St. Luke Announcements

New to St. Luke? Welcome! We're glad you're here! St. Luke is a church of hope and help and we welcome all. Interested in membership or learning more about St. Luke? Fill out our Connect Card (located in the entrance) and put it in the offering plate or contact directly with Pastor Eric by email: anspachh2002@gmail. com or our office email: office@stlukegoodhue.org or phone: 651-998-7106

Youth & Families

Online Giving: Interested in signing up for online giving or making a one time donation? Scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHX5 for a direct link to St. Luke Church's secure giving site.



All Congregation Edu-Worship: All are welcome to join us for Edu-Worship Wednesdays (unless noted) at 6:45pm.

Ash Wednesday & Wednesdays in Lent: During Lent, Christians around the world seek a clearer focus on how God is active in our lives and in our world. Join us on March 5th for Ash Wednesday as we begin Lent together with a Soup supper at 6pm and Ash Wednesday worship at 6:45 pm. Our Lenten theme for our Wednesday worship services (6:45pm) this year is "Favorite Stories of the Bible." Friends and members of St. Luke will share their favorite stories of the Bible. We will hear why a specific story is meaningful to them, and how it speaks truth into their lives. Come and get a new take on some of our holiest stories. Finally, our SWAG group will put on two additional 6pm Soup Suppers for St. Luke during Lent on the Wednesdays of March 19th, and April 2nd. Lenten offerings will go to Lutheran World Relief.

<u>Confirmation/Edu-Worship:</u> Confirmation students are welcome to come for a pizza dinner each Wednesday (unless noted) at 5:30pm before 6:45pm Edu-Worship. Edu-Worship is every Wednesday (unless noted) at 6:45pm.

<u>SWAG 9-12th Graders:</u> SWAG group meets on Wednesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm (unless noted), with an optional meal at 6:45pm. All are welcome to join!

<u>SWAG Feed My Starving Children Event:</u> SWAG youth are encouraged to join us on Wednesday, April 30th at 5:15pm when we will depart from St. Luke's for FMSC in Eagan and return around 10pm. Bring a lunch or money with for eating on the way home. Email the office if you are planning to attend so we have a headcount.

<u>SWAG Youth Summer Trip:</u> Our SWAG summer trip will be at Lake Geneva Youth Camp in Alexandria, MN, July 29-August 2. This trip is open to current 8-12 graders (24/25 school year). It is an exciting week filled with worship, rec events, swimming, and other fun activities. Cost of the trip is roughly \$300 per attendee. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending by June 1st.

<u>SAVE THE DATE - First Communion & Class:</u> First Communion Class will take place on March 9th following worship, for our 5th graders. Sunday, April 6th during 9:30am worship will be First Communion recognition.

SAVE THE DATE - Confirmation: Confirmation Sunday is May 11th during worship for our 8th graders.

<u>Confirmation Feed My Starving Children Event:</u> On Wed, April 23rd we'll leave St. Luke's at 5:15pm for FMSC in Eagan. The kids are invited to bring money as we'll stop at McDonald's or somewhere else along the way to buy dinner. We will return by 10:15p. Let the office know ASAP if your child cannot attend so we can confirm numbers. We're looking for four more chaperones to drive and participate as well!

Rice Lake State Park Church Fishing/Camping Trip Organizational Meeting: An organizational meeting to talk about food, gear, and other planning details for St. Luke's camping/fishing trip (May 15-17) will take place on Sunday, March 16th right after worship. If you're going on the trip, please plan on attending this meeting.

<u>Understanding PTSD & Veterans in Crisis Presentation:</u> Dr. Steve Lansing & Lake City coauthor B. Wayne Quist will present their new book, "Veterans in Crisis" on Sun, March 2nd from 6-7:30pm at St. Luke Church. The public is welcome for this important community service event on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) & suicide prevention. Dr. Lansing is a top specialist in PTSD, a licensed mental health counselor, & a retired veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Dr. Lansing's presentation will provide valuable info for veterans, first responders, & all people affected by PTSD (from military service or otherwise), & their caregivers. His talks are designed for the general public, easy to understand & often humorous. No registration necessary, all are welcome at 6pm on March 2nd.

March Faith Formation Food Shelf Challenge: March is National Food Share Month. For the Sundays of March 2nd-March 23rd St. Luke's Sunday school, Confirmation Ministry, and SWAG Ministry will participate in a friendly Food Shelf Competition on behalf of the Zumbrota Food Shelf. Each group is invited to bring non-perishable food items to church from Sunday, March 2nd through Sunday, March 23rd. After church on March 23rd a determination will be made on which group brought in the most food. That group will be awarded an Ice-Cream Bar on Sunday, March 30th, during our regular Sunday school time, to be served by the two groups that did not win. All are welcome to participate. When you bring food in, make sure to designate which group it's for.

<u>O'Reilly Scholarship:</u> St. Luke High School seniors are encouraged to apply for the O'Reilly Scholarship. Deadline is April 15th. Scan QR code to download the application from St. Luke's website.

Southeast Minnesota Synod Annual Synod Assembly Invitation: It is the privilege and duty of our church to lend our voice to the direction & ministry of the SE MN Synod of the ELCA. St. Luke has the privilege of sending two representatives to the Annual Synod Assembly on May 30-31st in Mankato. Interested in representing St. Luke? Contact Pr. Eric (anspachh2002@gmail.com) or Tara in the office (office@stlukegoodhue.org).

<u>Offering Counters Needed!</u> We are currently looking for volunteers to count the offering on Sunday mornings after worship. This is a rotational schedule and we will train you! Contact the office with questions or to sign up.

<u>Join the Tech Team!</u> We are looking for volunteers to join our Tech Team. No prior skills needed, you will be trained on how to record Sunday morning worship services. Contact the office with questions or to sign up.

<u>Lion's Brunch:</u> All are welcome to enjoy a breakfast at the Goodhue Community Center on March 2nd from 8:30-12:30pm put on by the Goodhue Lions. Pancakes, french toast, sausage, bacon, gritwurst, eggs, toast, rolls, coffee, juice, milk, Bloody Mary's \$7 and Mimosas \$5. Adult meal: \$13, kids 6-12yrs \$7, under 5yrs free.

<u>Holy Trinity Mardi Gras Fundraiser TODAY:</u> All are welcome to join the Mardi Gras fundraiser in support of the Goodhue area Catholic church's Youth & Faith Ministries and Faith Formation. 10% of the donations will support First Choice Clinic in Red Wing. Come for a meal, corn hole competition, silent auction, and Mardi Gras themed games at the Goodhue Community Center (105 Broadway St.) TODAY, February 23rd from 12-3pm.

<u>Free Mental Health Training:</u> Lake City Public Library is hosting "COMET" (Changing Our Mental & Emotional Trajectory) on March 13th from 6-8pm at 201 S. High St. Lake City. Register at the library or call 651-345-4013. Put on by the U of M Extension Family, Health, and Wellbeing.

Connect

<u>Tea Party! Dressed to a Tea!</u>: Invite your friends & family to an afternoon steeped in friendship and tradition. Dress in your favorite finery, enjoy a vintage clothing display, musical selections, & a delicious tea menu. Sat, April 12th from 2-4pm at St. Luke's. Cost \$25.00 (School age and up). Many lovely tables to choose from for seating. If you would like to design a table of your own theme contact Karen O'Reilly-651-347-2044, Sharon Buck-651-380-1125, or Bev O'Reilly-651-380-4843. Deadline for tickets sales or choosing to design a table is April 4th.

Aging but Dangerous: Aging But Dangerous is a group for anyone who is older today than they were yesterday. That's everyone! Our next gathering will be March 13th in the church fellowship hall from 5-7pm & will continue on the 2nd Thursday of each month throughout the school year. We'll have a meal, Scripture study & prayer. Bring a dish to pass if you'd like. Questions or for a ride, Jeff & Harriet 651-764-3172 or Jim & Vickie 507-358–5750.

<u>ABC Bible Study (Adult Bible Study Community!):</u> All are welcome to join us for ABC Bible study! We meet every Sunday (unless noted) from 8:30-9:15am in the Family Room at church year round. This Bible study is a great way for adults to grow in faith & life together!

<u>Church Quilting:</u> All are welcome to join quilting in the fellowship hall! The quilters will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 9:30-12pm through April. Contact Bev O'Reilly with questions.

Serve

<u>Serve with the Zumbrota Food Shelf:</u> The Zumbrota Food Shelf is looking for volunteers to serve on the Food Shelf Board or as a Food Shelf volunteer. Interested? Contact Craig Nord (nord812.cnc@gmail.com) or Ron or Jan Horsman (507-732-7527).

<u>Food Shelf Donations</u>: Donations of non-perishable foods or basic necessities are welcomed. Cash donations are also welcomed & can be placed in the offering plate during worship. A collection bin is located in the narthex at church. Hours and info is on their website: https://www.findfoodgoodhuecounty.com/find-food-zumbrota

<u>Christian Care Team:</u> Send us your prayer requests by phone call, email or in-person. Our team: Sharon Pagel, Courtney Meyer, Kristin Diercks, Jennifer Rehder, Grace Buck, Sue Majerus, Christie Hanson, Jolene Mann, Amy Jenson, Tiffany Gadient, Melanie Lodermeier & Jacki Ebner. careteam@stlukegoodhue.org or 651-998-7106.

<u>Blessing Barn:</u> Our Blessing Barn contains a variety of supplies & is at our old church location 308 First Ave Goodhue. Take what you need and give what you can! Laundry soap, dish soap, hand soap, and cleaning supplies are items that are needed the most at this time. A collection bin is located in the narthex for donations.