



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

August 2025

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

“Two Are Better Than One” – Calling a New Partner in Ministry

As we go deeper into the process of calling an Associate Pastor to join our ministry team, I'd like to take a moment to reflect with you on how we practice partnership of ministry when there are two pastors. Many of you have asked: What does the associate pastor do? And just as importantly, how does a second pastor's role complement Pastor Jordan's? Let me share a glimpse of the design we're shaping—one rooted in collaboration, mutual trust, and shared commitment to the Gospel.



One Office, Two Shepherds: At St. Luke's, we believe that the pastoral office is not a solo act. It's a shared calling. While I will continue to serve as Senior Pastor, I'll be joined by a new Associate Pastor who will bring fresh energy, creativity, and focus to particular areas of our shared life together. This is about deepening our reach, strengthening our care, and widening the embrace of Christ's love.

Worship: Shared Leadership, Fresh Perspectives: I will continue to lead our Worship Life Ministries, overseeing the rhythm and direction of our worship. Yet worship at St. Luke's has never been static—and our new Associate Pastor will bring vibrant contributions to our planning and presence. Preaching and presiding will be shared regularly. Think of it as a dynamic duet: two voices, one message of hope.

A Heart for Care: Our Associate Pastor will continue to lead the Pastoral Care ministries of the church. This means encouraging and equipping our Care and Prayer Ministries leaders, building relationships with our homebound members, and keeping close watch over those who need comfort and prayer. Together, we'll make hospital visits and respond to life's unexpected turns. But it will be the Associate who tends the daily soil of this vital ministry.

Growing Faith at Every Age: The Associate Pastor will be the lead gardener in our growing ministries of Christian education and youth formation—from Sunday School and Confirmation to summer trips and family events. This pastor will work closely with volunteers, staff, and parents to create a vibrant ecosystem of learning, worship, and fellowship for the next generation.

Outreach and Community Engagement: Where I'll continue representing St. Luke's in city-wide partnerships and ecumenical outreach, our Associate Pastor will dig deep into local mission work—strengthening ties with schools, shelters, and service organizations. The Associate will also lead our hospitality ministry, helping visitors become friends and friends become family.

Support and Supervision: Behind the scenes, I'll continue to carry the responsibility for overall staff supervision, vision-setting, and strategic direction—working closely with Council, committees, and our leadership teams. The Associate Pastor will be a supportive partner in these efforts, contributing voice and wisdom while focusing their leadership on the ministries of care, formation, and connection.

Why This Matters: This is not just a list of duties. It's a vision of ministry shared and multiplied. With two pastors, we can do more than simply “cover more ground.” We can be more present, more responsive, and more creative in the ways we serve Christ and this community.

So, as we enter this season of discernment, I invite you to pray for the one God is already preparing to serve among us... and for our congregation as we prepare to welcome a new voice, a new heart, a new partner in the holy work we share.

Hold On Tight!

“Hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day.” (Joshua 23:8)

“Hold on tight!” Parents or grandparents may say this to a child first learning how to swing on a swing. “Grab on to my shirt and don’t let go!” we may say to a companion while trying to make our way through a crowd (such as at the State Fair!)

Holding on and letting go... these are things we do not just as children, but over and over again throughout our lives. And sometimes it can be hard to know when to hold on, and when it’s time to let go.

Sometimes holding on can be a wise choice, as the Wilson Phillips’ 90s song asks, “Can you hold on, for one more day? And things will go your way.” Holding on can mean not giving up quite yet, giving things a little more time, waiting in hope to see what might be around the corner.

And yet we know that things *don’t* always go our way! Despite working at things, giving our all, sometimes things will not turn out as we’d like. And then it can be time to let go. As the Serenity Prayer says, “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.”

The “wisdom to know the difference” is the key to this prayer. And the wisdom to hold on or to let go needs to come from God. How often have you been stumped over a situation or a decision you’ve needed to make? And how well or not well does it work for you to try to power through and come up with the answer on your own?

It’s August – a time when the seasons are getting ready to transition, kids are getting ready to transition back to the classroom, and *all* of us most likely have *some* kind of transition going on in our lives!

And so I ask: What might you do to navigate the seasons/transition(s) in your own life? What spiritual practices (like prayer, journaling, holy conversation with a friend) might you find helpful? I encourage you to carve out some time this month for quietness and reflection.

And whether the answers we get to our prayers are either “Hold on” or “Let go,”... let us always remember to “Hold fast to the Lord our God,” who guides us through it all.

In peace, Pastor Maren Hooper

Welcome Weekend

The weekend of September 6 and 7 we rally for the fall, as we roll out our fall programming and celebrate Life-Changing Faith. Watch for more information about Sunday School, Bible Studies, and other activities for the fall. We’ll celebrate the weekend with a picnic at Bethesda Park, Sunday, September 7. Watch for more information.

Join Forever 40 to Watch the Kids from Wisconsin

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Music Camp Sunday

Join us on Sunday, August 3, as our music campers present what they learned in music camp over the previous week. Our theme for the week is *Once Upon a Parable!* Our time together has been filled with singing, ringing, percussion, Bible stories, adventures, and so much more!



Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's Presents Abbey Atwater, Clarinet Recital

Abbey Atwater returns for her third summer recital at St. Luke's on Tuesday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m., featuring Isaac Dae Young, piano. Abbey will perform works by Lutoslawski, Tomasi, Alwyn, Bozza, and Navarro. She always does such a beautiful job with a gorgeous sound on clarinet!

St. Luke's Musical Ensembles

Our St. Luke's musical ensembles will soon be starting, even though it seems like we just completed the last program year! If you are interested in joining any of our ensembles, talk to Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries.

Starting Wednesday, August 20:

Godsbells: adult handbells - 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - sanctuary balcony.

Voices of Faith: high school - adult mixed choir - 7:15 - 8:30 p.m. - music room, lower level

Starting Sunday, September 14:

Men's Chorus: 9:30 a.m., between services. Open to any men of the congregation. Rehearses the second Sunday of each month.

Starting Thursday, September 11:

Joyful Noise: ensembles for 4 years old - 6th grade - 4:30 p.m.

Diverse Harvest: the band that leads the Ignite service, rehearses all year the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Music and Fine Arts Events at St. Luke's

Stay tuned for the outstanding events we have planned for our Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's series this fall. We are still confirming a few details, but you do not want to miss the wide variety of events we are hosting! For more information, take a look at the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board by Door 3, the Facebook page, or announcements shared in the bulletin and The Epistle.

Wild Church Worship

Are you a nature lover? Or just looking to experience worship in a different way and unique setting? Mark your calendars for the official launch of the Greater Milwaukee Wild Church! It will be a nature spirituality based Christian community that worships outside when possible and focuses on how the sacred speaks to us through creation. Wild Church is team-led, under the direction of local ELCA Pastor Larry Harpster. On Sunday, August 3 at 2:00 p.m. we will be kicking off our adventure with a celebration service at Ascension Lutheran church in Waukesha, 1415 Dopp St. Come ready to engage with all your senses, and bring a friend or two!

Search Bible Study Has a New Time

Join PJ for Search Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. beginning September 10. Grow in faith and engage in great conversations.

Congregation Council News

1. Pastor shared with us the new members list and we are so happy to welcome many new members.
2. Thank you to all who were able to attend and engage in the Town Hall Meeting.
3. The Call Committee members have been appointed.

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.

Praying for Partners in TZ

The weekend of September 28, we will lift special prayers for our partners in Tanzania. They will do the same for us. We are in the process of asking each other what we should pray for so that each of the six churches in the partnership might be specifically addressing the needs of the others. The liturgy for the day will be based on the liturgy used in Kilimamoja, Mararoni, and the rest of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. We are blessed to have the five partnership congregations that make up Kilimamoja and Mararoni Parishes. They are faithful witnesses to the gospel and practice a high level of commitment to Christ.

Heading To School

Let us bless you and your backpack Sunday, August 24. We will bless the backpacks, bookbags, and other school related items, at both services. If you are a student, an educator, or school staff member, let us pray for you and ask God's blessings on your educational journeys. No need to sign up, just show up in worship on Sunday, August 24, both services.

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 needs prayer for any reason, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser, lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org Perhaps you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or well wishes, please let her know.

Women of Faith Bible Study

Come, journey with us as we meet some people from scripture whom Jesus encountered. See Jesus working in and through people like you and me at some of the most difficult and trying times of their lives. We continue the book "They Walked with God, 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us" by Max Lucado. The book is available through Amazon and/or your favorite book seller. Women of Faith Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Our first study is Thursday September 4. Our final study is May 21, 2026. "For every person, Scripture has a story. For every problem, God has a promise. For each occasion when we feel our story coming undone, God steps in with a message: Just trust me. I'm the author and the finisher of your life!" Max Lucado. Join us, bring a friend, all are welcome! For more information, please contact Laurie Rohrwasser (262) 542-4664 or lrohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org.



Prayer Team

Scripture encourages us to bear one another's burdens. Lifting others up in prayer is a way to do that. The need for prayer and for people to pray grows daily! Please consider becoming a member of our Prayer Team. There are no meetings or phone calls. You will receive prayer requests via email and are asked to pray daily. No specific prayer, but suggestions are given. 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.

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.

Jordans Say "Thank You!"

Thank you, congregation, for celebrating the 30th anniversary of our ordinations. It was an incredible day, and I am honored that you showed your love so beautifully. Thank you for all the gifts, the cards, and expressions of love and support for the ministry we do together as a church. We will enjoy using the gift cards provided. There is a gift going to the Hope Center in celebration of the occasion. Kim and I are blessed to be surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses in Christ.

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.

Preschool Offering

Oh my goodness, it's August already! Don't worry, it's not too late to get your 4 year old signed up for faith-based Preschool and School District of Waukesha 4K at Child Life Ministries!
Contact Courtney Stangl
cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org
or Liz Anderson
landerson@stlukeslutheran.org
to find out more.

Hadfield News

School is out for the summer, but Hadfield School wanted to thank the congregation for their continued support. From the volunteers to all the donations and financial help, everything is appreciated. Watch in the future for new ways to assist the teachers!

St. Luke's Preschool

This fall marks the 29th year that St. Luke's Preschool has been in operation!

All preschool classes are almost full for the fall! If you know of anyone that is looking for a Preschool, tell them to contact Liz ASAP at (262) 522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org for more information.

Here are the options we offer for Preschool:

For 2-year-olds: We offer "First Steps to Preschool" program, which is a unique child-and-adult offering designed to provide children with a fun variety of educational, faith-based, and social experiences.

For 3-year-olds: We offer half-day Preschool 2 mornings a week, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m.

For 4-year-olds: We offer half-day Preschool 2 or 3 mornings a week, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. Preschool classes feature a faith-based Pre-K curriculum, small class sizes, professional early childhood staff, "chapel chats" with Pastor Jordan, weekly music classes, loving personalized attention and so much more!

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? Our Preschool classes LOVE volunteers! An extra set of hands is great to help us complete cooking activities, messy art projects, etc. All you need to volunteer is a quick training session at the beginning of the year and a background check. We will teach you the rest! All are welcome! Please contact Liz at (262) 522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org for more information.

CLM Scrip Fundraiser

Our St. Luke's Child Life Ministries Scrip Account through RaiseRight is now active! What is Scrip? It's a place where you can purchase gift cards and CLM will get a portion of your purchase kicked back! Going shopping? Get a gift card to pay for your purchase and donate to CLM at the same time, it's that easy! You can order your gift card and have it instantly available to use, right from your phone. There are two easy ways to sign up, follow this link OR scan the QR code. Share with your friends and relatives by sending them a text or email! There's no cost or upcharge, just purchasing gift cards that helps CLM.



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Discipleship Training Gearing Up for the Fall

Ministry is soon kicking off for the 2025-2026 program year. Rally Sunday is September 7. As expected, we are continuing our highly successful Discipleship Training program. All youth, grades 6th-8th, are invited to be involved.

Discipleship Training is the name of our Middle School confirmation ministry. It is a weekly time to get together and share a meal, participate in games, and grow in faith. Discipleship Training is also our middle school youth group. We will meet as we did last year, **Wednesday nights, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

DT is specifically designed for youth to deepen their faith in a social setting. Each week, there'll be food, fun, a bit of silliness, and a spiritual focus designed to help youth engage in questions about their faith. PJ will continue to work with Discipleship Training. He loves the energy of Middle School Youth and looks forward to helping them grow in faith. There will be great conversations, engaging activities, and meaningful interactions – perhaps with some silly string added in. **The first gathering of Discipleship Training will be Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m.** We will walk through particulars of the ministry, train youth to serve as acolytes, and have fun together. DT Gatherings will happen (mostly) weekly throughout the school year. **Sunday, September 14, we'll pray over each DT participant at the 10:30 a.m. service**, asking God to guide them in their faith journey through the year. We will also give each new DT student a "Lutheran Study Bible" as a gift to help them grow in faith. We will use this Bible weekly in our gatherings. Youth should bring their Bibles with them each week, along with the Small Catechism they will receive as the program begins.

Encourage youth to participate in the program. Each week, **host parents** do two things at DT: 1) provide food for the group, and 2) participate in the evening's activities as a guide and participant. Each family rotates in this opportunity.

Discipleship Training and Youth Group Updates

Discipleship Training (DT) is St. Luke's middle school youth ministry. Open to all 6th grade and older youth who wish to affirm their baptism. DT will resume Wednesday nights in September. Youth Group (YG) is St. Luke's high school youth ministry. Open to all 9th-12th grade youth. Friends always welcome. We would love to have you join us in the Youth Room for faith and fellowship.

8/8- Lock-In for all Youth 6th-12th grades, 7:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.

RSVP to Cari by 8/3

8/30- Hot Dogs & Ice Cream after the Saturday Service 6:15-8:00 p.m.
Bring a chair and join us in the parking lot ... ALL ages welcome
Please RSVP on Sign-Up Central

Looking Ahead:

9/3 DT3 Parent & Youth kickoff meeting 6:00 p.m.

9/7 Rally Day-Register for DT and YG 9:30 a.m.

9/10 DT Starts

9/14 Cinnamon Roll fundraiser-all youth

9/21 The Tap Yard Give Back Sunday at Minooka Park 12:00-3:00 p.m.

9/28 Youth Group 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Youth & Family Life

Committee Volunteers

Over the years, the Youth Committee and the Family Life Committee at St. Luke's faded into the background and ceased to exist as active committees. The functions of the committees have continued and have been performed by St. Luke's staff and interested adults. We are looking to re-start both committees formally in late summer/early fall as we begin the new programming year. The Youth Committee will focus on supporting the middle school and high school youth programming events and help to plan the future of these programs at St. Luke's. The Family Life will support programming and events for families and younger children at St. Luke's as well as multi-generational programming and events. We are looking for adults of all ages that are interested in serving on these committees.

Which are you signing up for?

Active participation in a meeting once a month that lasts about one hour. We want to be respectful of your time so we will commit to the one hour length and provide an agenda prior to the meeting. If you are interested in serving on either committee, please contact Cari Thompson (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) or Pastor Jordan (pj@stlukeslutheran.org)

Join Us in the Park for Worship

We will be having our last for this summer, Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Ignite service at Cutler Park by the Les Paul Performance Center on August 17, weather permitting. Diverse Harvest will be playing at these services. Please join us!

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, September 9, 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.

The Tap Yard Give Back Sunday, September 21

Join us at Minooka Park for Give Back Sunday by The Tap Yard. From 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. You can enjoy fantastic brews or sodas and good company, all while supporting the Youth of St. Luke's. A percentage of all sales, sodas, beer, wine, snacks, etc., by The Tap Yard will be given back to the Youth Programs at St. Luke's. In addition, there will be food trucks present to purchase food, but they are not part of the program. Make sure to sign in at Minooka so that we get credit. We need a minimum of 25 folks to sign in. County Park pass required to enter Minooka Park.

Kwik Trip Cards Fundraiser

This is an on-going year-round fundraiser for the youth. If you frequent Kwik Trip on a regular basis, please consider purchasing gift cards through St. Luke's to use for your regular gas and grocery purchases. The youth will get a portion of your everyday purchases. In addition to the gift, gas and grocery cards, we also have 5-count car wash cards available. Cards are available for purchase either via an order form, available on the Welcome Station or directly from the stock Sunday mornings. The next order will be placed July 20, if you have any specific requests. Cards are typically received 10 to 14 days from the time the order is placed. Estimated available weekend of Aug 2 and 3. We plan to place an orders periodically to replenish on-hand stock and fulfill any special orders. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) with any questions or to order cards.

Please Come and Help Serve a Meal

St. Luke's will be sponsoring a community outreach program that serves a hot meal to those in need, "Loaves and Fishes," at the Hope Center on Sunday, August 3, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at 101 W. Broadway, Waukesha, 53186. Volunteers are needed to help prep food, serve, and clean up. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in sign up central. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hendrickson, (262) 613-0610 or papamh@sbcglobal.net.

Lutherdale Quilt Auction Fest

Festivities for the 39th Annual Lutherdale Quilt Auction Fest will start with a Fish Fry on Friday, August 8, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be over 250 quilts to bid on, Saturday, August 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The live auction will start at 10:00 a.m. There will also be a silent auction, food concessions, a gift gallery, crafts, and a fabric sale. Tickets are available at the door or to buy tickets online and for more information visit www.lutherdale.org.

Summer Gathering

Our last summer gathering will be Saturday, August 23, following the 5:00 p.m. service. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at Rivers Crossing Park, 3703 Rivers Crossing Drive, Waukesha, for a Neighborhood Beer Garen. Come out to enjoy live music, a pint and some conversation, food from local food trucks, and, of course, the beers of Oktoberfest as we gear up for the Oktoberfest season!

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 JUNE, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Designation</u>
June Boadwine	Kathy Boadwine	Music
June Boadwine	Anne Erke	Music
June Boadwine	Lisa Hoefer	Music
June Boadwine	Dick & Carolyn Huttner	Music
June Boadwine	Robbin Krueger	Parameters
June Boadwine	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Parameters
June Boadwine	Ed & Arlene Raether	Mortgage
June Boadwine	Dennis & Diane Voit	Centennial Scholarships
Sherry Morris	Morris Family	Hospitality
Sherry Morris	Tom & Nancy Payne	Undesignated
Sherry Morris	Maureen Bestland	Good Samaritan Fund

Welcome Our New Members

Mark and Jane Blackman joined St. Luke's on Saturday, June 28. On Sunday, June 29, we welcomed Adrian and Amy Davis, their children Braden, Caroline and Henry, Tom and Christy Klawiter, their son Jon, and Kevin and Kayla Nieuwenhuis. We are so excited they've chosen to join St. Luke's Lutheran Church! If you would like to join St. Luke's as a new member, please contact Shari Higgins at shigs@stlukeslutheran.org.

Outreach for Hope 2025 Family Ride Run Walk

The 2025 Outreach for Hope Family Ride, Run, Walk, will be on Saturday, September 27. This is the Outreach for Hope's biggest fundraiser of the year. They are hoping to raise money for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA. To register, volunteer, and/or donate, go to outreachforhope.org

Michael Schaner Celebrating 10 Years Music Ministry

On the weekend of August 23 and 24, the congregation will celebrate 10 years of musical ministry provided by Michael Schaner. He has been serving our congregation faithfully and beautifully since 2015, bringing to the bench the highest levels of professional music. There will be all sorts of music filling our worship services that weekend. On Sunday at both services, we will have choirs, brass, hymns, and so much more! If you would like to join the ensembles for that day, we will have a one-time rehearsal on Wednesday, August 20, at 6:00 p.m. for Godsbells and 7:15 p.m. for Voices of Faith. All are welcome to join as we learn music for that day! Between the services we'll share cake and coffee. This is a great opportunity to show our love and support for Michael as he serves among us so faithfully.



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

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St. Luke's Calendar for August 2025

Friday, August 1
9:00 a.m. Music Camp

Saturday, August 2
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, August 3
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
1:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes
2:00 p.m. Wild Church Worship
at Ascension Lutheran
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, August 4
8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 5
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club

Wednesday, August 6
7:00 p.m. N.A.

Thursday, August 7
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Friday, August 8
4:00 p.m. Lutherdale Quilt Auction
7:00 p.m. Youth Lock In

Saturday, August 9
9:00 a.m. Lutherdale Quilt Auction
5:00 p.m. Worship

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

Monday, August 11
8:00 a.m. Amigos!
1:00 p.m. Facilities Committee
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 12
7:00 p.m. Abbey Atwater
Clarinet Recital

Wednesday, August 13
6:00 p.m. CLM Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

Thursday, August 14
6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday, August 16
5:00 p.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Forever Forty to see
Kids from Wisconsin

Sunday, August 17
8:15 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship in Cutler Park
(weather permitting)
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, August 18
8:00 a.m. Amigos!
1:00 p.m. Tanzania Committee
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 19
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday, August 20
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday, August 21
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday, August 23
5:00 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Summer Gathering
Rivers Crossing Park

Sunday, August 24
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
Blessings of the Backpacks
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee Sales
9:45 a.m. Summer Pick Up Choir
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday, August 25
8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday, August 26
5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday, August 27
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, August 28
6:00 p.m. Diverse Harvest Practice
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday, August 30
5:00 p.m. Worship
6:15 p.m. Hot Dog & Ice Cream
Social

Sunday, August 31
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Please Remember

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

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Luther and Wartburg Seminary.

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Call Committee Update

July has been a busy month in our process to call an associate pastor. We distributed copies of the Ministry Site Profile for congregational members to review, conducted a town hall with Bishop Erickson and Pastor Kristin Nielsen of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, and formally created the Call Committee who will work with potential candidates. We won't be interviewing candidates for some time.

In the coming weeks, the Call Committee will prepare to interview by setting up its procedures and questions for interviews. It may also host a local pastor who will work with us to work on our process by participating in a "mock interview." Our Ministry Site Profile is being activated on the ELCA's website, which means pastors looking for new calls can see a summary of our opening and initiate conversations with the Synod Office about serving at St. Luke's.

Calling a pastor takes time and patience. We will continue to do as we've done since March. We'll provide regular updates in the newsletter and other publications. Your prayers matter to the ministry of our church. While praying for St. Luke's, remember to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the call process. Pray for the pastor we will call. Remember to watch your newsletters and other publications for updates about the call process. If you have ideas for potential candidates forward them to Pastor Jordan. We'll pass those names to the synod office who will check the availability of potential candidates.

Members of the call committee include Jeannette Bjerke, Eli Larson, Ashley Hildebran, Anne Erke, Dave Doepke, Zack Eschenberg, RJ Hildebran, Luke Warnes, and Pastor Jordan.

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