

# The Good News

St. Luke Lutheran Church

July 2024



## St. Luke Happenings!

*Join Us for*  
**WORSHIP**

### St. Luke Worship Schedule

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

Wednesdays at Zion Church 7PM  
(through August 21st)  
18910 360<sup>th</sup> St. Goodhue

### Zion Sermon Topics in July

July 3: Following Jesus in Times of Joy  
July 10: Following Jesus in Times of Pain  
July 17: Following Jesus Through Sin  
July 24: Following Jesus in Righteousness  
July 31: Hymn Sing Worship

### Pastor Vacation in August

Pastor Eric will be on vacation August 3-14th. Rev. Hannah Bergstrom de Leon will be covering emergencies while Pastor Eric is away. Her contact number is: 507-218-9063.

### St. Luke Christian Care Team

Please send us your prayer requests through phone call, email or in-person. Our team: Susie Matthees, Sharon Pagel, Courtney Meyer, Kristin Diercks, Jennifer Rehder, Sheila Pasch, Sue Majerus, Christie Hanson, Jolene Mann, and Jacki Ebner. Ph: 651-998-7106  
Email: [careteam@stlukegoodhue.org](mailto:careteam@stlukegoodhue.org)



### Remember in Prayer...

Keith Brown, Judy Carpenter, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Shawn Fredrixon, Marc Bode, Julie Marklevits, Harlan Reese, Beth Carlson, Gage Miller, Alex Stehr, Maria Starr Quiggle, Perry Fitzgerald, Phil Tupper, Tanya Bakken, Lorraine Hinsch, & Kay Kurtti.



### Those recently baptized:

Brandt Dankers, the son of  
Brittany & Brett Dankers

### Those recently married:

Joel Breuer and Tessa Wimmer  
Sydney Melson and Nick Lundquist

### Southeast Minnesota Synod Church Wide Summer Theology Pubs

Ever want to talk with other people of faith about cultural issues that matter? Want to do it in a fun, casual setting? The Southeast Minnesota Synod of the ELCA is hosting a series of theology pubs this summer to provide such opportunities. Guided conversations on issues that matter will happen on July 11th (Red Wing Brewery) and August 15th (10,000 Drops Craft Distiller, Faribault). All gatherings are at 7pm. All are welcome!

### 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>

# Schedules & Events

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## Offering Counting Schedule

July 7: Kelly and Sheila  
July 14: Holly and Mitch  
July 21: Angela and Sharon  
July 28: Lisa and Sheri

## Sound Team Schedule

July 7: Cole Tousignant  
July 14: Craig Nord  
July 21: Calvin Ryan  
July 28: Collin Baska



## Prayer Reading Schedule

Wed, July 3: Susie Matthees  
July 7: Larry Miller  
Wed, July 10: Todd Budensiek  
July 14: Sheila Pasch  
Wed, July 17: Mike Kurtti  
July 21: Karen O'Reilly  
Wed, July 24: Ginny Budensiek  
July 28: Harriet Warren  
Wed, July 31: Kayla Ryan



## Altar Care

Amy Thorland and  
Sheila Pasch



## Church Council Meeting NOTE: Date/Time Change

Church council will meet on July 15th and August 19th at 7pm in the church Gathering Room. All are welcome to join. Let the office know if you have an item to add to the agenda.

## Council Sunday Communion Assistants

July 7: Mitch & Scott  
July 14: Maggie & Char  
July 21: Calvin & Sue  
July 28: Ben & Char

## Tech Team Schedule

July 7: Garrett Rehder  
July 14: Murphy Voth  
July 21: Tomas Ryan  
July 28: Murphy Voth

## A/V Schedule

July 7: Mike Kurtti  
July 14: Steve Voth  
July 21: Mel Kurtti  
July 28: Maggie Voth

## ABC Bible Study

### (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. This Bible study is a great way for adults to grow in faith and life together!

## Ushering Schedule

Wed, July 3: Tom Voth  
July 7: Trevor Volkmann & Mitch Breuer  
Wed, July 10: Tom Voth  
July 14: Jeff and Harriet Warren  
Wed, July 17: Trevor Volkmann  
July 21: Jeff and Harriet Warren  
Wed, July 24: Mitch Breuer  
July 28: Jeff and Harriet Warren  
Wed, July 31: Trevor Volkmann

## Pastor's Page

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*"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with few things, I will put you in charge of many things. Come, share in your masters' happiness!'" (Matthew 25:23).*

Greetings in Christ St. Luke Lutheran Church,

As I write this newsletter article, we're in full swing Vacation Bible School mode here at St. Luke.

First of all, I need to express again my heartfelt thanks for everyone who led our building project and for all who donated time, talents, and treasures to the effort. On our first day of Vacation Bible School, we had 64 kids and 24 adults engaging in Jesus' story and participating holy fellowship. This has been the *smoothest* of my four Vacation Bible School weeks at St. Luke. Our new spaces allowed us to spread out enough in our building so that leaders, teachers, and kids could hear each other's voices and interact easily in our various groups and rooms. On our first night we had the threat of rain, and for the first time we had enough space to move everything inside the building (even our outdoor games and the bouncy house). Finally, any kids or adults with mobility challenges didn't have to navigate stairs and drop-off/pick-up was super easy with one primary entrance and exit to the building. As I've said all along, our new building is a tool for ministry and it should help us achieve our mission of spreading Christ's story even more effectively. Well, that box can be checked. *Well done good and faithful servants.*

Second, I want to thank the volunteers who partnered in mission with us during Vacation Bible School. For the adults and teens who led groups and befriended the youngest among us, thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ so that words about Christ mean something when they settle on little ears. For those who worked in the background; purchasing food, making food, setting up, cleaning up, and more, thank you! Martha gets a bad wrap in scripture because she does all the background work while Mary sits at Jesus' feet, but let's remember, if somebody doesn't set the table, nobody eats! Thank you for preparing tables where God's grace could be encountered. *Well done good and faithful servants.*

And finally, I want to thank Nicole Wananda, our Sunday School Coordinator. Nicole works tirelessly behind the scenes and in front of the scenes making sure all the cats are herded, piles of supplies are where they need to be, and volunteers are equipped to do their good work. She does hundreds of things that are visibly awesome, and a hundreds more that we never see. *Well done good and faithful servant.*

Vacation Bible School week always serves as a microcosm for why St. Luke works as a church. This continues to be a place where God's people answer the call to participate together in mission to our community and beyond. And, you all do it with joy exuding from your hearts and hands. Keep it up, if all those kids at Vacation Bible School tell us anything it's that we have a bright future ahead. *Well done good and faithful servants.*

It's a pleasure being in mission and ministry with you,

Pr. Eric Hanson



## **June 5, 2024 at 7:00PM - Council Meeting Minutes**

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**Present: Council Members: members present--** Ben Zillgitt, Susan Majerus, Calvin Ryan, Pastor Eric Hanson, Kamie Lodermeier, Mitch Lindholm, Dawn Tipcke, Maggie Voth and Sara Nolte – treasurer (non-voting)

**Absent:** Scott Peterson and Charlotte Volkmann

- Meeting called to order by President Mitch Lindholm
- Concerns and Affirmations: Peggy and Ben Zillgitt and family, Beth Carlson, Kay and Roger Kurtti, Sara's grandbaby pending arrival
- Devotions/Opening Prayer – opening prayer offered by Pastor Eric
- Motion to approve the agenda by Sue 2nd by Maggie; motion carried.

### **Report:**

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

**Treasurer's:** Motion made by Sue and second by Dawn to approve; motion carried.

**Pastor's:** Pastor is back from vacation. Motion made by Kamie and second by Calvin to approve; motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education & Youth:** Kamie Lodermeier: Preparing for VBS, last week of June, theme is "Give Thanks".

**Extended Ministries/Endowment/Memorial:** Dawn Tipcke: Julia Carlson awarded O'Reilly scholarship.

**Outreach/Evangelism:** Maggie Voth and Mitch Lindholm: Many teams will be completing with 3 on 3 tourney over Volksfest.

**Property:** Ben Zillgitt and Calvin Ryan: Discussion of future community garden, mowing and wall in SWAG room has been repaired.

**Worship and Music:** Sue Majerus – Planning Polka Sons of Praise service June 23.

**Stewardship:** Char Volkmann and Scott Peterson – great stewardship article in newsletter.

### **Old Business/Updates:**

#### **New Building Discussion/Building Team & Finance Team Updates:**

Drain tile is here and work, preparing parking lot with prep work and culvert placement. Church sign is being painted. Stained glass windows have been removed from old church and plans for 8 inside sanctuary.

### **New Business:**

#### **July and August Council meeting dates:**

Motion by Pastor Eric to move meetings to Monday July 15, 2024 at 7 PM and Monday August 19, 2024 at 7 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie, motion passed.

**Election of 2 outgoing council members for 2024 nominating committee:** Tabled this discussion.

**Chair arrival and unloading:** New chairs arrive Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9 AM. Notices will go out requesting anyone available come and help unload, unpack and place in church.

**Bringing Light into the Darkness:** Sue attended the recent suicide prevention forum in Lake City. She shared reasons why and common misconceptions about suicide.

**Adjournment and Lord's Prayer:** Motion by Sue to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, July 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Susan Majerus, Council Secretary

# Youth & Families

## July Acolytes

July 7: Connor Dicke & Logan Dicke

July 14: Henry Luhman & Caleb Hanson

July 21: Elmer Lodermeier & Jenna Wieme

July 28: Adalie Hase & Jacob Matthees

## HS Mission Trip & Camp Wapo Blessing/Meeting

On Sunday, July 21st during worship we will have a special blessing during the children's sermon for all our kids heading out on our high school mission trip & to Camp Wapo the following week. Also, following worship we'll have a quick meeting in the Youth Room to pray for both groups and go over St. Luke behavioral expectations for all participants on all trips.

## Mandatory Confirmation Parents Meeting

The 2024/25 confirmation year approaches. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation parents, mark your calendars to meet with Pr. Eric after worship on Sunday, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall to learn about the upcoming confirmation year & how both students & parents are invited to engage together during the year.

## VBS - Thank you!

Last week 70+ children enjoyed their time learning about *Giving Thanks and Responding to God's grace with gratitude*. Our new church space was thoroughly utilized! Many thanks to all those who donated food, supplies, and their time to make it a successful week for our youth!



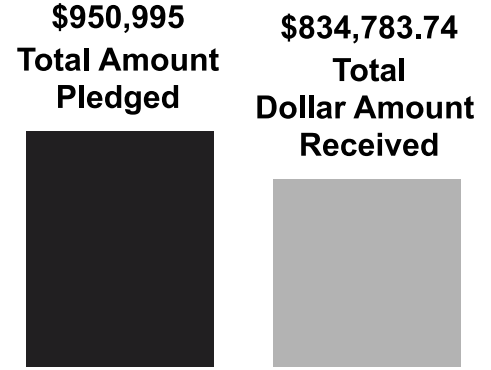
# Financial Gifts

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](https://stlukegoodhue.org) under the Online Giving tab.

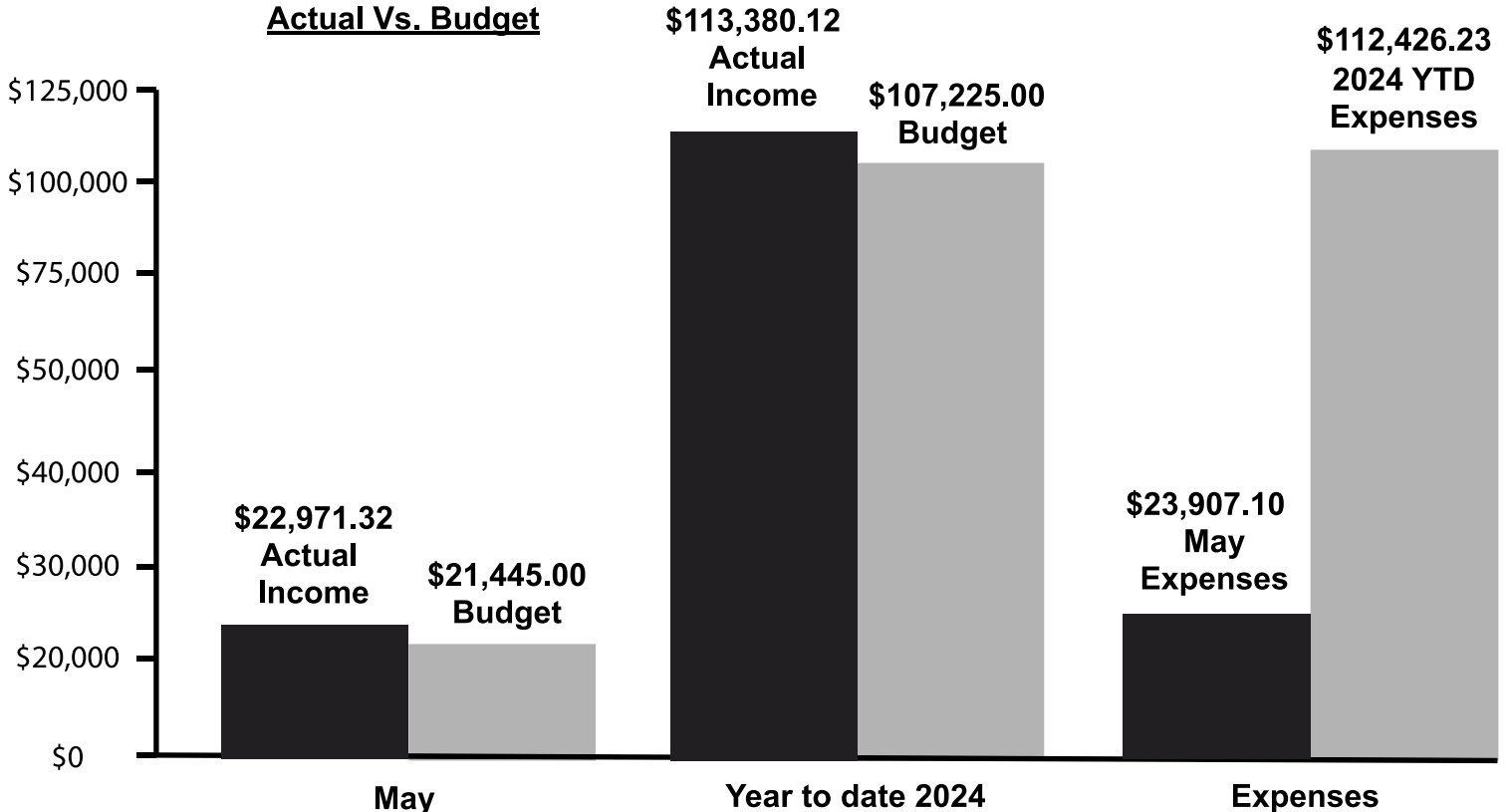


## St. Luke YTD new building pledges VS. YTD pledge dollars received



As of June 22, 2024

## St. Luke Income Actual Vs. Budget



## Getting to know our members! Jacob and Rachel McNamara's Interview for St. Luke

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Among some of St. Luke Church's greatest blessings are Jacob and Rachel McNamara! They are currently serving as the Faith Formation Facilitators, guiding and inspiring our congregation's youth members by leading the high school group (SWAG) through weekly discussions and activities, along with a variety of service projects. They were drawn to join St. Luke's because they felt that there was already a strong youth program in place, and they are looking forward to raising their family in the church. They also value a congregation with a feeling of community and fellowship, which they also found at St. Luke's. They love how the church, along with its members, work together to give everyone the best possible faith experience.

Rachel grew up and went to school in Hayfield, MN. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran in Hayfield, MN, where she was very involved in their youth group during her high school years and participated in service projects, a North Shore trip and attended the ELCA youth group gathering in Houston, Texas. This involvement led her to grow in her faith, and she also credits her mom as her spiritual mentor, who modeled active service in the church and discussed her own faith experiences, making faith an important part of life at home.

Goodhue is Jacob's hometown, where he was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He attended Bethany Lutheran College, where he learned about the Lutheran faith, while receiving a faith-based education. Attending daily Chapel and weekly Bible study were great opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship with varied groups of people. Jacob's spiritual leader was one of his professors, Dr. Polly Browne. She was someone who taught him how to use his faith to impact the lives of others in education.

Outside of their Faith Formation position, Rachel works as a Registered Nurse at Mayo Clinic in Rochester on the Thoracic and Vascular ICU, while Jacob teaches 5th grade Language Arts at Goodhue Public School, where he also coaches basketball and football. They both enjoy hiking, watching Survivor, and spending time with their families. They are in the process of building a house in Goodhue and are expecting their first child at the end of September!

Jacob and Rachel are so excited for the opportunity to serve in the church and grow and develop their faith! They were active in their faith in college and wanted a way to continue to share their experiences while serving their own community by bringing teens closer to Christ. They are looking forward to working with the SWAG kids and learning more about them and their faith journeys.

We thank the McNamaras for their amazing service to our church and community, and for helping us get to know them!

*Blessings*  
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

# 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 collection bin is located in the narthex at church for donations.



## 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@stluke-goodhue.org) or Pr. Eric, (612-834-2149, anspaceh2002@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.

## Congratulations St. Luke Volksfest 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament winners!

St. Luke congratulations the following teams on winning their Division in the second annual St. Luke 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament:

Girls 5th-7th Grade: The Ballin’ Blazers (Jenna Wieme, Emily Lodermeier, Brielle Ryan & Jada Ryan)

Girls 8th-10th Grade: The Hericanes (Aaaza Bartman, Georgia Schmalz, Callie & Maddie)

Boys 4th-6th Grade: Goodhue 6th 1 (Caleb Hanson, Micah Diercks, Blake Shaw, Connor Dicke, Joey Buck)

Boys 7th-10th Grade: The Green FN’s (Duncan Poncellet, Jackson Lodermeier, Corbin Jaeger, Will Peterson)

Men’s 19+: Minneapolis North: (Ben Opsahl, Will Opsahl, Justin Buck)

