



The Epistle

St. Luke's

Lutheran Church

May 2026

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

My Foot Moved

The words of Psalm 121 have long been familiar companions in hospital rooms and quiet moments of uncertainty. I have spoken them at bedsides, often slowly, letting each line settle into the space: “I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord...” And then that line: “He will not let your foot be moved.” I have wondered, in those moments, how those words land on ears that have just received difficult news, or on bodies that are injured, weakened, or in pain. What does it mean to hear that promise when life has already shifted beneath your feet? Now I find myself hearing that psalm from a different place.



A few weeks ago, I fell on the steps. My ankle gave out beneath me, and I knew immediately, before any diagnosis, that something had gone very wrong. I felt the break. I felt my foot move in a way it should not. The words come back now with a different weight: “He will not let your foot be moved.” And yet... my foot was moved.

Psalm 121 was first prayed by pilgrims traveling the road from Jericho to Jerusalem, a steep, dangerous path where the risks were real. Thieves hid along the way. The terrain itself could betray you. It was not a journey of ease or certainty. And so the psalm does not deny danger. It does not promise a path without misstep or injury. Instead, it begins with a confession: “My help comes from the Lord.” That is where the promise lives, not in the absence of suffering, but in the presence of God within it.

These days, my world has become very small. I am not able to put weight on my right foot. I am learning the discipline, yes, the discipline, of keeping it elevated. There is a stillness to this season that I did not choose. To be away from the rhythms of the church, to not be present in the ways I am accustomed, is its own kind of ache. I miss you. I miss the gathered life we share. And if I am honest, there is also the simple, stubborn boredom of it all. Hours stretch. I read. I write a bit each day. I practice German. I have even found myself reading about the twelfth-century church in England, fascinating, I assure you. I watch television. And I keep my foot up.

I keep it elevated because that is how healing happens. There is something almost quietly theological about that. The body, as God has made it, heals best when the injury is lifted, supported, given time. It is not rushed. It is not forced. It is tended. “He will not let your foot be moved.” Perhaps the promise is not that we will never fall. Perhaps it is not that injury will never come. Perhaps it is this: that even when the ground gives way, even when bones break and plans unravel, we are not abandoned to it. The Lord is our keeper. The one who neither slumbers nor sleeps is present, in the fall, in the surgery, in the long days of waiting for healing.

“My help comes from the Lord.” That is the line I find myself returning to now, not as an abstract truth, but as a daily prayer. Lord, give me patience. Lord, give me trust. Lord, meet me in this stillness. Hold me in this season I did not choose. And perhaps this is also a word for you. Because while my injury is visible, there are so many ways in which life shifts beneath our feet. There are so many forms of waiting, of limitation, of quiet struggle that others cannot see. The psalm does not deny those realities; it speaks into them. The Lord will keep you. The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time on and forevermore, even here, even now.

Daffodils and Birdies

Well, we might be able to finally say that Spring has arrived! I, like probably many of you, eagerly await the arrival of Spring each year. I love how it (kind of) coincides with Easter: just as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and new life, we also start to see the first signs of Spring – greener grass, buds on trees, perennials, robins and other birds back in our yards.

After a drab and colorless winter, I'm always especially excited to see the bright yellows of the daffodils return. And those first few Spring walks outdoors without having to wear so many layers? Magical.



I believe the God of all creation also sustains us through that same creation. Not just physically through the food that comes from the earth, but spiritually as well. Jesus in Matthew chapter 6 points us to nature - to the birds and lilies - to give us a word of encouragement:

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you -you of little faith?

What a strong reminder of God's unconditional love and care for us!

As we enter into warmer weather and the summer months, I encourage you to find moments to get outside as much as you can. Take a break from all the screens and to-do lists and simply bask in the reality of being a part of God's beloved creation. May we all find it as a balm for our sometimes worn and weary souls.

Happy Easter Season and Happy Spring!
Pastor Maren Hooper

Theology Uncorked

Our next Fellowship gathering will be Monday, May 4, at 6:00 p.m. We will gather at Cantarito's 408 E. Main St. Please come and be part of this special group that gathers for uplifting spiritual conversation and meaningful fellowship. This is a "come-as-you-can" group; no commitment required. Please join members of St. Luke's and be part of the lively welcoming atmosphere. Consider bringing a neighbor or friend!

Search Bible Study Wrapping Up

We started meeting again weekly on Wednesday, April 15 and will continue through May 13 which will be the final session of Search Bible Study for this season. We will continue exploring the theme we've been developing: "Thy Kingdom Come." It is an exploration of the Biblical narratives behind this prayer. All continue to be welcome. There is room for you!

Protecting All God's Children - Best Practices and Safety Policies

At St. Luke's, we are committed to being a safe place where everyone can experience God's love and grace. To ensure we are doing all we can to promote safe spaces and practices, we would like to update our safety policies for children, youth, and other vulnerable populations (including elders). The Council has already begun some preliminary discussions around this. We would like to gather a small task force to work on this over the summer months. It wouldn't be a huge time commitment (maybe once/month); we'd look at our current policies, look at templates from other churches, and update as they pertain to our setting. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Maren Hooper by May 17. Thank you!

Summer Pick-Up Choir Dates

Our summer pick-up choir returns again this year! This is a time to just come and sing, try out singing at St. Luke's, or just keep your vocal skills up over the summer. We will gather at 8:45 a.m. to learn something to sing in worship at our 9:30 a.m. service. All ages are invited to join us and sing! We will gather on June 14, July 12, and August 16. For more information, contact Michael Schaner, Director of Music Ministries at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org.



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

Due to the inclement weather, the Shining Stars recital has been moved to Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. This recital of high school and middle school musicians is always a fantastic recital that you don't want to miss! Tickets are \$10 at the door. Our final program of the year is a recital by Thomas Weis, baritone, and Maggie Rebers, piano, on Sunday, May 17, at 4:00 p.m. Thomas Weis has appeared at St. Luke's before in recital and as the baritone soloist last year on Good Friday. A freewill offering will be collected. You do not want to miss this amazing recital!

Music and Fine Arts at St. Luke's and Colla Voce Concerts present "A Musical Menagerie" with bass Thomas Weis and pianist Maggie Rebers. From wild predators and prey to domesticated farm animals, to faithful companions, we observe the animal kingdom in all its glory....in our own minds, we ponder whether they are so different from us...

Music Camp 2026 – Loving Our Neighbors

Registration for Music Camp 2026 is now open! We have two camps operating the week of July 27. For students entering kindergarten and 1st grade we have a morning camp from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. For students entering 2nd-7th grade we have a full day camp from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Our days are filled with singing, Bible stories, devotions, instruments, fun adventures, and more! The morning session is full, and the full day session still has open spots (\$100 per student). For more information, contact Mr. Schaner, Director of Music Ministries, at mschaner@stlukeslutheran.org.

Scholarship Announcement

Students of St. Luke's, our congregation offers annual scholarships to help you attend college, seminary, nursing school, or medical school. Application forms are on the St. Luke's website. **They are due back to the church office by May 1.** Awards will be presented during a church service in June.

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.

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

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. We are currently winding down the 2025-26 programming year, but it is never too late to join us. We will generally meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. with additional learning, service and community time outside the normal class time. Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org for additional information.

May 2026 Activities

5/6—DT in Youth Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Theme: The Lord's Prayer 1: The Greatest Prayer

5/10—Cinnamon Roll Sunday—Youth Fundraiser

7:30 a.m. frost & box; 9:00 a.m. sell rolls; 11:30 a.m. cleanup

Mother's Day—Give your Mom a hug.

5/13—DT in Youth Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Theme: The Lord's Prayer 1: The Greatest Prayer

5/20—DT offsite year end celebration at Urban Air RSVP by 5/6 to Cari

Looking ahead: Summer break until we resume in with Rally Day

Youth Group

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

May 2026 Activities

5/2&5/3 Last Day of Penny War Voting, Pop's Kettle Corn Sale and to order Amy's Gourmet Apples

5/10—Cinnamon Roll Sunday—Youth Fundraiser

7:30 a.m. frost & box; 9:00 a.m. sell rolls; 11:30 a.m. cleanup

Mother's Day - Give your Mom a hug.

9:30 a.m. Penny War Award Ceremony

Deadline to turn in High School Graduate Info and Picture.

5/16—Mission Trip 2026 Get to Know You Activity2 Cookout @ Hooper's

5/30—Host Saturday Social Dinner Cookout & Bonfire 4:30—7:30 p.m.

Looking ahead:

6/7 Graduate Recognition Sunday and Bruch to follow service

Youth Fundraisers

Cinnamon Rolls Sunday, May 10. A sweet treat to celebrate all mothers and mother figures.

The Penny War is winding down. The last day to vote is May 3 with the prize awarded in between services May 10. Which Mission Trip 2026 participant will "win"? Will we exceed the side challenge to raise \$3,000 to cover the travel costs for the Mission Trip AND will Pastor Maren and Cari also get pie'd?

Amy's Gourment Apples, the last day to order a delicious Amy's Gourmet Apple is May 3. Apples will be available for pick Wednesday, May 6, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., or after services May 9 or 10. These delicious apples are great Mother's Day gifts or just because.

Pop's Kettle Corn, last day to order is May 3. Cost will be \$8 per bag or 2 bags for \$15. Per Pop's, unopened bags will last for 3 months. Flavors available: OG Kettle Corn, Coconut Oil & Sea Salt, OPE Mix, Muskego Mix and Yellow Cheddar. Contact Cari youth@stlukeslutheran.org to pre-order.

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 High School Graduate Celebration

Attention all High School Seniors, you should have received an email in mid-April with a letter requesting your graduation details, future plans, and a senior photo. If you did not receive, please contact Cari to request a copy. Please submit your completed information and senior photo to the church office at office@stlukeslutheran.org by May 10 to be included in the June Epistle. Also, mark your calendars for June 7, and join us as we celebrate your graduation, 9:30 a.m. High School graduate recognition during service, 11:00 a.m., brunch honoring the High School Seniors and their families. Please RSVP to Cari at youth@stlukeslutheran.org by May 24. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you!

Church Office Hours:

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

Monday - Friday

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Who's ready for a Family Fun Night Out

Spring is here, and we're excited to get together for another fun family night! CLM will be hosting our annual family event in the St. Luke's parking lot on Friday, May 15, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. This year, we're bringing the fun with a Carnival theme! Everyone is welcome, so bring the whole family. Please bring cash to purchase tickets for snacks and games. If you would like to donate prizes OR volunteer to run a game (for students in 6th grade and older), please contact Courtney at cstangl@stlukeslutheran.org. Come ready to play, laugh, and enjoy the evening together, we hope to see you there!

CLM Scrip Fundraiser

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

**Preschool Registration 2026**

Limited openings still remain for children who meet the age requirements and are toilet trained by September 1, 2026. 3-year-old classes meet two mornings/week, and 4-year-old classes meet two or three mornings/week. Classes run from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and follow the school year calendar. One popular option for 4-year families at St. Luke's is to attend Preschool classes in the mornings and School District of Waukesha 4K classes in the afternoons. There are still a few opportunities this spring to visit and participate in a class before the school year ends in May! Call now to set up a time to see our classrooms in action and bring your child or grandchild to join in the fun! Preschool classes are open to all, and St. Luke's members receive a 5% tuition discount. Contact Liz at (262) 522-6747 or landerson@stlukeslutheran.org.

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!

Saturday Social May 30

Join the Youth on Saturday, May 30, for dinner, conversation and a little laughter after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday service. May's Theme is cook out and bonfire, assuming Mother Nature cooperates, we will be outside. Sign up at Sign Up Central.

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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.

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.

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.

Inviting Others to Worship

There remain growing congregations in this day and age when so many 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.

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 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.

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.

Welcome to the Font: A Baptismal Gathering

Pre-baptismal gathering, *Welcome to the Font*, is a time for parents preparing for baptism to join together with other parents while learning about God's work for them and their children in Holy Baptism. *Welcome to the Font* is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center. Baptisms are scheduled only after attending a *Welcome to the Font* gathering. To attend call the church office at (262) 542-2545.

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 to support the ongoing ministry of St. Luke's. You, too, can memorialize with gifts to St. Luke's. You can also honor loved ones with honorariums given to St. Luke's. Memorials and honorariums will be listed here each month. During the month of **MARCH**, the following memorials and honorariums were made:

In Honor of	Given By	Designation
St. Luke's Staff	Chris Jackson	Flower Fund
In Memory of	Given By	Designation
Larry Borck	Virginia Borck	Youth Fund
Anna French	Anonymous	General Fund
Anna French	Wendy Bacon	General Fund
Anna French	Sue Bangle	General Fund
Anna French	Gloria Brechlin	General Fund
Anna French	Jim & Mary Brissette	General Fund
Anna French	Jan Christenson	General Fund
Anna French	Ginny Dietzler	General Fund
Anna French	Dave & Julie Doepke	Hadfield
Anna French	Vi, Tricia, & Mrak Ellison	General Fund
Anna French	Anne Erke	General Fund
Anna French	Brian & Nancy Farrell	General Fund
Anna French	Sherry Fickau	General Fund
Anna French	Carolyn Fish	General Fund
Anna French	Jay & Kathy Fontaine	Youth Fund
Anna French	Becky Frankenfeld	General Fund
Anna French	Don French	General Fund
Anna French	Marianne Gilpatrick	General Fund
Anna French	Jerry & Lois Haffner	General Fund
Anna French	Connie Hartman	General Fund
Anna French	Sandy Hendrickson	Good Samaritan Fund
Anna French	RJ & Cheryl Hildebran	General Fund
Anna French	Rachel Hoffman & Susan Perkins	General Fund
Anna French	Richard & Carolyn Huttner	General Fund
Anna French	Chris Jackson	Youth Fund
Anna French	Susan Klabunde	General Fund
Anna French	Debbie Knee	General Fund
Anna French	Robbin Krueger	Paraments
Anna French	Christine LaVoi	General Fund
Anna French	Donna Liedtke	General Fund
Anna French	Gary & Jodee Liedtke	General Fund
Anna French	Andrea Matthias	General Fund
Anna French	Doug & Sharon Milway	General Fund
Anna French	Audrey Moede	General Fund
Anna French	Larry Moede	General Fund
Anna French	Art & Pam Olson	General Fund
Anna French	Ron & Kathy Pederson	Paraments
Anna French	Ed & Arlene Raether	Mortgage
Anna French	Dave & Joyce Ruck	General Fund
Anna French	Robert & Nathan Sockrider	General Fund
Anna French	Ron & Cheri Staub	General Fund
Anna French	Kevin & Jenny Thorstad	General Fund
Anna French	John & Carol True	General Fund
Anna French	Dennis & Diane Voit	Scholarships
Anna French	Sharon Wood	General Fund
Mary McCoy	Ralph & Marion Clark	Music
Mary McCoy	Dennis & Diane Voit	Music

Congregation Council News

1) **A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers:** We had a wonderful time celebrating our volunteers during the weekend of April 18/19! We hope everyone who stopped by the table enjoyed their commemorative magnets and felt the deep appreciation this congregation has for your dedicated service.

2) **Roof Progress:** Following the council's review, we are moving forward with necessary approvals for roofing projects to ensure our building remains a safe and welcoming space for all.

3) **Synod Assembly 2026:** Please keep Pastor Maren and our delegates in your prayers as they represent St. Luke's at the Synod Assembly on May 29 and 30. They will be joining other congregations in our region for a weekend of worship, learning, and important church business.

May Mission: ERAs Senior Network

St. Luke's supports ERAs with a monthly monetary gift offset from our General Fund.

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, Irohrwasser@stlukeslutheran.org Perhaps you know of someone who could use a note of encouragement or well wishes, please let her know.

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.

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, May 15.**

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.



St. Luke's Calendar for May 2026

Saturday May 2
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday May 3
Deadline to vote for Penny War and
Last day to order
Amy's Gourmet Apples & Pop's
Kettle Corn for Youth Fundraiser
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
11:30 a.m. Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

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

Tuesday May 5
8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
9:30 a.m. 1st Tuesday Book Club
6:30 p.m. M&FAS Wis Shining
Stars Recital
7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal

Wednesday May 6
1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday May 7
4:30 p.m. Joyful Noise
5:00 p.m. Community Meal
6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday May 9
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday May 10
Mother's Day
Deadline to submit High School
Celebration Information
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Cinnamon Roll Sunday
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
9:30 a.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsals
9:30 a.m. Penny War Prize Award
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

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

Tuesday May 12
4:30 p.m. Worship Life Committee
7:00 p.m. W.C.U. Rehearsal

Wednesday May 13
1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Godsbells
6:00 p.m. Discipleship Training
6:00 p.m. CLM Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:15 p.m. Voices of Faith

Thursday May 14
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Friday May 15
5:30 p.m. CLM Carnival

Saturday May 16
5:00 p.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Trip Cookout

Sunday May 17
8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Worship
9:20 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Welcome Training
4:00 p.m. M&FAS Thomas Weis
Recital
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

Monday May 18
8:00 a.m. Amigos!
1:00 p.m. Sarah Circle
6:30 p.m. Al-Anon

Tuesday May 19
8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday May 20
1:00 p.m. Search Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Discipleship Training
7:00 p.m. N.A.

Thursday May 21
6:30 p.m. Women Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday May 23
5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday May 24
9:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Mt. Meru Coffee
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.

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

Tuesday May 26
8:30 a.m. Needle and Thimble
7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee

Wednesday May 27
7:00 p.m. N.A.
7:00 p.m. Square Dancers

Thursday May 28
7:00 p.m. Broad Hwy. A.A.

Saturday May 30
5:00 p.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Saturday Social
Cookout & Bonfire

Sunday May 31
9:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Men's A.A.



Please Remember
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Summer Worship Hours Shifting

This summer, starting Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 24, our worship hours will shift. Saturdays will remain the same with worship at 5:00 p.m. Sundays, there will be only one service, and it will be at 9:30 a.m. This is being done so that the community can gather in one service on Sundays, deepen our friendship and build connections with others we may not know because they attend a service different from your normal time.

Your Help Is Needed: Roof and Van Campaign

This rainy Spring has brought many leaks to our attention. Due to the age of the roof, now more than 20 years old, and the numerous issues, we are following the guidance to replace the pitched roof over both the sanctuary and the chapel. This will be an expensive, but necessary endeavor to maintain our beautiful worship spaces. In addition, our 21-year-old church and childcare van also needs replacement. We are faced with two large capital purchases at the same time. Your financial help is much needed. If you would like to help offset the cost of the new chapel and sanctuary roof, please indicate "New Roof" on your offering. If you would like to help fund the new church and childcare van, please indicate "New Van" on your offering. Any additional support you can give would be most appreciated. Thank you in advance for your faithful stewardship!

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