



The Epistle

St. Luke's

Lutheran Church

March 2026

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

Following Jesus in Worship

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, they weren't meant as a cold rulebook. They were a covenant—a relationship—between God and God's people. At their heart is something simple and life-giving: love God and love one another.

That rhythm of love shapes who we are. It is the way God calls us to live differently, grounded in relationship rather than obligation. As we enter the season of Lent, that call comes into sharper focus. We ask again, what does the Lord require? The prophet Micah answers with words that still ring true: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

For Christians, love of God takes flesh and form in worship. When we gather, we come before the living God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who calls us by name and meets us with grace. Worship is not an optional extra in the Christian life. It is where our relationship with God is renewed, shaped, and sustained.

Our culture constantly pulls us in other directions. Schedules are full. Weekends are crowded. Fatigue sets in. Slowly and quietly, worship can slip down the list of priorities. Lent invites us to notice that drift and to re-center our lives in Christ.

When we gather for worship, God is actively at work. We hear the Word proclaimed. We pray and sing together. We offer our gifts. And God gives back—strength for the journey, forgiveness, hope, and new life. Above all, Christ himself comes to us, present in the bread and the wine, feeding us with his own life.

That is why worship matters so deeply. When we are in God's sanctuary, this is the most important thing we are doing. Other tasks can wait. Conversations can happen before or after. In worship, we are invited to be fully present with the God who is fully present for us.

So, I encourage you this Lent: do not neglect worship. Do not be distracted. Come. Be here. Let Christ meet you, shape you, and send you out renewed in faith, hope, and love.

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.



A Call to Prayer

We are a few weeks into the season of Lent now, and one of the traditional disciplines of Lent, along with Fasting and Almsgiving, is Prayer. Of course, *any* time is a good time for prayer, but Lent invites us all to return to this central practice of our faith. Lent invites us into a prayer life that will deepen our connection with God, and to God's world.

In the letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul encourages, "Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in prayer for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18)

We may wonder what it means to pray "at all times," or if that is even possible. Rather than 24/7 vocal prayer, maybe we can think of prayer as more of an ongoing awareness of God's presence ("keep alert"). And a readiness to speak to, and hear from, God. ("always persevere in prayer...")

In this sense prayer can look, sound, and be experienced in a wide variety of ways! Prayer doesn't have to be with your eyes closed, hands folded, and head bowed down. In fact, you may find it meaningful to pray with your eyes wide open, hands uplifted, and head looking all around!

I know people who like to pray as they knit. As they color. As they ride their bike or take a walk. How might you experiment with different ways of praying this season?

I recently repurposed a small box as a prayer box. I collaged it with some pretty flower pictures from a magazine, and as it is opened there is a phrase on the side of the box that reads, "You are not alone."

In this fast-paced and often weary world, I think we all need the reminder that "You are not alone." It's a shorter way of saying what Moses said to the ancient Israelites: "The Lord will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." (Deut. 31: 8)

I'm going to be putting out this prayer box on the Welcome Desk. When you see it, I invite you to take a notecard and write a prayer concern and place it in the box. (Anonymous or signed is fine). Often during the work week, I like to take mini breaks by walking around the sanctuary. This is one way that I pray, and I'd love to pray for you a bit in this way!

And feel free to join me – take a prayer request or two and carry it in your purse/ wallet/pocket throughout the week as you lift up your St. Luke's family in prayer!

God's peace to you,
Pastor Maren Hooper

Pastor Maren Goes on a Bear Hunt

The Child Life Ministries children recently enjoyed a lively "bear hunt," with Pastor Maren right here in our church. With sunlight shining through the stained-glass windows, the children balanced across pretend bridges, hopped through colorful "forest" steppingstones, and used their imaginations.

Pastor Maren joined in the fun every step of the way, encouraging the children and sharing in their excitement. The adventure became a joyful reminder that faith grows not only through lessons, but through play, laughter, and time spent together.

Pastor Maren and the children discovered the joy of community and God's love in every giggle and leap.



Please join us for Holy Week Worship Services

As we journey through Lent, please join us for worship during Holy Week. We start with Sunday of the Passion, the weekend of March 28/29. We gather in the narthex and process into the sanctuary to start our week together following Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. We then gather again on Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. as we observe the Last Supper. On Good Friday, April 3, Voices of Faith will lead us in Tenebrae Worship at 7:00 p.m. We come together on Sunday, April 5, to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday!



Calling All Alumni of Joyful Noise

During our Maundy Thursday worship on Thursday, April 2, Sing for Joy invites all alumni who know Helen Kemp's *A Lenten Love Song* to come sing with us. For more information, contact Mr. Schaner at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org.

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

We have two concerts coming up in April as a part of our Music & Fine Arts at St. Luke's concert series. On Monday, April 13, we welcome Jazz Express back along with choirs from Brookfield East High School, Waukesha North and South High Schools at 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. the Wisconsin Philharmonic presents their Shining Stars recital featuring students from Waukesha County. Tickets will be available at the door.

PJ Studied in Germany

Last month, I (PJ) spent two weeks in Germany as part of my continuing education. Each year, this congregation encourages its pastors to set aside two weeks for study, renewal, and professional growth. This trip was a fulfillment of that ongoing commitment.

While in Germany, my time focused on three areas. I participated in prayer and worship at the Augustinian Monastery in Erfurt, where Martin Luther lived as a monk. I worked on language development through daily conversations with native German speakers. I also engaged in historical study through museums and site visits that deepen my understanding of the church's story and my own calling as pastor.

I am grateful that St. Luke's supports continuing education in this way. The congregation provides time away from regular duties and partial funding for these experiences, with additional costs covered personally. This shared investment allows me to return refreshed, better equipped, and more deeply grounded in my ministry.

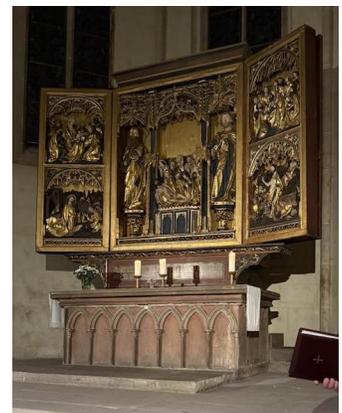
Continuing education is not only encouraged but required of all pastors serving in the ELCA. It is one of the ways the church ensures that those called to lead are continually growing in faith, skill, and understanding. In the past several years, I was not always able to make full use of this time, especially during the COVID years—but I am thankful to be returning to this healthy rhythm of study and renewal, which is intended to be a regular part of pastoral leadership.



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Connecting, Growing, Serving



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Discipleship Training Updates

Discipleship Training (DT) is St. Luke's middle school youth ministry and is 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.

March Activities:

- 3/1 - Planning Walk with Jesus 9:20-10:25 a.m.
DT & YG Host Lenten Dinner
- 3/4 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:30-8:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. Arrival, Check-In & Connect with Mentor
5:45 p.m. Dinner and Conversation with Mentor
7:00 p.m. Lent Service attend with Mentor
- 3/8 - Planning Walk with Jesus 9:20-10:25 a.m.
- 3/11 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- 3/15 - Planning Walk with Jesus 9:20-10:25 a.m.
- 3/18 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- 3/20 - Luthedale Retreat 5:00 p.m. Friday – 8:00 p.m. Saturday
- 3/22 - Planning Walk with Jesus 9:20-10:25 a.m.
- 3/25 - Lenten Mentorship Dinner and Service 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- 3/28 - Station Setup Walk with Jesus 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(Parental help needed and much appreciated)
- 3/29 - Present Walk with Jesus
Final Prep /Practice 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Present to Congregation 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Clean Up, 10:15 a.m.-? Parental help appreciated

Looking ahead:

- 4/1-4/8 - No DT – Easter
- 4/15 - DT in Youth Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Theme: The Lord's Prayer 1: The Greatest Prayer Book of Acts:
Paul's Journeys

Youth Group

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

March 2026 Activities:

- 3/7 - 6:30 p.m. Mini Golf at Big Putts in Greenfield Joint activity with St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran and St. Luke's Lutheran, Greendale
- 3/14 - Black Holocaust Museum Outing with St Stephen the Martyr Lutheran, Time TBA
- 3/21 - Host Saturday Social Dinner after 5:00 p.m. service 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- 3/22 - Youth Group 12:00-2:00 p.m. Egg Stuffing and Pizza
- 3/27-3/28 - Egg My Yard delivery-meet at St. Luke's 4:30 p.m.
- 3/29 - Walk with Jesus 9:15 a.m. – come support DT

Looking ahead:

- 4/3-4/4 - Egg My Yard delivery-meet at St. Luke's 4:30 p.m.
- 4/12 - Cinnamon Roll Sunday 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Kwik Trip Fundraiser

This is an ongoing 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 two weeks of the order. Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org with questions or to order cards.

Save the Date Walk with Jesus March 29

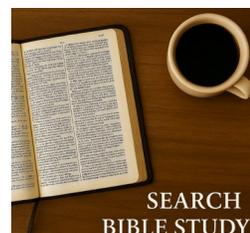
Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday during the Education Hour, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. DTs will be presenting a self-guided walk using stations to tell the story of Jesus's journey the week leading up to His death and then resurrection on Easter morning.

Saturday Social March 21

Join the Youth on Saturday, March 21, for dinner, conversation and a little laughter after the 5:00 p.m. service. Sign up at Sign Up Central.

Search Bible Study

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



SEARCH
BIBLE STUDY

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

Monday - Friday

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Egg My Yard Fundraiser is Coming Soon

Let the Youth “egg” your yard. The Bunnies, aka Youth, will stuff and hide plastic Easter Eggs in your yard. Candy and non-candy options available. Available “egging” dates: Friday, March 27, Saturday, March 28, Friday, April 3, or Saturday, April 4. Prices: 25 eggs for \$35, 50 eggs for \$60, 75 eggs for \$75 or 100 eggs for \$90. Sign up by March 15. Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org, to sign up or with any questions. In case of bad weather, your eggs will be dropped off at the front door in a Bunny Bag with a letter from the Easter Bunny.

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.



Reminder: Enroll Now for Fall 2026 Preschool Classes

September may seem like a long way off, but enrollment for fall Preschool classes is well underway! Open enrollment has begun for children who will be 2-4 years of age by September 1, 2026. Classes meet September-May from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Don't wait** – some classes are already full! Call for more information, set up an appointment to visit, and find out how to reserve a spot for your child or grandchild. Tell your neighbors, friends, and co-workers to check us out, too! St. Luke's Preschool welcomes all children regardless of race, color, sex, differing abilities, religion, national or ethnic origin. Contact Liz at (262) 522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org

Week of the Young Child

April 12 through the 17, CLM will join other centers around the country to celebrate the Week of the Young Child. CLM will kick off the week and sing at the 10:30 a.m. service on April 12. We will be holding our annual raffle for the week! Any donations of items or gift cards for the raffle would be appreciated! They can be dropped off in the church office or downstairs at CLM. Any questions? Please contact Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org.

Healing Hearts Celebration of Hope

On April 18, Healing Hearts will be hosting their annual fundraiser, Celebration of Hope. This year's theme is April Showers: Hope Flowers and will be held at Tuscan Hall in Waukesha. Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased online at healingheartswisconsin.org or by mail. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org.

Needle & Thimble

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

Needle & Thimble Needs Your Fabric and Thread

Needle and Thimble is our church sewing group that makes quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We rely on fabric and thread donations; our stash is getting low at this time. If you have fabric (please no little scraps) and/or thread, that you will not need, please consider donating to Needle and Thimble. We especially welcome gently used bedsheets. You may drop off these items anytime at the church office, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Gwen Kieso (262) 442-1749 or Marilyn Olson (262) 844-2519.

Prayer Shawl, There is Still a Need

Busy knitters and crocheters, please do not stop! The items you donate will still be blessed and packaged. Lap robes and prayer shawls are available in the display cabinet located in History Hall. If you know someone who needs a hug from God, feel free to choose an appropriate one from the display. There is a clipboard to record the recipient's name. Share the LOVE! Also, thank you for keeping our prayer patches full! Please feel free to take yarn from the shelves by the History Hall. Please call Gloria for dimensions of what you make and with any questions at (262) 547-8096.

Thank You, Thrivent Action Team

On February 8, St. Luke's served a hot meal at the Hope Center. Thank you to the many volunteers who prepared the Hamburger Stroganoff and brought other menu items to serve approximately 75 guests. Thank you to Thrivent for the \$250 gift card to cover some of the expenses of that event. The Thrivent Action team pictured wore the #LiveGenerously t-shirts as they served the Sunday afternoon meal. Shoutout to Sandy Hendrickson for leading this community outreach program for 30 years! Would you like to write for a Thrivent grant in 2026? Contact Diane Voit (262) 993-0104 if you want assistance with the application. Also, please let Cindy Maigatter, Financial Administrator, know once you have secured the grant at finance@stlukeslutheran.org. Cindy will log the generosity shown by Thrivent through 2026.



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!

Community Meal

We will have our community meal for families of our musical ensembles and anyone else who wants to come join us at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We serve family friendly meals each week. For more information, talk to Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, or take a look at the Music & Fine Arts bulletin board.

Help For the Hope Center

There are many ways to help the Hope Center. Sorters are needed in the Clothing Shop, prep and serve breakfast and lunch, dates can vary. You can volunteer by contacting (262) 549-8726. Check out their website for their weekly donation request list at <https://hopecenterwi.org/donate-now/>. Hope Center address is 101 W Broadway, Waukesha 53186.

Support the Food Pantry

You can make monetary donations to the pantry through their website. Leaders of the pantry want us to know that canned fruits and veggies along with soups have been limited the last few months. When shopping for yourself, pick up some for our neighbors and drop them in the food pantry barrels as you leave the grocery store, or bring to church to drop in the cart by door.

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.

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.

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 **JANUARY**, there were **no** memorials or honorariums made.

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.



A Fun Spiritual Practice for Lent – Blessing Bowls

Do you need an antidote to all the negativity in the world?! Come to church and check out the Blessing Bowls we'll have out throughout the season of Lent. Negativity can be contagious, but blessing can be contagious as well! That is the goal of these Blessing Bowls – that in the giving and receiving of ordinary blessings, we may scatter a little more hope and joy in our daily living. What is a Blessing Bowl you ask? Think of it like a Little Free Library but instead of books, we'll be giving and receiving tiny treasures. (Think painted rocks, bookmarks, small crosses, inspirational messages, etc.) There will be one bowl for kids, and one bowl for teens/adults. Come see what might be waiting for you and keep your eyes open around the house for what you may want to contribute to bless someone else!

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.

2026 Monthly Coffee Hour Sponsorship

The 2026 Monthly Coffee Hour Sponsorship is now available at Sign Up Central. The fee for the coffee hour is \$30 for 2 weekends or \$55 for the whole month. With the sponsorship, you receive the ***option*** to have displayed up to 12 pictures on the high tables in the narthex and Hospitality area. The picture(s) must be received in the office no later than the 15th of the month prior to your sponsorship month. If no pictures are received, a written acknowledgement of your sponsorship will be displayed. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hendrickson (262) 542-5940 or Tonia in the church office with questions.

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!

Congregation Council News

1.) Thank you to everyone that was able to attend our February annual meeting. At that time the following members were voted onto council for a 3-year term. We thank Kristin Scheneider, Dave Tank and Zach Eschenburg for their service.

2.) We encourage the Congregation to be intentful with attending Wednesday night Lenten Services. Please be sure to pick up your copy of *Living Well Through Lent; Cultivating Healing and Wholeness in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. These are on the Welcome Station.

3.) And, of course, don't forget the Lenten Meals being served from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays before the 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship!

March Mission Hope Center:

St. Luke's supports Hope Center financially each month. All gifts will help offset this amount from our General Fund.

Are You 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.

Want to Become a New Member

We would be thrilled to welcome you into our church family! New members will be formally received during an upcoming worship service, a special moment for our whole congregation.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about becoming a member, please reach out to Shari Higgins, Assistant for Engagement. She'd love to help! You can call the church office at (262) 542-2545 x113 or email shigs@stlukeslutheran.org.

The 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.

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.

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.

March Council Contact

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**The deadline for the next
Issue of The Epistle is
Friday, March 13.**

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

Online Giving

To start giving electronically, or make changes to your online 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.

First Communion Instruction for All Ages

We are trying something a little different this year for First Communion preparations. We hope you will like it! Instead of the usual classroom setting, First Communion education will happen during the Children's Sermon time (at both services) during the five Sundays of Lent. Each week there will be an interactive message that will teach about different elements of the Holy Sacrament. This format is meant to be education (or a refresher!) for all ages. We want families to decide for themselves when their children are ready for Holy Communion. What will be the same: We will have a formal **First Communion during the Maundy Thursday service, 7:00 p.m. on Thursday April 2.**



CLM Preschool Scholarship

Did you know that you can make an offering towards the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund? This fund is set aside specifically for families within our half-day Preschool program that need financial assistance, or for families that wish to enroll in Preschool but cannot afford full tuition. Offerings to the CLM Preschool Scholarship Fund can be made through your regular giving envelope or through online giving. Thank you!



Hadfield School
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Waukesha WI 53186

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February 3, 2026

To Everyone at St. Luke's Lutheran Church,

I wanted to send a quick note to say a huge thank you for the amazing Christmas gifts you donated to our families this year.

The holidays can be a really tough time for a lot of the folks we work with, and your generosity took a massive weight off their shoulders. Because of you, 20 families, which included over 50 kids, got to have that "magic morning" feeling that every child deserves.

One of the families that you helped, has been struggling with many things including affording housing and other basic needs. This parent had been prioritizing just surviving and had not been able to even consider how to get gifts for their children. You were able to provide a Christmas for a family that likely would not have had much of a celebration. When families received their gifts and generous gift cards, they were overwhelmed and overjoyed. There were even a few tears. It's moments like this that remind us how lucky we are to have you guys in our corner.

Your church has such a big heart, and it really showed in the thoughtful gifts you picked out. Earlier in the school year, I had a steady stream of students come to me who were in need of winter gear. Through your generosity, I was able to supply every student with what they needed. Our whole staff appreciates your assistance with making sure our students are warm and able to play outside everyday. Please let the whole congregation know how much their kindness means to us and the families. It was truly a blessed holiday season!

We're so grateful for your friendship and support!

Best,

Kelly Olime, School Social Worker
Hadfield Elementary

Serving Hadfield students and families since 1888

Young Adults Gathering

Looking to connect with other young adults ages 20-40, at St. Luke's? Join us for a relaxed evening of conversation and community at the Raised Grain Brewing Co., in Waukesha, on Thursday, March 12, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Whether you're hoping to meet new people or reconnect with familiar faces, you're invited. Come and go as your schedule allows. Enjoy a beverage, snacks, or dinner, and help us brainstorm future gatherings and possible small group ideas. Your input is welcome! Any questions contact Pastor Maren Hooper pastormaren@stlukeslutheran.org,

Thanks also to those of you who have completed the Young Adults Ministry survey that was sent out via email. If you missed it or haven't had a chance to complete it, here's the link:

<https://usi8.list-manage.com/survey?u=87d6880aad7af67d79d945f18&id=d3d01e235e&attribution=false>

We appreciate all the feedback to strengthen ministry amongst young adults!

Serving in Worship

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

Inviting Others to Worship

There remain growing congregations in this day and age when so many others are declining. There are a number of things that growing congregations have in common. First among them, is they have a sense of the mission to which God has called them. Especially common in growing churches is that people are excited about the ministries of the church, so excited that they invite others to worship. Here's an easy strategy for inviting people to worship: Tell them about something happening in the church that makes you proud. Example: "I went to Christmas Eve worship, and it was fantastic..." Tell your neighbors or family members what excites you about St. Luke's. After talking about it, then ask them to join you in worship by saying something like: "How about if you go with me this week? You can see what I'm excited about." Inviting is easy. You do it for many other events that bring you joy. New life in Christ brings you joy. Inviting to worship is as easy as inviting somebody to a concert or a movie, or sports event. Remember, you hear good news when we worship. You are reminded over and over that God loves you and forgives your sin. It's exciting! Share the news and invite others.

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.

Remember the Church

Giving to the church in memory of someone who has died is a great way to make a gift. Naming the church as a recipient of memorials is a powerful way to support the ministry that has supported you throughout your life. Memorials are used for a variety of purposes. When giving or designating memorials, you can choose to have gifts given to certain ongoing projects of the church such as music ministry, youth ministry, Christian education, and so on. You can also choose to leave memorials undesignated, in which case the funds will be used to support needs as they arise. Memorial gifts are acknowledged in our monthly newsletter. If you have questions about memorials, talk with Pastor Jordan. He will help you think about ways you can make an impact through memorial giving.

Don't Be Late

Spring Forward

Spring is almost here and so is that sneaky hour that likes to disappear on us! Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 8, when clocks "spring forward" So, before you drift off to sleep on Saturday night, be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour, unless you *enjoy* making a dramatic entrance to worship. We can't wait to see you, on Sunday morning!

St. Luke's Calendar for March 2026

Sunday March 1	1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study	5:00 p.m. Worship
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training	6:00 p.m. Saturday Social Dinner
9:20 a.m. Sunday School	5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal	Sunday March 22
9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training	6:00 p.m. CLM Board Meeting	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Greece Trip Meeting	6:00 p.m. Godsbells	9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee	7:00 p.m. N.A.	9:20 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
Monday March 2	7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith	12:00 p.m. Youth Group Egg Stuffing and Pizza
8:00 a.m. Amigos!	Thursday March 12	6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.
6:00 p.m. Theology Uncorked	4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	Monday March 23
6:00 p.m. Endowment Committee	5:00 p.m. Community Meal	8:00 a.m. Amigos!
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	6:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering at Raised Grain	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon
Tuesday March 3	7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.	Tuesday March 24
8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble	Saturday March 14	8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club	Youth Group visits Black Holocaust Museum	7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal	5:00 p.m. Worship	7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
Wednesday March 4	Sunday March 15	Wednesday March 25
1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study	Egg My Yard Sign up Deadline	1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training
5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal	9:20 a.m. Sunday School	5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal
6:00 p.m. Godsbells	9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training	6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. N.A.	Monday March 16	7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service
7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith	8:00 a.m. Amigos!	7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith
Thursday March 5	1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle	Thursday March 26
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal	Tuesday March 17	5:00 p.m. Community Meal
6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study	8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble	7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.	5:30 p.m. Finance Committee	Saturday March 28
Saturday March 7	6:30 p.m. Church Council	9:00 a.m. Discipleship Training
5:00 p.m. Worship	7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal	Station Setup Walk with Jesus
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Mini Golf	Wednesday March 18	5:00 p.m. Worship
Sunday March 8	1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study	Sunday March 29
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training	8:00 a.m. Discipleship Training
9:20 a.m. Sunday School	5:45 p.m. Lenten Meal	Presents Walk with Jesus
9:20 a.m. Discipleship Training	6:00 p.m. Godsbells	8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee	7:00 p.m. N.A.	9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsals	7:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Service	6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.	7:45 p.m. Voices of Faith	Monday March 30
Monday March 9	Thursday March 19	8:00 a.m. Amigos!
8:00 a.m. Amigos!	4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise	6:30 p.m. Al-Anon
1:00 p.m. Facilities Committee	5:00 p.m. Community Meal	Tuesday March 31
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon	6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study	8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
Tuesday March 10	7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.	7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble	Friday March 20	
4:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee	Discipleship Training Lutherdale	
6:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal	Saturday March 21	
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Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Worship Schedule

Wednesday midweek worship from February 25 to March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday worship, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday worship, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

No 5:00 p.m. worship Saturday, April 4.

Easter Sunday worship, April 5, at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Easter Flowers

As we look forward to Easter, and prepare to enhance the church with palm trees and Easter lilies, we invite you to consider donating toward this worship space beautification. Your gift can be made in honor of, or in memory of loved ones, special events, or a ministry. And, as has been our tradition, Easter plants will be delivered to our homebound members and those living in care and residential facilities. The suggested donation for a plant/flower is \$20, however any contribution will be appreciated. Each gift will be included in a special memorial mention in our Easter bulletins. Forms will be available and should be returned to the office or placed in the offering plates by March 22.



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Lenten Meals

In our life together, community is important. Beginning February 25, we will again be having soup suppers served each Wednesday from 5:45-6:30 p.m. before the evening worship at 7:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. We look forward to seeing you and worshipping together.