bjerke, I began exploring this history late last year. She guided me in deepening my understanding of how God has been worshipped in this place—long before European Americans arrived. What I've learned about the Potawatomi people in Waukesha County is humbling and deeply moving. I share this with you to honor the truth that the sacred story of this land began long before St. Luke's was founded. This has been holy ground for centuries.



The Potawatomi, known as the “Keepers of the Sacred Fire,” are part of the Anishinaabe peoples, along with the Ojibwe and Ottawa. Originally dwelling near the Straits of Mackinac, they were gradually pushed westward during the 17th century, especially due to violent conflict with the Iroquois Confederacy. By the early 1700s, they had established villages throughout southeastern Wisconsin—including the very land we now call home.

Here in Waukesha County, the Potawatomi lived in close relationship with the land. They cultivated corn, beans, and squash, fished the streams, and hunted in the forests. The Fox River provided essential sustenance, and they built communities along its banks, including a principal village near what is now downtown Waukesha.

On September 26, 1833, the Potawatomi, along with the Chippewa and Ottawa, signed the Treaty of Chicago, ceding their remaining lands in Illinois and Wisconsin to the United States in exchange for land west of the Mississippi River and promised compensation. Between 1835 and 1838, many Potawatomi were forcibly removed from their homelands and relocated to Iowa and eventually Kansas. Some, however, remained in Wisconsin, working in logging and other industries. Others quietly returned to their ancestral homelands in the years that followed.

This summer, our youth will travel to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, to engage in a cross-cultural exchange with members of the Oglala Lakota Nation. As we prepare for that experience, we are also pausing to acknowledge that we worship on sacred land—land once cared for by the First American peoples. When we gather for worship each week, we are joined by the great cloud of witnesses that transcends time, space, and people. Our songs of praise echo the voices of those who lived and worshipped here long before us.

On the weekend of **May 24 and 25**, we will hold a special service to honor these echoes. Psalm 67:4 invites us to worship with all the peoples of the world, when it calls out and says, “Let the Nations be glad and sing for Joy.” We'll incorporate rites inspired by local First American Christians as we give thanks for the deep spiritual roots of this land. This service will remember that the ground beneath our feet was holy long before Waukesha County came into existence. We'll commit to honoring this sacred space and all those who have called it holy.

## Patience

“Patience asks us to be fully present in this very moment. Patience asks us to lay aside our troubles, to remember that ‘who of us by worrying can add one hour to our lives?’ Patience asks us to take our time, to be slow, and to be present.” – Molly Bosscher

This is a quotation taken from a page of the Lenten devotional, *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit*. Of all the fruits of the Spirit – Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control – patience is perhaps the one I found most challenging this season.



The “Lenten lesson of patience” started early for me, as you may recall I ended up in a boot in early March. It was a foot injury that took mere seconds but requires *months* for a full healing. Being a person who enjoys being active and being outdoors, it’s been a bit of a challenge to my patience!

I’d love if there was a remote control where I could fast forward to the end of the healing period. And I know that in the grand scheme of things, this is not very long to wait. But all our moments of waiting can *feel* really long, right?!

Whether it’s an injury, or an unexpected event, or sudden change of plans – we all get thrown a fair share of curveballs that require us to wait. There is no Life Remote to help us fast-forward to the “better thing.”

And here enters the lesson in patience: like the quotation above says, “Patience asks us to be fully present in this very moment.” How difficult that can be for us – especially living in an Amazon next-day delivery sort of world.

And yet what I’ve been learning anew is that holy surprises and goodness can come in the midst of waiting. Sure, I’d love to be out running instead of pool jogging. But the lady in the locker room who said, “You have a good day now” and I could tell really meant it? That was a bit of goodness. These little sparks of life and encouragement are all around, if only we have the eyes to see them.

As Spring moves into Summer, it’s a good time to remember to take our time. Be present to your life without necessarily trying to change it. And see what blossoms and blessings God brings to you, even in the waiting times.

Peace to you,  
Pastor Maren Hooper

## Congregation Council News

1. Hadfield PTO has sent their appreciation for St. Luke’s support of their Craft and Vendor Event as it was their most successful event yet.
2. Endowment committee distributed a portion of the funds available to local partners.
3. Council will be providing a luncheon for CLM during teacher appreciation week happening the week of May 5.

## Epistle Online

Are you still receiving a paper copy of The Epistle in the mail? Reading The Epistle online saves paper and postage, allows you to print only the pages you want, and includes live links. If you would like to receive our weekly **Connections** email and our monthly newsletter, The Epistle, by email please contact the church office at (262) 542-2545 or [office@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org).

## Summer Music Camp 2025

Our Summer Music Camp will be the week of July 28 through August 1. Registration is open and can be completed at: <https://stlukeslutheran.org/music-camp/>. We will again have a morning session for students entering kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and a full day session for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 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. In addition to the campers who sign up, we need help from the congregation. We need volunteers to help throughout the week, whether every day or part of the week. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.



## Thank You to Lent and Holy Week Musicians

Thank you to all our musicians who helped lead our services during Lent and Holy Week! You all went above and beyond in helping lead worship. From the cantors for Holden Evening Prayer to instrumentalists, ensembles, our soloists on Good Friday, and leading worship on Easter Sunday, it was appreciated by so many!

## 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.

## Let The Nations Be Glad and Sing For Joy

The weekend of May 24 and 25, we'll lift our voices in praise and remember more fully the people who worshipped God in this place centuries ago. We'll incorporate rites inspired by local First American Christians as we give thanks for the deep spiritual roots of this land.

## 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.

## Acknowledging the Land

Knowing that we worship on sacred land held holy by the Potawatomi people, we give thanks for their keeping of the land. We pay our respects to elders, past, present, and emerging. We recognize their connection to our community and their role in caring for the land on which our voices mingle with theirs over thousands of years.

## PJ Headed to Tanzania May 1

May 1, PJ will be traveling to visit our partners in Tanzania. This trip is a rescheduled visit. In January, when PJ was scheduled to travel, he became sick with Covid and was not able to make the trip. While in Tanzania, PJ will visit the five churches of our two partnership parishes: Kilimamoja and Mararoni. He will be shadowing the pastors of the church and learn more about life and ministry in the congregations with whom we partner.

## New Member Session Scheduled

All wishing to become members of the congregation are invited to attend a new members' dinner on Tuesday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. This session will be held in Hospitality. We will talk together about what membership at St. Luke's means, get to know others who are becoming members, and prepare for the reception of members. New members will be received into the congregation during worship on Sunday, June 1. If you have any questions or you would like to be a part of the session, contact Shari Higgins, Assistant for Engagement, by calling the church office (262)-542-2545 x113, or sending an email to [shigs@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:shigs@stlukeslutheran.org).

## Discipleship Training (DT)

DT meets Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and is open to all middle school youth, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Pastor Jordan, Pastor Jim Durnil and Cari help guide youth on this part of their faith journey. We are winding up our academic year before summer break returning to our study of people of the Old Testament. It is not too late to join us. Contact Cari ([youth@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:youth@stlukeslutheran.org)) for additional information. Friends are always welcome to join us.

### Schedule:

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

### Looking Ahead:

6/8 Cinnamon Rolls Sunday-7:30 a.m. frost and box, 9:00 a.m. sell  
Summer break until we resume in the fall with Rally Day September 7.

## Youth Group

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

### Schedule:

5/11 Cinnamon Rolls Sunday-7:30 a.m. frost and box, 9:00 a.m. sell  
5/11 HS Graduate information due  
5/16 CLM Luau volunteers needed service opportunity  
5/18 YG 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

### Looking Ahead:

6/1 HS Graduate Recognition  
6/8 Cinnamon Rolls Sunday-7:30 a.m. frost and box, 9:00 a.m. sell  
6/27-7/5 High School Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

## Graduate Celebration

All High School Seniors, you should have received an email with a letter requesting your graduation and future plans information and senior picture in mid-April. If not received, please contact the church office or Cari for a copy. Please return your information and senior picture to the church office [office@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org) by May 11. Join us in celebrating and recognizing your graduation June 1 at the 10:30 a.m. service with a cookout/picnic to follow. Please RSVP to Cari ([youth@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:youth@stlukeslutheran.org)) by 5/25.

## 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.



## Preschool News

Limited openings still remain for children who meet the age requirements and are toilet trained by September 1, 2025. 3-year-old classes meet two mornings a week and 4-year-old classes meet two or three mornings a week. Classes run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and follow the school year calendar. One popular option for 4-year-old families at St. Luke's is to attend Preschool Classes in the mornings and School District of Waukesha 4K classes in the afternoons. There are still a few opportunities this spring to visit and participate in a class before the school year ends in May! Call now to set up a time to see our classrooms in action and bring your child or grandchild to join the fun! Preschool classes are open to all, but St. Luke's members receive a 5% tuition discount. Contact Liz at (262) 522-6747 or [landerson@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:landerson@stlukeslutheran.org).

## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for CLM's Week of the Young Child Raffle. We earned over \$1,700 for our teacher education and appreciation fund! Congratulations to our winners!

## Who's Ready to Hula?

Spring is here and we're ready for our next family event! CLM will be throwing a Luau in the St. Luke's parking lot on Friday, May 16 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! Bring cash for tickets to use for food, games, and a mystery raffle. We look forward to seeing you there.... Dressed in your Luau best!



## 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](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org) for information.

## Preparing for a Funeral

Our ministry of walking with people at times of death is an important work of this church. To help families prepare for a funeral, we've developed a booklet entitled, *Preparing for a Funeral*. You can download this resource from the funerals page of our website. Our pastors are available for any who would like to prepare for a funeral

## Flower and Coffee Hour Sponsorship

We are very blessed to see so many participating in sponsoring Coffee Hour and Ambo Flowers to honor or celebrate a loved one or a special occasion! If you have signed up on the Ambo Flowers poster or the Coffee Hour board, please drop off your offerings to cover the sponsorship at the church office, offering plate, or via mail. Please include which sponsorship you are paying in the memo line, envelope detail, or a simple note. The cost of the sponsorships are as follows: Flowers: \$45 per weekend, Coffee Hour: \$30 for 2 weekends or \$55 for a month. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy in the church office. Many thanks!

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## Prayer Shawl for Taking and Making

The Prayer Shawl Team would like to inform you that lap robes and prayer shawls are available in the display cabinet located in Veterans Hall. If you know someone who needs a hug from God, feel free to choose an appropriate one from the display. There is a clipboard to record the recipient's name. Share the LOVE! Also, 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.

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

<b>In Memory of</b>	<b>Given by</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Jan Crooks	Anonymous	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Sue Bangle	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Gloria & Dennis Brechlin	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Music Program
Jan Crooks	Kathy Helker	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Chris Jackson	Youth
Jan Crooks	Teresa Jahn	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Jim & Gwen Kieso	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Kathy Paulson	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Parameters
Jan Crooks	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Jan Crooks	Cari Buskel-Thompson	Youth
Jan Crooks	John Ward	Undesignated
Jan Crooks	Sharon Wood	Undesignated
Delores Jonietz	June Kieckhaefer	Undesignated
Lois Nelson	Anonymous	Music Camp
Doris Schiller	Anonymous	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Donald & Geraldine Chaltry	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Arlene Davis	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Vi Ellison	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Mary Hartling	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Sandy Hendrickson	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Shirley Kaepernick	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Pamela Klekoski	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	John Majerus	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Tom Muench	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Doris Schiller	Nancy Spencer	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Sharon Wood	Undesignated
Doris Schiller	Maureen Zimmerman	Undesignated
Jane Stoel	Ed & Arlene Raether	Endowment
Sandy Stoltz	Anonymous	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Vonda Bickett	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Anne Erke	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Sandy Henrickson	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Jim & Gwen Kieso	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Kathy Paulson	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Sharon Spivek	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Vernon Stoltz	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	David & Laura Tank	General Fund
James Walker	Tom & Pam Buerger	General Fund
James Walker	Frank & Dorothy Rasmussen	General Fund
James Walker	William & Sue Syverson	General Fund
James Walker	Larry & Jennie Szwalkiewicz	General Fund
James Walker	Jim & Claudia Walker	General Fund
James Walker	Patricia Walker	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Steve & Cathy Whitsett	General Fund
Sandy Stoltz	Beth Hermann	Good Samaritan Fund

## Church Office Hours:

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## Memorials (continued)

Sandy Stoltz	Dennis & Diane Voit	Centennial Scholarships
Sandy Stoltz	Dave & Julie Doepke	Good Samaritan Fund
Jan Crooks	Dennis & Diane Voit	Centennial Scholarships
Doris Schiller	Ralph & Marion Heinisch-Clark	Undesignated
Chuck & Ruth Kirkeeng & Their 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Erick Kirkeeng	Undesignated

## 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.



## Continue to Give

Even though the New Life Rising Capital Campaign has completed its 3-year term as of April 30, you can continue to give to the Building/Mortgage/New Life Rising fund. This fund will remain active as our source to make monthly payments on the mortgage and maintain our beautiful worship space and building. Simply mark your giving envelope on the Building/Mortgage/New Life Rising line or select the fund of the same name through online giving. We are very grateful for the generosity of our congregation that continues to invest in the future of St. Luke's and its many ministries.

## May Mission: ERA's Senior Network

St. Luke's supports ERAs with a monthly monetary gift. All gifts will help offset the amount given to ERAs from our General Fund.

## Eras Senior Network Could Use Your Help

Eras Senior Network could use your help in a few different ways:  
Volunteer Drivers: Help local, older adults get to a medical appointment or the grocery store. This opportunity is flexible. You choose where and how often you'd like to help. Phone Call Volunteers: Help a local, isolated, and older adult reduce their feelings of loneliness by engaging in ongoing friendly phone conversations. Special Event Support: There are many events that ERA's holds throughout the year. Fundraisers require many hands to ensure we're successful in raising funds to support over 4,500 local, older adults. Help is needed in planning the events, requesting, and picking up auction items, securing event sponsorships, and helping at the events. If you can help with any of these opportunities or to learn of other opportunities to help, please email Eras Senior Network at [ErasVolunteer@Eras.org](mailto:ErasVolunteer@Eras.org) or call (414) 488-6931.

## Receiving Our Weekly *Connections* Email?

Each week we send out an email called *Connections*. It includes announcements, links, information about worship schedules, community events, and so much more. If you are not receiving it, email the office ([office@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org)) to be added to the email list.

## 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](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org) or stopping by the office with your article by the deadlines. The deadlines for the bulletin and *Connections* is by 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Thursday or weekend you would want the information in *Connections* or the bulletin. The deadline for the monthly Epistle newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month unless the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday; then, the deadline is the Friday before. If you have any questions, please reach out either by email or call Tonia at (262) 542-2545.

## 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 Rohrwasser.

## 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.

## Prayer Ministry

How can our Prayer Team pray for you, a friend or loved one? We are ready to lift up prayers for you during the joys and trials of your life. If you or someone you know is in need of prayer for any reason, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser. Perhaps you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or well wishes, please let her know. Laurie 262-542-5444 [lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org).

## Serving in Worship

There are a variety of ways to serve the community whenever we worship. Each of the ways are equally important to our weekly experience of God's grace. You can serve as a lector, an usher, a member of the altar guild, a communion assistant and more. We use "Ministry Scheduler Pro," an online tool, to help people schedule their worship ministry involvement. If you have an account on Ministry Scheduler Pro, you received an email inviting you to update your profile and involvement. That email also contained your credentials to log in. The spotlight section of our website's homepage also has a link to our Ministry Scheduler that you can follow. Our goal is to develop schedules that use the many gifts and talents present in our congregation. Please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro, update your profile, and let us know any dates you are not available to serve.

## 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.

## May Council Contact

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## Hope Center Requests

Thank you to everyone who has donated for the Lenten project "Sunday Undies" for the Hope Center. The "Sunday Undies" campaign ended April 20. We truly appreciate your generosity. Currently, the Hope Center needs tee shirts/undershirts for men and boys—all sizes, men's boxer/briefs sizes 34 and 36, ladies briefs sizes 5 and 6, ladies' ankle socks for men and women and crew socks for ladies are needed. The Hope Center contribution basket is available in the future for donations in the welcome center. Check the weekly Sunday bulletin for updates regarding current needs or visit the Hope Center's website, <https://hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/>



# St. Luke's Calendar for May 2025

## Thursday, May 1

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

## Saturday, May 3

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Sunday, May 4

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:20 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Meet the MET  
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## Monday, May 5

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

## Tuesday, May 6

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

## Wednesday, May 7

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

## Thursday, May 8

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

## Saturday, April 10

5:00 p.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. Meet the MET

## Sunday, April 11

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

## Monday, April 12

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

## Tuesday, May 13

6:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee

## Wednesday, May 14

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

## Thursday, May 15

9:30 a.m. Prayer Shawl  
6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

## Friday, May 16

5:30 p.m. CLM Luau

## Saturday, May 17

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Sunday, May 18

8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship  
9:20 a.m. Sunday School  
12:00 a.m. Youth Group  
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

## Monday, May 19

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

## Tuesday, May 20

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

## Wednesday, May 21

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

## Thursday, May 22

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

## Saturday, May 24

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Sunday, May 25

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

## Monday, May 26

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

## Tuesday, May 27

8:30 a.m. Needle & Thimble  
5:30 a.m. Personnel Committee  
6:00 p.m. New Membership Dinner

## Wednesday, May 28

9:30 a.m. Search Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. N.A.  
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

## Thursday, May 29

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

## Saturday, May 31

5:00 p.m. Worship

## Please Remember

All calendar dates and times are subject to change as needed. Check for updates on the online calendar [www.stlukeslutheran.org](http://www.stlukeslutheran.org).

**The deadline for the next issue of the Epistle is Thursday, May 15.**





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### Let Us Remember Those Who Served

Behind the Chapel is a “Memorial Wall” featuring our National Flag, the five Service Branch emblems for the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Air Force and Coast Guard. We currently have thirty names of our Military Veterans, past and present, who have served our country. We know we have more members that have served. We would like to add their information to the wall. There is also a “Roll of Honor” for St. Luke’s members who served in World War II. There are twenty-four veterans’ names on this historic document found in our archives. We need the assistance of St Luke’s members to provide us with additional names of members who served in the Military. Please provide the following information so that the names can be added to our Memorials: Full Name, Military Branch, Rank, Dates served, and location(s) stationed, brief description of actual job in the military service, birth date and date of passing (if applicable).

Please provide this information to Tonia Rice [office@stlukeslutheran.org](mailto:office@stlukeslutheran.org).



### Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red

Red is the traditional color of Pentecost Sunday, June 8.  
We invite you to wear red to the services that weekend to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit in your lives.

