

The Good News

St. Luke Lutheran Church

HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 2025

St. Luke Happenings!

Join Us for
WORSHIP

St. Luke Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:30AM
and live on our Facebook page

Wednesday Edu-Worship 6:45pm

*We will not meet on Wed, Jan. 1st or 15th



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St Luke Church is scheduled January 19, 2025 immediately following worship. At that time we will have the opportunity to elect council members & committee members for the coming years. We will be taking a look at the purposed budget for 2025, and sharing ideas for ministry in the coming year.

Turn in your Annual Reports!

Committee chair persons or treasurers of the various committees need to have their annual report into the office by Friday, January 10th so they can be included in the 2024 Annual Report.

Basswood For Sale

We have approximately ½ pallet of basswood (the wood used in our church ceiling) for sale at \$1,500. Please contact Ben Zillgitt with questions or interest. bzillgitt@hotmail.com or (507) 440-3905



Remember in Prayer...



Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, Jeff Ferkinhoff, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Rollie Quade, Bob Eppen, and Chase Hanson.

Those recently baptized:

Maverick Crowson the son of Stephanie Meacham & Tom Crowson

Join the Tech Team!

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join our Tech Team. No prior skills needed, you will be trained on how to record Sunday morning worship services. Email the office or contact Pastor Eric with questions or to sign up.

Choir Rehearsal

St. Luke's choir will practice every Sunday after worship from 10:45 to 11:30am. All are welcome to join!



Removing the Greens

Please stay after worship on Sunday, Jan. 5th to take down the church Christmas decorations. Deb Huneke and Sharon Buck will lead this and help give direction on where things will go in our new church building. Thank you!!

Schedules & Events

Offering Counting Schedule

January 5: Lisa and Sheri
January 12: Sharon and Holly
January 19: Angela and Kelly
January 26: Sharon and Lisa

Council Sunday Communion Assistants

January 5: Sue, Ben & Calvin
January 12: Kamie, Dawn & Maggie
January 19: Scott, Char & Ben
January 26: Sue, Dawn & Maggie

Tech Team Schedule

January 5: OPEN
January 12: Tomas Ryan
January 19: Izzy O'Reilly
January 26: OPEN

Sound Team Schedule

January 5: Collin Baska
January 12: Calvin Ryan
January 19: Cole Tousignant
January 26: Collin Baska

A/V Schedule

January 5: Mike Kurtti
January 12: Nettie Ryan
January 19: Maggie Voth
January 26: OPEN

Altar Care

Merrisa Huneke

Ushering Schedule

January 5: Tipton's
January 12: Jon Roschen & Scott Peterson
January 19: Micah Huneke & Jon Roschen
January 26: Tipton's



Prayer Reading Schedule

January 5: Amie Tipton
January 12: Tom Voth
January 19: Kayla Ryan
January 26: Tris Danielson



Sunday Hospitality Team Treat Schedule

January 5: Tipton's
January 12: Ludwig's
January 19: Zillgitt's
January 26: Jennifer Rehder & Danielson's

Adult Bible Study Community!

All are welcome to join us for ABC Bible study! We will meet every Sunday year round (unless noted) from 8:30-9:15am in the church Family Room.

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Wednesday, January 8 at 7:30pm in the church Gathering Room. All are welcome to join. Let the office know if you have an item to add to the agenda.

Church Quilting

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

Schedules & Events Continued



Outreach Team Meeting

On Sunday, January 5th after worship, the Outreach Team will meet in the fellowship hall to discuss spring outreach plans.

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 January 9th in the church fellowship hall from 5-7pm & will continue on the 2nd Thursday of each month throughout the school year. We'll start with a meal & then 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.

A vertical rectangular graphic with a dark blue background featuring a bokeh effect of colorful light spots. A gold-colored geometric border, resembling a stylized house or a large letter 'A', frames the text. The text is centered and reads:

JOIN US FOR AN
OPEN HOUSE
AT THE GOODHUE
SANCTUARY APARTMENTS

JANUARY **12** 2PM-5PM

We've remodeled the basement of the old St. Luke church into apartments & are ready to find renters! Whether you're interested in renting an apartment or simply curious to see the renovated space, all community members are welcome!

Apartments available:
3 bedroom, 1.5 bathroom
1 bedroom, 1 bathroom

308 1st Avenue
Goodhue, MN

Pastor's Page

"When you pray, pray like this... 'Give us this day our daily bread.'" (Luke 11:2-3)

Greetings in Christ St. Luke Lutheran Church,

By the time you read this newsletter article we'll be past our Christmas celebrations stumbling our way into a new year. We will all be one year older, an experience some of us will meet with joy and others of us with fear and trepidation. We will all be one year wiser—or one year more aware of our foolishness—either because of lessons learned the hard way last year, or lessons learned in more gentle ways. We may be a year richer, or a year poorer. We may enter the new year happy & brimming with hope, or fearful of what is to come. More than likely, we'll meet the new year as a combination of all these things. What is true for all of us is this: If you're reading this, God has given you the grace to walk into *one more year*.

Our temptation then, as they say, is to "make the most out of this new year!" Buy that gym membership, read those books, go for that promotion, don't miss your kids' sporting events, plan that vacation, save, spend, *do all the things*. Make this new year full so that when you're reflecting on it at the end of next year, you look back with joy, not regret, and forward with hope, not despair. That's a lot of pressure to put on a new year.

I'm reminded of one of the most help pieces of advice Jesus ever gave us regarding prayer. He said, "When you pray, pray like this... 'Give us this day our daily bread.'" How appropriate at the close of one year, and the beginning of another, that these words should ring in our heads. To the temptation to look backward with either too much regret or too much pride they say, "Give us *this day* our daily bread." To the temptation to look forward with either naive hope or faithless despair they tell us, "Give us *this day* our daily bread." To anyone who needs permission to avoid the constant cultural pull to park heart and minds in the past or the future, they remind us that Jesus never pulls us in those directions. Jesus told to park our minds here, "Give us this day our daily bread."

Jesus seemed to live with this firm faith that whatever He needed, God would provide. Does that allow us the audacity to say to those regrets from the past, "Maybe I didn't need that?" Yes, I think it does. Does that allow us to say to the temptation to do "all the things" in the future, "Maybe I don't need to do that." Yes, I think it does. Does that allow us to NOT grasp hold of life in 365-day chunks but simply love the people God puts in our path, use the gifts available at this moment, forgo the gifts unavailable in this moment, and leave dreaming or dreading aside in order to simply recognize that in a lot of ways we have enough, right now? Yes, I think it does.

It'd be fun to live for a whole year, honestly, not thinking about a *whole year*. The world may not give us permission to live like that, but Jesus does, and we're followers of Jesus, not culture. Who knows what next year will bring? Who cares? Jesus never told us to worry about next year. He said, "Give us this day our daily bread." Let's start with daily bread and see what God does from there.

God bless you all, it's a pleasure being in mission and ministry with you,

Pr. Eric Hanson



December 11, 2024 at 7:30PM - Council Meeting Minutes

Present Council Members: Ben Zillgitt, Susan Majerus, Pastor Eric Hanson, Maggie Voth, Charlotte Volkmann, Mitch Lindholm, Kamie Lodermeier, Scott Peterson, and Sara Nolte – treasurer (non-voting)

Absent: Calvin Ryan and Dawn Tipcke

- Meeting called to order by President, Mitch Lindholm
- Concerns and Affirmations: Many thanks to Nicole and all who helped with the Sunday school Christmas program, prayers for Justin Fette and Rollie Quade.
- Devotions/Opening Prayer – opening prayer offered by Pastor Eric
- Motion to approve the agenda by Kamie 2nd by Char motion carried.

Reports:

Secretary's: Motion made by Eric and second by Ben to approve the secretary's report; motion carried.

Treasurer's: Motion made by Kamie and second by Maggie to approve; motion carried.

Pastor's: Pastor will be on vacation December 26 – January 1. Longest Night service on December 21, and planning for Lent/Easter. Motion made by Ben second by Scott to approve; motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Education and Youth: Kamie Lodermeier – Sunday School Christmas program was beautiful and appreciated new addition of the bells.

Extended Ministries/Endowment/Memorial: 2024 disbursements: \$335 to Fellowship of Christian Athletes, \$201 to the Landing in Rochester, \$134 to ELCA Good Gifts. Money for 2 additional windows in sanctuary has been donated.

Outreach/Evangelism: Many thanks to Andy Mann for building, installing and donating a new Blessing Barn at the old church site.

Property: Ben Zillgitt – Heater is out in Fellowship Hall; Ben will meet with Smith heating to troubleshoot. Front door to be ordered soon. Plan to order a projector switch to allow moving picture of alter/service onto wall, working with Jim Mollenhauer and Greg (Midwest Sound).

Worship and Music: Sue Majerus – Meeting December 15 after worship.

Stewardship: Char Volkmann and Scott Peterson – Thanks for updates and strong giving last month noted.

Old Business/Updates:

Ongoing property wish list: Tabled until January 2025.

Capital Campaign Update: Zoom meeting with Brenda to work with lead gifts in January.

New Business:

Finalize Annual Meeting Agenda: Motion by Maggie and 2nd by Char to approve. Motion carried.

Initial Budget Planning: 2025 Budget reviewed and changes made by group.

Nominating Committee work: As outgoing council member, Kamie will work with committee for new committee members.

Renew CD: Motion by Char, 2nd by Sue to renew CD for 1 year at 4.4%, motion carried.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer: Motion by Kamie to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Ben motion carried.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2025 - 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: *Susan Majerus, secretary*

Youth & Families



Sunday School

Sundays from 8:30-9:15AM
3yr Old PreK-6th Grades



Children Sing During Worship

January 12: PreK-1st graders sing
January 19: 2nd-6th graders sing



Acolyte Schedule

January 5: Leah Lubahn & Payten Gosse
January 12: Elnore Ryan & Greta O'Reilly
January 19: Jence Fitzgerald & George Bonner
January 26: Lanie Lodermeier & McKenna Dicke

8-12th Grade Summer Youth Trip Options

Please fill out the Google Form by scanning the QR code below in order to cast your vote for the 2025 Youth Summer Trip. There are two options that students can choose from. Option 1 is the Wilderness Base Camp trip (either 4 or 7 days) and Option 2 is the Lake Geneva Christian Center Trip. More information was emailed to you. Please fill this out as soon as possible. Any questions, please feel free to reach out to Amie Tipton or Jacob & Rachel McNamara. Thanks!



SWAG 9-12th Graders

SWAG group will continue on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30pm, with an optional meal at 6:45pm. All are welcome! We will not meet Wed, January 1st.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation "Edu-worship" for 7th and 8th graders is Wednesday's from 6:45-7:30PM.

Pizza is available every Wed. starting at 5:30pm

*We will not meet on Jan. 1st

*Jan. 15th Confirmation Live Night/No Worship

Wed. Confirmation Schedules

Jan. 8 Ushering: Tyler Lodermeier Family

Jan. 8 Pizza Cooking: OPEN

Jan. 8 Message/Reading: Aayden Lodermeier

Jan. 8 Prayers: Clara Mandelkow

Jan. 15 Pizza Cooking: Ludwig & Matthees families

Jan. 22 Ushering: Plank & Mitchell Family

Jan. 22 Pizza Cooking: Dankers family

Jan. 22 Message/Reading: Lyla Bonner & Lillian Volkmann

Jan. 22 Prayers: Shelby Dankers & Issie Mitchell

Jan. 29 Ushering: Ludwig Family

Jan. 29 Pizza Cooking: Tipton & Poston families

Jan. 29 Message/Reading: Murphy Voth

Jan. 29 Prayers: Garrett Rehder



SAVE THE DATES!

First Communion & Confirmation

First Communion Sunday will April 6th during 9:30am worship for our 5th graders.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 11th during 9:30am worship for our 8th graders.

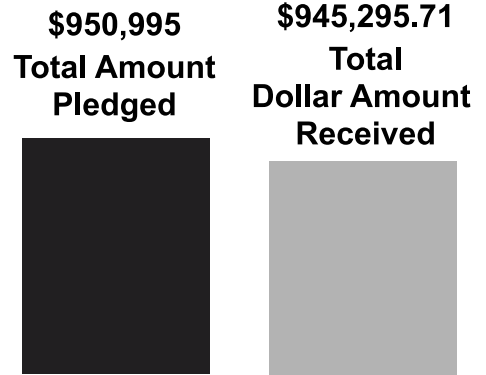
Financial Gifts

You may identify one of the following means through which you can facilitate continued generosity at any level in your ministry context.

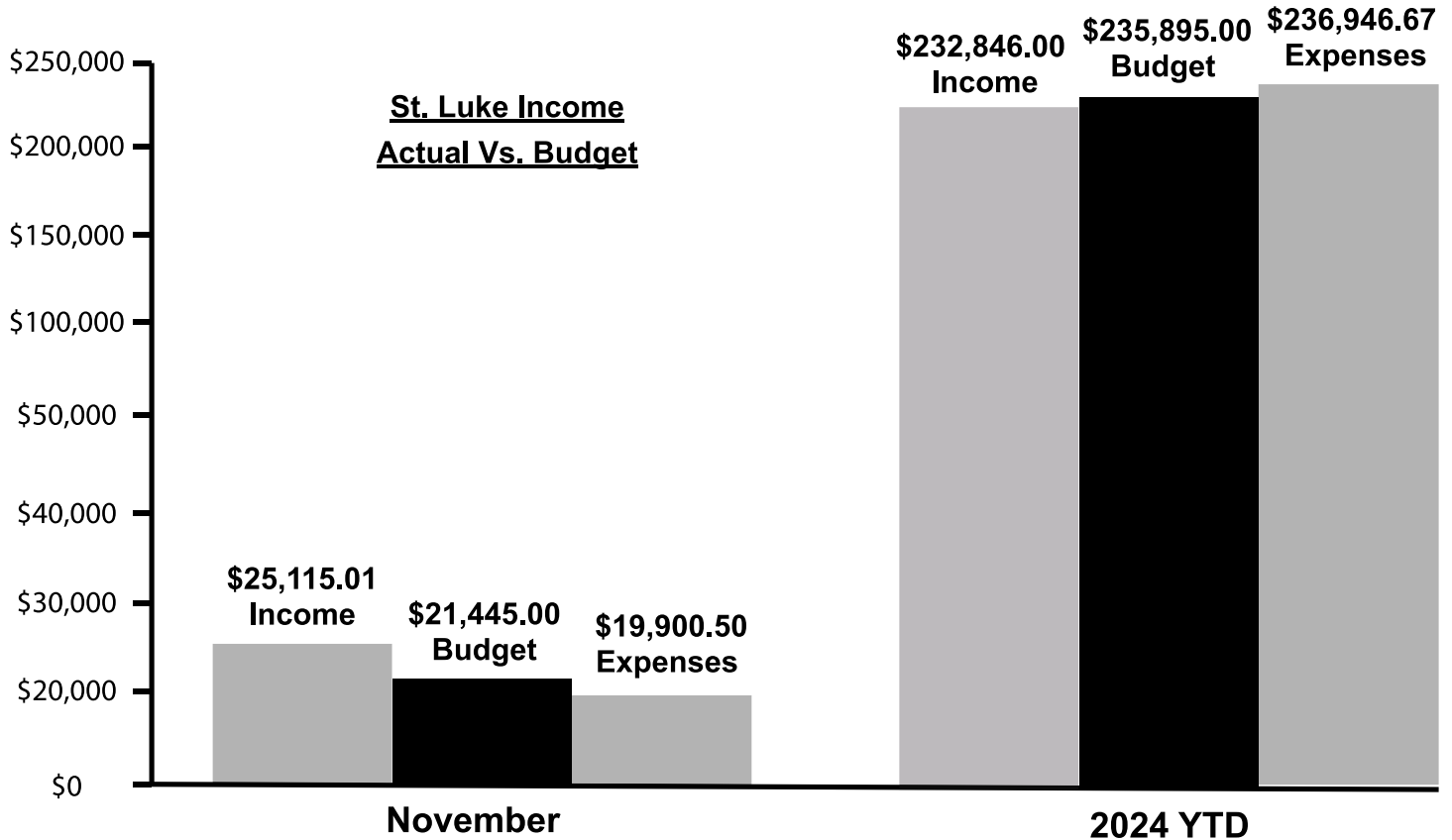
- 1) Mail a check to St. Luke Church PO Box 276 Goodhue
- 2) Consider your financial gifts through online Giving. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHX5> or scan this QR code with your smart phone. Detailed directions on how to give through Vanco can also be found on our website at stlukegoodhue.org under the Online Giving tab.



St. Luke YTD new building pledges VS. YTD pledge dollars received



As of December 27, 2024



2025 Giving Envelopes

2025 Offering envelopes are in the church narthex if you normally receive them. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like a box for 2025, let Tara in the office know. If you would prefer to give online and not receive envelopes in the future please also let Tara know.

Email Giving Statements

If you would like to sign up to receive giving statements via email instead of receiving a paper copy let Tara in the office know.

The Gift of Giving

Blessing Barn

Our Blessing Barn contains a variety of supplies and is staying at our old church location. Take what you need and give what you can!



Self care items such as deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes/paste; cleaning items like laundry soap, dish soap; & baby care items are most needed. A donation bin is in the entrance at church.

Thank You!

Thank you to Andy Mann for donating his time, skills, and supplies in building St. Luke's a new Blessing Barn!

Hospitality Team

Ever wonder how those delicious treats show up after worship? Ever have a good conversation with somebody over a cup of coffee and a brownie right after church? If so, somebody provided that opportunity for you! St. Luke's hospitality team is looking for people interested in providing treats and making coffee on Sunday morning. Interested? Tell Pr. Eric or contact Tara in the office (office@stlukegoodhue.org).

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

St. Luke Christian Care Team

The Christian Care Team is looking for new members (Prayer Warriors) starting January 1st. Please reach out to any of the CCT if you are interested in joining a great team or have any questions. Ph: 651-998-7106 or careteam@stlukegoodhue.org Our next meeting is Sunday, January 5 at 8:30am in the Gathering room at church.



Zumbrota Area Local Food Shelf

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>

Thank You!

Members of St. Luke, Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$320 to the Zumbrota Area Food Shelf in December. We really appreciate your continued support, especially during the holidays! Merry Christmas to all!

Helping Hands Service Team

"Helping Hands" is a group of St. Luke members ready to help members of our community who are in need of assistance due to limited resources or mobility. If you or someone you know is in need of a "Helping Hand" please contact Tara in the church office (651-998-7106, office@stlukegoodhue.org) or Pr. Eric, (612-834-2149, anspachh2002@gmail.com). If it is an immediate need, please contact Pastor at 612-834-2149. Examples but not limited to: grocery delivery, gutter cleaning, appt. rides, yard work, etc.

Health Care Kit Donation

We would love to deliver more kits to the Homeless Shelters this year. You can drop your items at the church. Items needed but not limited to: Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Band-Aids, Q-tips, Hairbrush, Ibuprofen, Lotion, Shaving Cream, Mouthwash, Tweezer, Nail Clipper, Vitamins, Washcloth etc.