



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

October 2025

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

Introducing Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry

The Rev. Yehiel Curry has been elected to serve as the next Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). He begins his six-year term on October 1, 2025, following the ministry of Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Bishop Curry is the first Black leader to hold this office in the ELCA's history.



Before his election, Curry served as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, a position he has held since 2019. His pastoral roots are in Shekinah Chapel Lutheran Church in Chicago, where he began as a mission developer and later became pastor when the congregation was formally organized. His path to ordination came through the Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (TEEM) program, reflecting his commitment to ministry in diverse and changing contexts. He holds degrees from Lewis University and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and his professional background includes social work, public education, and community organizing. These experiences have shaped a leadership style attentive to justice, inclusion, and equipping others for service.

The role of Presiding Bishop carries wide responsibilities. The office provides spiritual and administrative leadership to the whole church, chairing the ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Conference of Bishops, and Church Council. The Presiding Bishop oversees the churchwide staff and budget, serves as pastor to the 65 synodical bishops, and represents the ELCA in ecumenical and global partnerships. Alongside these formal duties, the office bears the calling to preach, teach, and keep the church focused on its mission of sharing the gospel.

This position was created in 1988 when the ELCA itself was formed through the merger of three Lutheran church bodies. Herbert Chilstrom was elected the first Presiding Bishop, followed by George Anderson, Mark Hanson, and most recently Elizabeth Eaton. Each has shaped the role in distinctive ways as the church has navigated change, challenge, and new opportunities for ministry.

As he prepares to take up this office, Bishop Curry has spoken of his desire to invite more voices into the church's leadership, especially those who have not always been heard. He envisions a church where both lay people and clergy are equipped to lead, particularly as many congregations adapt to new realities of size, staffing, and resources. His hope is for an ELCA that lives out what it proclaims, not only in official documents but in everyday relationships and actions.

We give thanks for the faithful service of Bishop Eaton and pray for Bishop Curry as he steps into this new role. His election marks an important moment in the life of our church, and his leadership will help guide us as we continue to discern what it means to be Lutheran Christians in this time and place.

Search Bible Study Has a New Time

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

Seek The Good

I have a T-shirt in my closet emblazoned with the words “Seek The Good” across the front. It’s from Good City Brewing, which is no longer in existence after it was acquired by Explorium Brewpubs, but no matter... I am keeping the shirt around! Because on days that seem particularly hard, or hopeless, or when it seems like the world is a raging dumpster fire – I put that T-shirt on.

Because I need the reminder to “Seek the Good.” Maybe you need that reminder too. Maybe our friends and neighbors and strangers at the grocery store need the reminder too.



I have faith that there will come a day when God will set the world aright, and all will be well for **all** of God’s people and **all** creation. It’s what we pray earnestly in the Lord’s prayer: “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.”

Yet, the waiting is hard. You know this. Faith helps us, for sure. But it doesn’t insulate us, and it doesn’t make us immune from feeling the weight of the world, which sometimes feels like death by 1000 papercuts.

So what do we do? What do we do to keep the faith; to not let the firehose of bad news sink us into cynicism or despair or debilitating inaction?

Seek The Good. To me this means: Look **for it**. Even on the worst days, the good is always there: in people showing up and showing God’s love and care in many and varied ways. **Name it:** In naming the good (Out loud! In a journal! Sharing the stories with one another!) we shift the narrative from “It’s All Doom and Gloom” to “Look and See how God is at work!”

And so, I’ll close by naming some good I’ve seen in recent weeks: Our partners in Tanzania praying for us and our nation and our churches, just as we pray for them. The enthusiasm of our youngsters as they come forward for communion or a blessing (they know deep in their bones that something special is going on here!) Our members checking in with one another, praying for one another, bearing one another’s burdens or laughing together – whatever the day calls for.

These are just *some* of the ways God’s love is continuing to show up for us and our world. What might you witness to? Seek The Good. Name It. That we may all be mutually uplifted for our life together in this world.

God’s peace always,
Pastor Maren Hooper



Sunday School Outing

Hey kids and families, let’s go to the pumpkin patch! Sunday School teachers are hosting a fall-tastic adventure you won’t want to miss! On Saturday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m. meet at Schuett Farms, W299 S6370 WI-83, Mukwonago. Come for the pumpkins, stay for the fun! Pick the perfect pumpkin, \$1-\$12, or priced per pound if you pick your own. Bounce along on a classic hayride, \$6, Get lost and found in the corn maze, \$10. Grab your family, bring your smiles, and let’s make it a pumpkin-perfect day together!

Sunday School Survey

Attention Parents/Guardians of Sunday School students: Please use this QR code to take a quick (less than 2 minutes, I promise!) survey. Your feedback will be helpful as we plan and look toward the future of Sunday School programming! Thanks much, Pastor Maren and the Sunday School Team.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended worship the weekend of August 23/24, as we celebrated my tenth anniversary at St. Luke's! It was a weekend filled with outstanding music by so many, and it was a joy to celebrate with everyone. I am truly thankful to be serving at St. Luke's, and look forward to what else God has in store for us all. Thank you to everyone for the reception, cards, gifts, and of course, all the love you all show to me and my family!



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

We have a full slate of events this fall as a part of our Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's concert series. For more updates, you can read *The Epistle*, Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's bulletin board by the Peace meeting room and Door 3, Facebook or the church's website.

Friday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m., The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble will be in concert. They will even feature at least one piece with Michael Schaner on organ! The Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble is an auditioned handbell ensemble under the direction of Jana Larson, and they often perform around the greater Milwaukee area and with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Sunday, November 23, at 4:00 p.m., The Wisconsin Wind Orchestra in concert. Founded in 1995, the Wisconsin Wind Orchestra is a professional chamber wind ensemble with a core instrumentation of a double woodwind quintet plus string bass. The WWO's diverse repertoire ranges from classical masterworks to contemporary commissions.

Friday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m., The Waukesha Choral Union in their Christmas concert titled: *Wish Upon a Star*. The Waukesha Choral Union has a new home this year at St. Luke's for their weekly rehearsals. We are so excited to welcome the Choral Union, St. Luke's members of Susan Wallenslager and Paul McCoy, to St. Luke's each week. Our Tuesday evenings are filled with music, in addition to our church ensembles Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., The Wisconsin Philharmonic will return for their annual family JanBoree concert at St. Luke's, with an instrument petting zoo at 1:00 p.m.

Advent Devotionals Coming Soon

Each year Augsburg Fortress, the publishing house of the ELCA, publishes an Advent devotional. This year, Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, was asked to contribute hymn and choir anthem suggestions for each day of the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will have devotionals available as we get closer to Advent.

Communication is Important

Communicating when, where, what, why, and how is important. 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 the announcement and emailing it to office@stlukeslutheran.org or stopping by the office with your article by the deadlines. The deadlines for the bulletin and *Connections* are 12:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the Thursday or the weekend you would want the information in *Connections* or 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 the church office 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.

Discipleship Training

Pastor Jordan, Pastor Jim and Cari look forward each week to walking beside the youth on their faith journey with the middle school and older youth who wish to affirm their baptism through stories, service projects, conversation, food, silly games, fun and laughter. DT started in September, but it is not too late to join us in the Youth Room Wednesdays nights. DT will generally meet Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. with additional learning, service and community time outside the normal class time. Contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org, with question.

October Activities: meet in the youth room.

10/1-6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Jesus: Caller of Disciples

10/8-6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Jesus: Healer of People

10/15-6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Jesus: Miracle Worker-Feeding of the 5,000

10/22-6:00-8:00 p.m. Theme: Jesus: Teacher-It's All About Love

10/29-6:00-8:00 p.m. Activity Night-Dress for Outside Activities

Discipleship Training 3

This month our DT3 Youth are in the final stages of writing their faith statement as one of the last steps toward affirming their baptism. Please keep these youth (Braden, Cash, Finley, Presley and Eddie) in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey. Join us October 19, for the Affirmation of Baptism during the 10:30 a.m. service and help to celebrate these young men.

Schedule:

10/5-12:00-2:00 p.m.-Writing Workshop

10/8-Faith Statement Due Via Email

10/12-9:20-10:15 a.m.-Affirmation of Baptism Practice-new date/time

10/12-12:00-2:30 p.m. One-on-One interviews, **sign up required**

10/19-9:30 a.m.-Group picture-10:30-Affirmation of Baptism

Youth Group

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

October Activities:

10/12-Cinnamon Rolls 7:30-11:30 a.m.

10/17-Trunk or Treat 5:00-6:45 p.m.

10/18-Mini Golf at Big Putts Waukesha and dine at Sam's Club. Meet at church at 3:30 p.m. RSVP to Cari by 10/12

10/25-Host Saturday Social Chili Dump & S'mores after 5:00 p.m. service

10/25 & 26-Elegant Farmer Pre-Sales

Wanted College Addresses

It seems like school just started, but final exams are not too far away. The youth group will be sending care packages to our friends in college and trade schools later this fall. If you have a young adult in college or trade school this fall, please send their current address for this school year to Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org, or drop off in the church office by November 9, even if you have turned it in previous years.



Saturday Social

After the success of the Hot Dog Fry and Ice Cream Social in August and many "why don't we do something like this more often" comments, the youth invite all to join us for the next Saturday Social on October 25 after the 5:00 p.m. service. This month's culinary delights include Chili with all the fixings and S'mores. Join us for dinner plus a little bit of socializing and laughter on a Saturday evening. RSVP at Sign-Up Central or contact Cari, youth@stlukeslutheran.org.

Elegant Farmer Fundraiser

The youth will be taking pre-orders for Elegant Farmer Award-winning Pies and Signature Foods, before and after services starting October 25. The last day to pre-order is Sunday, November 9. Orders will be available for pick up at St. Luke's beginning Saturday, November 22, the weekend before Thanksgiving. Payment is due at the time of order. Questions? Please contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org).

Pies

8" Apple Pie

Baked in a Paper Bag® \$26

8" Caramel Apple Pie

Baked in a Paper Bag® \$26

10" Pumpkin Pie \$23

8" Door County Cherry Crisp \$26

Fruit Breads

Large 1.35 lb Pumpkin Apple Bread or Banana Bread \$23 each.

Bonus Item:

3+ lb CiderBaked Mini Ham \$26

Please Remember

all calendar dates and times are subject to change as needed.

Check for updates

on the online calendar

www.stlukeslutheran.org.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Core Values

Honoring God and serving Jesus Christ:

1. We share Jesus Christ and make disciples.
2. We worship God together.
3. We are curious, courageous, and open to the Holy Spirit.
4. We celebrate children and lift up families as they are.
5. We practice kindness and uphold the dignity of each individual.
6. We are committed to being an inclusive community of grace.
7. We stand ready to serve and advocate for our neighbors.
8. We honor our past and look to God's future for us.

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**The deadline for the next
Issue of the Epistle is
Wednesday, October 15.**

Hadfield News

One of the major needs of Hadfield is healthy snacks. Examples of healthy snacks would be granola bars, cheese, and crackers, Jack links, applesauce pouches, but nothing with nuts. There is also an Amazon web address and QR code to the Hadfield Amazon wish list! Items can be purchased through Amazon and will be delivered directly to the school! The Hadfield donation box will be in the Welcome Center to drop off these items. Hadfield thanks you for your continued support.
<https://share.google/CwXkxLPiUgbboSxsZ>

CLM's Trunk or Treat

Please join CLM and St. Luke's as we hold our 5th Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 17, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. If you would like to host a trunk, please contact Courtney Stangl at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org. We are also looking for donations to give away (candy, treats, snacks, fidgets, etc.) Please look for a box outside the church office or inside the CLM entry.

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.



Hadfield Thank You to St. Luke's

St. Luke's Lutheran Church partners with Hadfield Elementary School, and in a Back-to-School appeal we raised funds for snacks and school supplies for low-income families. The August St. Luke's Thrivent Action Team was able to raise \$1400 using the online fees-free Thrivent fundraising platform along with the Thrivent \$250 grant as seed money to start the program.



Julie Doepke set up a Hadfield Teachers' Wish List that St. Luke's members quickly responded to. After the recent damage done by the rains in early August, many more needs have been identified after 2/3 of the contents of the two 4K classrooms had to be trashed. Look for the QR code on the Helping Hands for Hadfield box in the welcome center to see what is still on the Hadfield Amazon Wish List. The code is also listed here.

Hadfield's annual Trunk or Treat will be held on October 10. You can drop off treats for the Hadfield students before October 8.

Mike Elliott, Hadfield Principal, is so appreciative of the love and support for the students and staff! Thank you to the entire St. Luke's Lutheran Church for your community outreach!

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.

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.

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. "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.

Worship Techs Needed

St. Luke's Lutheran Church provides an excellent service by televising the weekly services for those who have difficulty attending in person. This is accomplished by the Worship Technology people who turn on the computer and point the cameras in the right direction. My name is John Christiansen, and I would like to appeal to everyone to consider volunteering to be a Worship Technology person. This is a very important position as many of our fellow members depend on the services being televised. Is the work difficult? No, and I will prove it to you, just email me, jchristiansen46@gmail.com, or catch me after the 8:15 a.m. service. I invite you to join me in the loft and you can watch the behind-the-scenes video work in action. The Worship Technology person has the best seat in our church. Can you imagine sitting in the loft next to Michael as he makes the organ sing? I promise I will show you everything that I can about the video work. Too old is not an acceptable excuse. 2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Thanks for your consideration.

Assistant Minister Help Needed

We are in need of more Assistant Ministers for all services. If you are interested in helping, or would like more information, contact the church office, (262) 542-2545.

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.



Extending Care for You

Our pastors make visits and calls to people in need of pastoral care. If you would like pastoral care, 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 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.

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.



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, December 2, 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.

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 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 order form, available on the Welcome Station or directly from the stock Sunday mornings. Additional denominations are available upon request, usually within 2 weeks of the order. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) with any questions or to order cards.

Christmas is around the corner. KwikTrip gift cards make a great gift and support youth activities. We will be placing the next special-order November 5, so that they will arrive before Thanksgiving then a second order on December 3 for mid-December arrival.

The Gathering

The Gathering is a group open to all. We will meet on the first Thursday of the month starting October 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the hospitality area. Come share your hobbies, interests and talents, or just listen. Get to know your fellow church members and even make new friends. If you would like to participate and this day and time doesn't work for you let us know by calling the church office at (262) 542-2545.

Quilts To Be Blessed

Sunday, October 5, we will bless the work of our quilter's hands. We are sending about 200 quilts to Lutheran World Relief, so that they may be distributed in places experiencing war, natural disaster, and extreme poverty. Quilts will be on display throughout the sanctuary!

Help Load Quilts

We are asking for your help. We will be packing a truck in the Church parking lot with boxes of our lovely quilts and health kits from our congregation and other churches for Lutheran World Relief. The loading will be on Saturday, October 11, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. This is light to medium lifting. For more information or to sign up contact Marilyn Olson (262) 844-2519.

Needle & Thimble

Please join Needle and Thimble on Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. They meet every week unless there is no school. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be able to sew. There are other things that can be done. Please call Marilyn Olson if you have questions, (262) 844-2519.

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.

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

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Marion Chapman	Maribeth Devine	Undesignated
Marion Chapman	Richard & Carolyn Huttner	Undesignated
Joan Wisnieski	Anonymous	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Byron & Carol Bingham	Scholarship Fund
Joan Wisnieski	Debby Brockington	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Maralyn Geason	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Kathy Hager	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Ed & Arlene Raether	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Michael & Ann Sample	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Mark & Barbara Soat	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Ron & Cheri Staub	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Dennis & Diane Voit	Needle & Thimble
Joan Wisnieski	Sharon Wood	Needle & Thimble

<u>In Honor of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Jordan Pastors	Beth Hermann	Luther & Wartburg Seminaries
Michael Schaner	Ness & Phylis Flores	Undesignated

Congregation Council News

- 1) Council asks that the congregation please keep the Call Committee in their prayers as they move forward in the process.
- 2) Council also approved a motion to upgrade the current security camera system to a new more reliable security camera system.
- 3) The Stewardship Committee has updated their name and transitioned to be known as the Generosity Team.

Call Committee Continues Its Work

The Call Committee continues its work and is beginning to consider potential candidates. Please pray for the call committee regularly. The members of the Call committee are Jeannette Bjerke, Eli Larson, Ashley Hildebran, Anne Erke, Dave Doepke, Zack Eschenberg, RJ Hildebran, Luke Warnes (Chair), and Pastor Jordan. Each member has committed to serve on behalf of the whole congregation, and to listen for the Spirit's guidance with care and patience. Pray for the Call Committee as they undertake this sacred work, for the candidates who will soon be discerning with us, and for St. Luke's as we look forward to welcoming the pastor whom God is calling into this ministry.

October 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.

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

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St. Luke's Calendar for October 2025

Wednesday	October 1				
1:00 p.m.	Search Bible Study	Sunday	October 12	8:30 a.m.	Needle and Thimble
6:00 p.m.	Godsbells	8:15 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
6:00 p.m.	Discipleship Training	9:15 a.m.	Cinnamon Roll Sunday	6:30 p.m.	Church Council
7:00 p.m.	N.A.	9:20 a.m.	Sunday School	7:00 p.m.	W.C.U. Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.	Voices of Faith	9:20 a.m.	Discipleship Training 3	Wednesday	October 22
		9:30 a.m.	Mt. Meru Coffee	1:00 p.m.	Search Bible Study
Thursday	October 2	9:30 a.m.	Men's Chorus Rehearsals	6:00 p.m.	Discipleship Training
9:30 a.m.	The Gathering	12:00 p.m.	DT3 1:1 Interviews	6:00 p.m.	Godsbells
4:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise	6:00 p.m.	Men's A.A.	7:00 p.m.	N.A.
5:00 p.m.	Community Meal	Monday	October 13	7:00 p.m.	Square Dancers
6:30 p.m.	Women Bible Study	8:00 a.m.	Amigos!	7:15 p.m.	Voices of Faith
7:00 p.m.	Broad Hwy. A.A.	1:00 p.m.	Facilities Committee	Thursday	October 23
Saturday	October 4	6:30 p.m.	Al-Anon	4:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m.	Worship	Tuesday	October 14	5:00 p.m.	Community Meal
Sunday	October 5	8:30 a.m.	Needle and Thimble	6:00 p.m.	Diverse Harvest Practice
Quilts to be Blessed		6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee	7:00 p.m.	Broad Hwy. A.A.
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship	7:00 p.m.	W.C.U. Rehearsal	Saturday	October 25
9:20 a.m.	Discipleship Training 3	Wednesday	October 15	Elegant Farmer Pre-Sale	
9:20 a.m.	Sunday School	1:00 p.m.	Search Bible Study	5:00 p.m.	Worship
11:30 p.m.	Executive Committee	6:00 p.m.	Discipleship Training	6:00 p.m.	Chili Dump & Smores
12:00 p.m.	DT3 Writing Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Godsbells	Sunday	October 26
6:00 p.m.	Men's A.A.	7:00 p.m.	N.A.	Reformation Sunday Wear Red	
Monday	October 6	7:15 p.m.	Voices of Faith	Elegant Farmer Pre-Sale	
8:00 a.m.	Amigos!	Thursday	October 16	8:15 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
6:30 p.m.	Al-Anon	4:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise	9:20 a.m.	Sunday School
Tuesday	October 7	5:00 p.m.	Community Meal	9:30 a.m.	Mt. Meru Coffee
8:30 a.m.	Needle and Thimble	6:30 p.m.	Women Bible Study	6:00 p.m.	Men's A.A.
9:30 a.m.	Book Club	7:00 p.m.	Broad Hwy. A.A.	Monday	October 27
7:00 p.m.	W.C.U. Rehearsal	Friday	October 17	8:00 a.m.	Amigos!
Wednesday	October 8	5:30 p.m.	CLM Trunk or Treat	6:30 p.m.	Al-Anon
DT3 Faith Statement Due		Saturday	October 18	Tuesday	October 28
1:00 p.m.	Search Bible Study	11:00 a.m.	DT3 Affirmation of	8:30 a.m.	Needle and Thimble
6:00 p.m.	Godsbells		Baptism Practice	5:30 p.m.	Personnel Committee
6:00 p.m.	Discipleship Training	3:30 p.m.	YG Mini Golf	7:00 p.m.	W.C.U. Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	CLM Board Meeting	5:00 p.m.	Worship	Wednesday	October 29
7:00 p.m.	N.A.	Sunday	October 19	1:00 p.m.	Search Bible Study
7:00 p.m.	Square Dancers	8:15	Worship	6:00 p.m.	Discipleship Training
7:15 p.m.	Voices of Faith	9:20 a.m.	Sunday School	6:00 p.m.	Godsbells
Thursday	October 9	9:30 a.m.	DT3 Pictures	7:00 p.m.	N.A.
4:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise	10:30	Worship Ignite Service	7:00 p.m.	Square Dancers
5:00 p.m.	Community Meal		Affirmation of Baptism	7:15 p.m.	Voices of Faith
6:00 p.m.	Diverse Harvest Practice	6:00 p.m.	Men's A.A.	Thursday	October 30
7:00 p.m.	Broad Hwy. A.A.	Monday	October 20	4:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise
Saturday	October 11	8:00 a.m.	Amigos!	5:00 p.m.	Community Meal
8:00 a.m.	Help Load Quilts	1:00 p.m.	Sarah Circle	7:00 p.m.	Broad Hwy. A.A.
2:00 p.m.	Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Al-Anon		
	Schuett Farms	Tuesday	October 21		
5:00 p.m.	Worship				



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Hope Center: Feeding the Hungry, Clothing the Needy, and Building Community

Right here in Waukesha, the Hope Center has been quietly transforming lives for decades. Born out of the vision of local congregations—including St. Luke's Lutheran Church as one of its founding partners—the Hope Center has stayed true to its mission: to serve those in need with compassion and dignity.

Each year, thousands of our neighbors walk through Hope Center's doors seeking help with basic needs. In just the first eight months of 2025, the numbers tell a powerful story:

Clothing Shop: Nearly 2,800 people have visited more than 21,000 times, receiving over 57,000 articles of clothing, along with essential items like socks, underwear, and household goods.

Meal Programs: Hope Center has served more than 13,000 breakfasts, 14,700 lunches, and 8,900 dinners, warm meals that nourish both body and spirit.

Zick Day Center: For those without a place to go, the Day Center has welcomed over 800 people, offering community, stability, and care.

Project Move: 164 households received 843 pieces of furniture, helping families turn empty spaces into homes.

Volunteer Power: This ministry of care is sustained by dedicated volunteers, who have already given more than 14,000 hours this year.

Behind each number is a human story—a child who goes to school with clean clothes, a neighbor who finds dignity in a hot meal, a family who finally has a table around which to gather.

St. Luke's has been part of this story since the beginning. Our congregation helped plant the seeds of Hope Center, and today, we continue to support its work with our prayers, our gifts, and our hands. As Jesus reminds us in Matthew 25: *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* Hope Center is one way we live out that call together. You can learn more, volunteer, or donate by visiting hopecenterwi.org.