

The Good News

St. Luke Lutheran Church



St. Luke Happenings!

Join Us for
WORSHIP

St. Luke Worship Schedule

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

Wednesday Worship at 6:45pm

*We will not meet on Wed, April 16th or 23rd

Holy Week Worship Schedule

April 17th Maundy Thursday 6:45pm

April 18th Good Friday 6:45pm

April 20th Easter Sunday Zion Sunrise 7:00am
(18910 360th St., Goodhue)

Easter Sunday St. Luke 9:30am

Lent Wednesday Evening Worship & Supper

Our SWAG group will put on two 6pm Soup Suppers for Lent on the Wednesdays April 2nd and 9th. Join us for Wednesday Lent worship at 6:45pm following the soup suppers. Lenten Wednesday offerings will go to Lutheran World Relief.

2025 Goodhue Volksfest 3 on 3 BB Tournament

Do you love basketball? Love getting some exercise with good friends? Join our Volksfest 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament happening on Saturday, June 14. Registration forms and details can be found in St. Luke's narthex, by contacting Tara at office@stlukegoodhue.org, or by going to St. Luke's website (use the QR code or look under the teal St. Luke tab on the website). This tournament is open for kids going into grade 4 through adults.



Remember in Prayer...



Keith Brown, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Harlan Reese, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Perry Fitzgerald, Tanya Bakken, Nicole Anderson, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Steve Pabst, Bob Eppen, & Chase Hanson.

Those recently baptized:

Lily Jean Reese, daughter of Cassandra Reese

Those recently married:

Adam and Nicole Dahlstrom

St. Luke Christian Care Team

Send your prayer requests through 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 Thorland, Tiffany Gadiant, Melanie Lodermeier & Jacki Ebner. Email: cctstlukegoodhue@gmail.com Ph: 651-998-7106.

Join St. Luke's 2nd Capital Campaign

From early January, St. Luke's Capital Campaign Team has been hard at work inviting friends and members to continue supporting our new building and our mission to be a church of hope and help through this place. Thus far, friends and members of St. Luke have pledged \$249,257 over the course of the next three years, to help service the mortgage and pay down the principle of our loan. In the weeks to come you'll be receiving a phone call and a letter inviting you to participate in our second capital campaign. We hope you'll join us! On May 4th we'll celebrate "Commitment Sunday" where we'll pray over our pledges together. Help us continue to steward our new tool for ministry as we keep moving forward in faith.

Schedules

Offering Counting Schedule

April 6: Sharon & Sheri
April 13: Kelly & Lisa
April 20 Easter: Holly & Beth
April 27: Sheila & Sandy

Council Sunday Communion Assistants

April 6: Maggie, Scott, Ben
April 13: Char, Sue, Mitch
April 17 Maundy Thurs: Calvin, Dawn, Maggie
April 20 Easter Zion: Char, OPEN
April 20 Easter St. Luke: Kyle, Ben, Scott
April 27: Maggie, Mitch, Dawn

Tech Team Schedule

April 6: Izzy O'Reilly
April 13: Gravemann's
April 17 Maundy Thursday 6:45pm: Tomas Ryan
April 18 Good Friday 6:45pm: Tomas Ryan
April 20 Easter: Izzy O'Reilly
April 27: Gravemann's

Sound Team Schedule

April 6: Collin Baska
April 13: Cole Tousignant
April 17 Maundy Thurs. 6:45pm: Calvin Ryan
April 18 Good Friday 6:45pm: Collin Baska
April 20 Easter: Craig Nord
April 27: Collin Baska

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Wednesday, April 9th 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.

Ushering Schedule

Wed, April 2: Jeff Matthees & Ross Matthees
Sunday, April 6: Jerry Tipcke & Dan Ramthun
Wed, April 9: Greg Ryan & Arnie Meyer
Sunday, April 13: Robert Hinsch & Dan Ramthun
Maundy Thurs, April 17: Ross Matthees & Jerry Tipcke
Good Friday, April 18: Robert Hinsch & Arnie Meyer
Easter Zion, April 20: Jeff Matthees & Ross Matthees
Easter St. Luke, April 20: Travis Ryan & Greg Ryan
Sunday, April 27: Travis Ryan & Robert Hinsch



Sunday Hospitality Treat Schedule

April 6: OPEN DATE
April 13: OPEN DATE
April 27: Merrisa Huneke

Altar Care

Jan Horsman & Sharon Buck



Prayer Reading Schedule



April 6: Harriet Warren
April 13: Tom Voth
April 20 Easter 7AM Zion: Todd Budensiek
April 20 Easter St. Luke's: Kayla Ryan
April 27: Angela Melson

A/V Schedule

April 2 Wed. Lent 6:45pm: Nicole Horsman
April 6: Maggie Voth
April 9 Wed. Lent 6:45pm: Mel Kurtti
April 13: Steve Voth
April 17 Maundy Thursday 6:45pm: Mike Kurtti
April 18 Good Friday 6:45pm: Nettie Ryan
April 20 Easter: OPEN
April 27: Mel Kurtti

Events & Giving

Tea Party! Dressed to a Tea!

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.

Goodhue Education Foundation Spring Auction & Carnival

All ages are invited to join us on Sunday, April 6th at the Goodhue School for silent and live auctions, food, free kids carnival with a bounce house. 11:30-1pm. Live auction starts at 1:30pm in gym #1.

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. *We will not meet on Easter morning, April 20th.

March Youth Food Shelf Challenge Update

A big thank you to St. Luke's youth who collected 500 pounds of food during our youth food shelf competition! Thanks to all who participated or facilitated!



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>

Aging but Dangerous

Aging But Dangerous is a group for anyone who is older today than they were yesterday. That's everyone! We will gather on April 10th 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.

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.

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).

Blessing Barn

Our Blessing Barn contains a variety of supplies & is at our old church location. Take what you need & 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.



Join the Tech Team!

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.

Youth & Families



Sunday School

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

*No Sunday School on Easter, April 20th

Children Sing During Worship

PreK-6th graders will be singing on Palm Sunday, April 13th and Easter Sunday, April 20th

Acolyte Schedule

April 6: Taye Roschen & Carter Horsman

April 13: Lauren Erickson & Garret Lodermeier

April 17 6:45pm: Lanie Lodermeier & Elenore Ryan

April 20 Easter: Jaysa Dankers & Leah Lubahn

April 27: Lucy Miller & Greta O'Reilly

First Communion Sunday

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

VBS - Save the Date!

St. Luke VBS 2024 will run from June 23rd-26th from 5:30-7:45pm. This is for all PreK-6th graders (the grade your child will be in next year). More details to come. All are welcome!

Confirmation Class April Schedule

April 2: 6pm Soup Supper, 6:45pm Worship

April 9: 6pm Soup Supper, 6:45pm Worship

April 16: Holy Week - No Class/Worship

April 23: FMSC 5:15pm

April 30: 5:30pm pizza, 6:45pm Worship

April 30th Confirmation/Edu-Worship Schedule

Apr. 30 Cook Pizzas: Kirsten Sachwitz, Amy Thorland

Apr. 30 Usher: Kirsten Sachwitz, Amy Thorland

Apr. 30 Bible Message: Laura Ludwig, Hannah Jenson

April 30 Prayer Reading: Laura Ludwig, Lyla Smith

8th Grader - Confirmation Sunday & Photos

Wednesday, April 30th at 6pm our 2025 confirmands will have their photos taken prior to worship. Order forms will be available that evening.

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

SWAG 9-12th Graders - Lent

SWAG group meets on Wednesday evenings 7:30-8:30pm (unless noted), with an optional meal at 6:45pm. All are welcome to join! *April 2nd and 9th our SWAG group will be putting on soup suppers at 6pm.

SWAG Youth Summer Trip

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.

Graduation Banquet & Recognition

Sunday, May 18th we'll have a banquet for our graduating senior class and their families at 8am followed by 9:30am worship when we will be recognizing our senior class.

O'Reilly Scholarship

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.



Confirmation Feed My Starving Children Event

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!

SWAG Feed My Starving Children Event

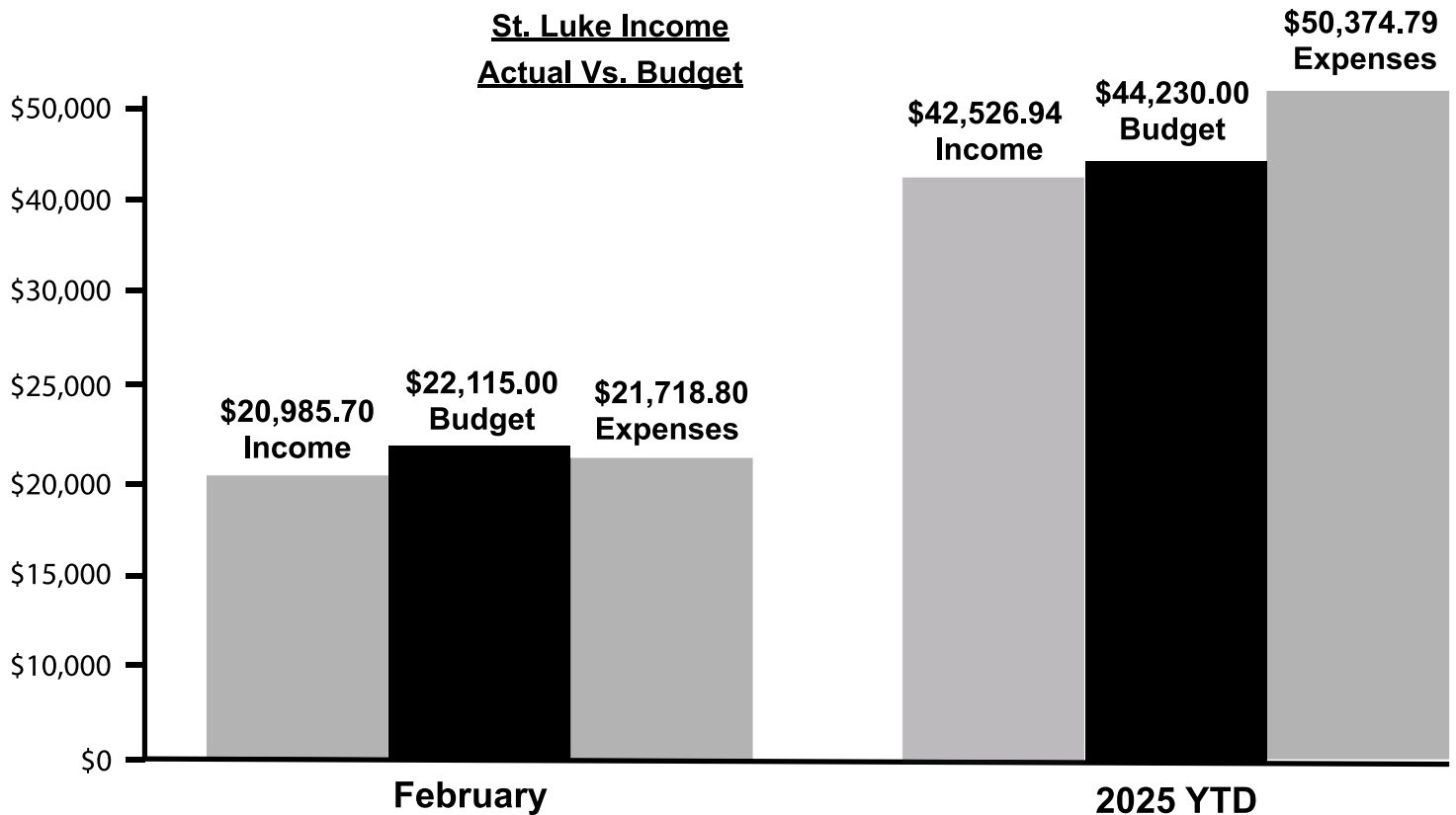
SWAG youth are encouraged to join us on Wednesday, April 30th at 5:15pm when we will depart from St. Luke's for FMSC in Eagan and return around 10pm. Bring a lunch or money with for eating on the way home. Email the office if you are planning to attend so we have a headcount.

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.



March 12, 2025 at 7:30PM - Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Council Members: Ben Zillgitt, Susan Majerus, Pastor Eric Hanson, Charlotte Volkmann, Mitch Lindholm, Kyle Haugen, Calvin Ryan, Dawn Tipcke Sara Nolte – treasurer (non-voting), guest, Jerry Tipcke

Absent: Scott Peterson, Maggie Voth,

- Meeting called to order by President, Mitch Lindholm
- Concerns and Affirmations: Healing prayers for all those dealing with recent grief. Prayers for our Christian Athletes for a fun and healthy post season.
- Devotions/Opening Prayer: Opening prayer offered by Pastor Eric
- Motion to approve the agenda by Sue 2nd by Ben, motion carried.

Reports:

Jerry Tipcke, Insurance Agent: As our premium has increased, he reviewed our policy and went over options with other carriers. They will be contacting Mitch to look over the church and consider.

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

Treasurer's: Motion made by Ben and second by Calvin to approve; motion carried.

Pastor's: Planning for spring special services, First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation recognition. Motion made by Dawn 2nd by Char to approve; motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Education and Youth: No update

Extended Ministries/Endowment/Memorial: Waiting on scholarship applications

Outreach/Evangelism: Maggie Voth, Mitch Lindholm – Food Shelf Drive going well. Kyle Roschen will assist with 3 on 3 Tourney during Volksfest.

Property: Ben Zillgitt /Calvin Ryan - Front doors installed. New microphone purchased. Looking into free trees for windbreak and cost to move.

Worship and Music: Sue Majerus – No update

Stewardship: Char Volkmann and Scott Peterson – No update

Old Business/Updates:

Capital Campaign Update: \$234,457 in Lead Gifts, Goal of \$600,000 Opening campaign to congregation

Contemporary Music Director – continued meetings to pursue

New Business:

Ongoing property/New Building wish list: In April we will share a form with request to receive ideas by May 25.

Stewardship Meeting proposed for April 28

Chairs for Fellowship room: We are in need of chairs. Calvin will out together options for chairs to purchase.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Susan Majerus, Secretary

Pastor's Page

Greetings in Christ St. Luke Lutheran Church,

As I write this letter, many of us are already looking ahead toward Easter. Our various ministry teams are planning music, paraments, flower arrangements, and more that we might celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with all the energy such a day deserves. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday we'll remember the last days of our Lord's life, and the first day of His New Life. All the reflection we've done regarding old things that need to die so something new can live will hear that life-giving Easter promise come April 20th: Death is not the end, there is New Life for us all.

C.S. Lewis reminds us in one of his many books, "God never repeats himself. God always does something *new*." (not a direct quote, but close enough). Easter reminds us that our walk with Christ is not a walk toward self-improvement, a walk *back* to old ways of thinking and living, or even a temptation to remain in places of comfort and security. Our walk with Christ is always a walk toward something new. God doesn't do improvement, God does death and resurrection. In what ways is God making you *new* as we end our final journey through lent and approach the empty tomb? In what ways is God guiding you to bring newness into your community, work place, and family? These are the questions we live with for the remainder of Lent, opening up our hearts and minds to God's response.

And, at this point in the Lenten season, it may also be helpful to reflect back on past Lenten journeys we've undertaken. Sometimes, I believe we're tempted to think that our spiritual lives should be linear. In other words, that they have a beginning and an ending, and once we've confronted sin, death, grief, & all the things that need to die one year, we shouldn't have to do it again the next year. We might mistakenly believe that if we experienced God's response of New Life back in 2024 through a confrontation of sin, pain, grief, anxiety, or (fill in your own blank) we shouldn't have to go through that process again in 2025.

Upon deeper reflection, however I think we'll find that a linear model of the spiritual life doesn't match actual experience. This is why we move through the seasons of the church year *every year*. Our spiritual lives are much more *cyclical* than they are linear. And if you think of that as repetitive, I'd invite us to think of it as *rhythmic* instead. Repetition is the same, old thing over and over again. Rhythm is something familiar, but within rhythm permanence and change are woven together. Spring comes each year, but no spring is like the last (that is rhythm, not repetition). We celebrate birthdays every 365 days, but each year brings new blessing & challenges (that is rhythm, not repetition). Lent calls us to peer into death, Easter calls us to expect New Life, but each year we undergo these reflections we confront different deaths and experience New Life in different ways (that is rhythm, not repetition).

As Easter approaches, peer into pasty cycles of repentance & renewal, confession and forgiveness, and letting old things die so something new can live. Let us remind ourselves of how God has responded in the past to the rhythm of our spiritual lives. And in remembering that rhythm, may we have confidence that God shall respond again.

May God bless your final days of Lent with holy reflection upon this holy rhythm, and a deep trust in His response,

Pr. Eric



Getting to know our members! Luke & Courtney Meyer Family Interview for St. Luke

Introducing Luke, Courtney and kiddos – Madeline (3rd grade), Patrick (1st grade) and Grant (Pre-K) - a fun crew we are blessed to have as members of the St. Luke Church family! Although kids, work and life keep them busy, traveling brings enjoyable adventures to this crew of five. Without diving too much into that, here are some tidbits of their history as well as what lead Luke and Courtney to choosing St. Luke as their church home for them and their children.

Luke grew up on his family's farm North of Goodhue where he lived with his parents, twin sister and older brother. He graduated from Goodhue High School in 2005, while Courtney grew up not too far down the road in Vasa and in Red Wing. She graduated in the class of 2006 from Red Wing High School.

In his youth, Luke attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church (WELS) in Goodhue, where his dad and siblings' families are still members today. His mom is a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, so when he was younger, on occasion, he would attend Saturday night mass with her. Joining St. Luke completed his Goodhue church-trifecta punch card!

In her past, Courtney loved spending time with members at Vasa Church, and has lots of fond memories of Pastor Dobbins, who was the Pastor there for many years. He reminds her so much of Pastor Eric! Something particular that stood out to her on her younger faith journey was a retreat she attended in middle school with another ELCA church in Red Wing. Courtney loved being able to participate in many fun activities with another group of church friends.

Together they became members and were married at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Rochester, Minnesota. While at Gloria Dei, Pastor Dave Berg led them through marriage mentoring, married them, and baptized all three of their children! This was a very special time during their faith journey that both hold close in their heart, along with Pastor Berg. When the time was right, they made the transition to St. Luke after moving to Goodhue in 2020.

Today, outside of their church life, Luke has worked at KTTC Television in Rochester, MN since 2013. He works as a Media Executive in the sales department. He also volunteers on the board of directors at Bear Creek Services in Rochester. Courtney is a Registered Nurse (RN), currently working at Mayo Clinic Health System in Lake City as a surgical services nurse. Her healing heart and hands do not end there, as she offers both through the generous gift of time as a co-leader on the St. Luke Christian Care Team.

Since Day 1, St. Luke has felt like home to them. From the welcoming congregation members to the many events and opportunities for fellowship, they want to see St. Luke continue to be a thriving congregation that encourages all and makes others feel they have a place they belong and call 'home', as well! A service they love that adds to the welcoming spirit is the Christmas service where congregation friends and members get to choose hymns of their liking.

They expressed their gratitude for the friendships and fellowship St. Luke brings into their lives, and also noted the many opportunities to learn, play and grow in faith their children have, too. A few additional pieces that contribute to the 'home' vibe for them is how church services are filled with noise from other children. They love this stating, "Ours fit right in!" Both appreciate the life Pastor Eric and the Sunday School staff bring to St. Luke and feel a similar connection to St. Luke they had at their previous church – an immense compliment. They feel blessed for the sacred space and people of St. Luke willing to guide their entire family as they continue their faith journey.

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE