



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

November 2025

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

Listening for God's Call

In the Lutheran tradition, we speak often about “call.” Every baptized Christian is called by God—to follow Jesus, to live faithfully in daily life, to serve neighbors near and far. Martin Luther reminded us that God’s call is not only about extraordinary things but about the ordinary, daily vocations of life: parent, child, friend, worker, student, neighbor. Wherever we live, work, and serve, God’s Spirit is calling us to bear Christ’s love in word and action.

At the same time, we also recognize a particular kind of call within the church. Some Christians are called by God—and affirmed by the church—to serve as pastors. A pastor’s call is not a job one simply applies for and receives like any other profession. Instead, it is a call that arises from God’s Spirit, discerned in community, prayed over by a congregation, and confirmed by the whole church. When a congregation extends a pastoral call, it is both a sacred responsibility and a joyful proclamation: “We believe God is at work in you and among us.”



On Sunday, November 2, our congregation will gather to vote on extending such a call to Pastor Maren Hooper, inviting her to serve as our full-time Associate Pastor. This is a significant moment in the life of St. Luke’s. It is an expression of trust that God is leading us, and that Pastor Maren’s gifts for preaching, teaching, and pastoral care will help shape our shared ministry in the years to come.

As we prepare for this day, I encourage you to hold two things in your heart. First, pray for our congregation and for Pastor Maren, that together we may discern God’s will with clarity and joy. Second, reflect on your own sense of call. Where is God stirring you? How might you follow Christ more deeply in your daily life? Whether you serve in the home, the workplace, the community, or the church, you are already called by God.

God’s call is always both personal and communal. God calls us individually to follow Jesus, and God calls us together as a congregation to be Christ’s body in the world. On November 2, as we vote to extend a call to Pastor Maren, we remember that each of us also carries a call—to live faithfully, to serve generously, and to trust that God’s Spirit is always leading us into new life.

Celebrating All Saints in Two Ways

All Saints Day is Saturday, November 1. We’ll be observing this important date in two ways. First, Saturday, November 1, we’ll hold a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel for families of the congregation who have lost loved ones this year. Then, on Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, we’ll remember the saints in our weekend worship services. At those services, we’ll celebrate those who have entered new life through Holy Baptism and death. We will read the names of the newly baptized and those who have passed. There will be opportunities for people to remember loved ones who have died and to light candles in their memory.

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.

Thankfulness as a Spiritual Discipline

As we turn our calendars to November, our minds naturally drift toward the holidays. Retailers know that Christmas is the big Money Maker, so it's no surprise that they start stocking the shelves with all the goods earlier and earlier each year. While Christmas can be a blessed time, it also makes me sad when it tends to overshadow what comes first – Thanksgiving and Advent!

Don't worry, I'm not going to go all Grinch here and tell you not to prepare for Christmas. Rather, I urge us all to try (as best we can!) to stay in the season we're in. Because it's a **spiritual disciple** to “**be where your feet are.**”



I love Thanksgiving and Advent for many reasons, but mostly because they ground us in the **spiritual disciplines of Giving Thanks and Waiting**. I'll save the Advent/Waiting column for another time, but for now let's dwell in Giving Thanks.

Of course, anytime is a good time to **Give Thanks**. But the truth is, sometimes we “let it slide,” or the cares and concerns of the world make it easier to lament than to give thanks. It can take WORK some days to find something praiseworthy! Yet I believe that it's always possible. And I believe it's a worthwhile spiritual discipline to scan the horizons of our daily lives and find reasons to give thanks to God.

There are many ways to give thanks – out loud, in a journal, in a thank you note, in your prayers, and more. One idea I gleaned from a podcast, they called it “**doing your O.G.T.S.**” (**One Good Thing**) I like this idea because it's doable for everyone – it doesn't require much time but simply asks you to find One Good Thing in your day and give thanks for it.

Of course, you can do more - but even on the days you are stressed or overwhelmed or frazzled or going through a trying time, you most likely can find at least one thing to be thankful for.

And maybe, just maybe... in “doing our OGTS”, we might find that our perspective shifts. Because the spiritual discipline of giving thanks trains us to see the good; to trust that God is still active in the world – bringing healing, hope, and love.

St. Luke's, I am thankful for each and every one of you, and the care and Good News we spread together in word and in deed!

Have a blessed November,
Pastor Maren Hooper

Angel Tree

St. Luke's is again sharing our love for Hadfield and other Waukesha community families that need a little extra at the holidays. This year, we will have a tree filled with angel ornaments of Christmas wishes. We encourage all of St. Luke's to choose one or more tags and fulfill the needs. It's a great opportunity to feel the joy of giving to others; something the people of St. Luke's do so well. All unwrapped gifts need to be returned to church by the weekend of December 6/7. Important: When you return your gift, PLEASE attach the angel tag to it. You are also welcome to send along wrapping paper or boxes. If you have any questions, please text or call Kathy Pederson, (414) 530-7986.

November Mission: ELCA World Hunger and Waukesha Food Pantry

During the month of Thanksgiving, we are motivated to share a portion of the gifts we have received from God with others, so they too receive the gift of food. The ELCA World Hunger Program is highly regarded in its effectiveness of its ministry as is the Waukesha Food Pantry in its ministry to Waukesha residents.

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship

On Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. we will have our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship, followed by Pie Fest. Anyone who knows John Rutter's "*For the Beauty of the Earth*," is invited to join us in the singing of the anthem during the offering. If you would like to warm up with the choir, they will warm up around 6:30 p.m.

Devotions for the Advent and Christmas Season Available Soon

We will have a daily devotional available for you published by Augsburg Fortress titled *Humble and Holy*. Take it home and spend a few minutes each day during the Advent and Christmas seasons reading and pondering these devotions. Regular and large print editions will be available at the welcome center later in November.



Christmas Eve Music

Even though it's the middle of October as I type this announcement, soon we will be approaching Christmas Eve. At our 3:00 p.m. family service, the prelude will be performed by the youth of St. Luke's. If your child would like to play, please contact Mr. Schaner at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org. We will also sing "*I Saw Three Ships*," at the family service. Anyone who has sung that anthem with Mr. Schaner can come join! It's always fun to have alumni of our Sing for Joy choir come and join us again for one of our favorite anthems!

Music and 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.

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.

Discipleship Training 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. Pastor Jordan, Pastor Jim and Cari look forward each week to walking beside our youth on their faith journey with our middle school and older youth who wish to affirm their baptism through stories, service projects, conversation, food, silly games, fun and laughter. It is not too late to join us in the Youth Room on Wednesday nights.

DT will generally meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with additional learning, service and community time outside the normal class time. Contact Cari (youth@stlukeslutheran.org) for additional information.

November Activities-meetings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

- 11/5 Theme: Jesus Parable Teller: The Good Samaritan
- 11/12 Theme: Jesus Parable Teller: Parable of Lost and Found
- 11/19 Theme: Jesus Parable Teller: The Sheep and the Goats
- 11/26 NO DT – Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fest

Youth Group

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

November Activities:

- 11/1&2 Elegant Farmer Fundraiser–take orders before and after services
- 11/2 HS Summer Trip information meeting 12:00 p.m.
- 11/8&9 Elegant Farmer Fundraiser–take orders before and after services
- 11/9 Last day to order
- 11/9 Cinnamon Rolls 7:30-11:30 a.m.
- Duck Pin Bowling 12:00-2:00 p.m. RSVP to Cari by 11/5
- 11/22 Elegant Farmer Fundraiser distribution
- Host Saturday Social Potluck after 5:00 p.m. service
- 11/23 Elegant Farmer Fundraiser distribution
- Service Project: College Care Packages 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fest

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.

2026 High School Summer Trip Interest Meeting

Planning for the 2026 High School Mission Trip is under way. Please keep all planners and potential participants in your prayers. We are currently exploring a few options for the trip and will provide more information at the meeting on **November 2 at 12:00 p.m.** This meeting is for all High School youth incoming freshmen to graduation seniors, current grades 8th – 12th, who are interested in going and their parents/guardians. Please contact Cari with any questions.

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

Saturday Social

The November Saturday Social is scheduled for November 22. The youth invite all to join us at the next Saturday Social after the 5:00 p.m., service. This month's social is an old-fashioned POTLUCK. Bring your favorite dish to share. Drop your dish off before service then 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)

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.



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church
Core Values
Honoring God and serving
Jesus Christ:**

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

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**The deadline for the next
Issue of the Epistle is
Friday, November 14.**

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.



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.



Attention Sunday School Families

It's that time of year - rehearsal for our annual Christmas Program begins soon!

It will be the "Old, Old Story" told in a fresh and fun way... you won't want to miss this!

Here are the dates to mark on your calendar now:

Sunday November 16

Sunday November 23

Sunday December 7

Rehearsals will be during the normal Sunday School time, 9:20-10:20 a.m.

Sat. December 13: Final Run-Through, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Sun. December 14: Christmas Program at the 10:30 a.m. Service, stay tuned for a "call time!"

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.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Join with one another and enjoy give thanks to God for all the gifts God gives us: home and family, food and clothing, daily work, and everything we need from day to day. Plus, He gives us even more: Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son. Through Him, we are set free from sin, death, and evil. The Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, November 26, 7:00 p.m. Pie Fest will follow the service – so, stay and enjoy a slice or two!

Bring Your Nativity Set to Church

Time to start looking for your nativity set! At worship services December 6 and December 7, we will again be blessing each of our nativities. We invite everyone to bring their sets to church beginning Wednesday, December 3. Tables will be arranged at the front of the sanctuary so you can display your set that weekend. Please start thinking about where you placed your nativity after last season. Plan to bring it to worship and have it blessed so that it might be a sign of Christ's presence in your home.

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.

Congregation Council News

- 1.) Council has accepted the Call Committee's recommendation for Pastor Maren Hooper to be considered as candidate for Associate Pastor.
- 2.) CLM Trunk or Treat was a success, and the Council would like to thank all who helped make it so.
- 3.) The Church Council would like to congratulate the five youth who were confirmed on October 19 and remind them they are now Congregational voting members. They should mark their calendars for November 2.

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 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: \$50 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!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have a special designation for your Thrivent Choice dollars? All Thrivent Choice dollars are held in the Memorial Fund as undesignated and will be assigned a purpose as needed. If you know where you want your Thrivent Choice dollars to go, please let us know by calling or emailing Cindy in the finance office. Thank you!

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 will be placed 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 November 6, at 1:00 p.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.

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.

Fall Generosity Appeal: It's All Gift

St. Luke's is planning a month of reflection on the theme: *It's All Gift*. We will hear gratitude stories for all that St. Luke's does.

This year's **Fall Generosity Appeal** will focus on the blessings we have received. Members, friends, partners, and community members will be invited to share their stories of gratitude and how each have been impacted by our church and by us.

November 8-9: Gratitude for God's Grace, Love, and Mercy

November 15-16: Our Service to the Community and Those in Need

November 22-23: Our Connection to Our Faith Community

On November 22-23, you will be asked to respond to the stories of gratitude as you determine the ways you can support the amazing work of our church during 2026.

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

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given By</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Marion Chapman	Anonymous	Undesignated
Marion Chapman	Marianne Gilpatrick	Undesignated
Marion Chapman	David & Kathy Greenwald	Undesignated
Marion Chapman	Robbin Krueger	Paraments
Marion Chapman	Jacki Martin	Undesignated
Marion Chapman	Kenneth & Martha Odegard	Undesignated
Marion Chapman	J.P. & Derek Pollard	Undesignated
Marion Chapman	Ed & Arlene Raether	Building/Mortgage
Marion Chapman	Sharon Wood	Undesignated
Shirley & Jerry Vogt	Judy & Dave Worzalla	Hadfield Elementary

SOPHIA Religious Leaders Caucus Educational Event: Current Issues in Immigration

Join us on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 8:30–10:30 a.m. on Zoom** for an educational event exploring issues surrounding immigration today with Dr. Stephanie Mitchell, professor of humanities and history at Carthage College. All are welcome to this virtual learning event. Scan the QR code or visit sophiawaukesh.org/events for more information or to register.



Prayer Shawl Update

Prayer Shawl will no longer be meeting in person, but we really appreciate your continued support. Please turn in your prayer shawl projects that you have completed either in the office or on the shelves. If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Brechlin (262) 547-8096.

Join the Hope Center at Their Annual Fundraiser

Please plan to attend on Thursday, November 20, at the Brookfield Conference Center from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., the Hope Center's biggest fundraiser of the year. This year's is extra special as they look back at all Ralph Zick has accomplished in his 20+ year tenure as Executive Director, and how it will continue helping the Hope Center make a lasting impact in our community moving forward. The night will include dinner, dessert and both a live and silent auction! There are many ways to help with this fundraiser other than attending. For information contact (262) 549-8726, or <https://hopecenterwi.org/events/>. If you would like to be part of the St. Luke's group attending, please contact the church office to arrange payment.

Fall Behind

Please don't forget to "Fall Behind" on Sunday, November 2. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, get one more hour of sleep before going to Sunday service!

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

Monday - Friday

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St. Luke's Calendar for November 2025

Saturday Elegant Farmer 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	November 1 Pre-Sale All Saints Worship Worship	Tuesday 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 11 Needle and Thimble Worship Committee W.C.U. Rehearsal	Friday 6:30 p.m.	November 21 M&FAS Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble
Sunday Elegant Farmer 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. 9:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 2 Pre-Sale Worship Sunday School Congregation Meeting Executive Committee High School Summer Trip Interest Meeting Men's A.A.	Wednesday 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	November 12 Search Bible Study Discipleship Training CLM Board Meeting Godsbells N.A. Square Dancers Voices of Faith	Saturday 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 22 Worship Potluck Social
Monday 8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 3 Amigos! Al-Anon	Thursday 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 13 Joyful Noise Community Meal Diverse Harvest Practice Broad Hwy. A.A.	Monday 8:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 24 Amigos! Al-Anon
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 4 Needle and Thimble Book Club W.C.U. Rehearsal	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	November 15 Worship	Tuesday 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 25 Needle and Thimble Personnel Committee W.C.U. Rehearsal
Wednesday 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	November 5 Search Bible Study Godsbells Discipleship Training N.A. Voices of Faith	Sunday 8:15 9:20 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	November 16 Worship Sunday School Worship Ignite Service Men's A.A.	Wednesday 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 26 Search Bible Study N.A. Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday 1:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 6 The Gathering Joyful Noise Community Meal Women Bible Study Broad Hwy. A.A.	Monday 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 17 Amigos! Sarah Circle Al-Anon	Thursday 7:00 p.m.	November 27 Thanksgiving Office Closed Broad Hwy. A.A.
Saturday Elegant Farmer 5:00 p.m.	November 8 Pre-Sale Worship	Tuesday 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 18 Needle and Thimble Finance Committee Church Council W.C.U. Rehearsal	Friday Office Closed	November 28
Sunday Elegant Farmer 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:20 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 9 Pre-Sale Worship Cinnamon Roll Sunday Sunday School Mt. Meru Coffee Men's Chorus Rehearsals Youth Group Men's A.A.	Wednesday 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	November 19 Search Bible Study Discipleship Training Godsbells N.A. Voices of Faith	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	November 29 Worship
Monday 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	November 10 Amigos! Facilities Committee Al-Anon	Thursday 4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	November 20 Joyful Noise Community Meal Hope Center Annual Dinner Women Bible Study Broad Hwy. A.A.	Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	November 30 Worship Men's A.A.

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Introducing Our Advent Theme

The Power of Yes!

Yes, it's right around the corner!



In this liminal time, there are so many reasons to not say yes.

Even the small yeses in our daily lives feel riskier somehow. Decisions about where we put our money, our time, our energy, our confidence, and our faith feel more important than ever during these volatile times. We come from a history of people who said yes. Throughout the story of the people of God, brave and faithful, everyday people said yes to God. In Advent, these yeses are even more significant. What does it take to get to yes? Why does it matter? Why does it matter that we believe this? This is a story that we tell, that isn't just on a page or in ancient tales, but one that lives in our bones, and calls to us to say our own yes when we are called into what God is doing now.

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.