

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

Zion Summer Wednesday Worship 7pm
(18910 360th St. Goodhue)

Zion Summer Worship

Join us for worship at Zion, 7pm on Wednesday evenings from June 11th through August 20th. The only exception is that during Vacation Bible School week, Zion Service will be on Thursday, June 26th at 7pm, preceded by the VBS picnic at 6pm. Our sermon series for this summer is entitled *"How to know God."* We'll talk about the different ways people have sought to know and experience God through the practices of study, worship and sacrament, prayer, service, recreation, and more. Have you ever spent time discovering your own *"spiritual fingerprint?"* If not, maybe it's time to start.

Zion Summer Picnic

All are welcome to join us for our annual Zion summer picnic on Wednesday, July 16th at 6pm, prior to 7pm Zion worship. Food will be provided.

Custodian Position

We welcome Jolene Mann as St. Luke's newly hired custodian! She will be starting this position in June. We also thank Jacki Ebner for her time and dedication cleaning St. Luke Church this past year!



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, Tara Vieths, Chase Hanson, Scott Bignell & Peg Campbell.

Those recently baptized:

Raylynn Rose Hadler the
daughter of Randy & Heather Hadler



Polka Sons of Praise Worship & German Meal

Join us for our 2nd annual Polka worship service on Sunday, June 22nd at 9:30am. St. Luke will host The Polka Sons of Praise worship band for a special worship service featuring live polka music. Strap on your lederhosen and join us! After worship we'll have a German-themed fellowship brunch with a freewill offering. Proceeds will go toward our Forward In Faith Fund. Join us and bring a friend!

Contemporary Music Director

Kris Luhman has accepted the position of St. Luke's Contemporary Music Director. She'll be organizing our many talented musicians to provide for a contemporary service once a month at our church. Please pray for her and the teams she'll be putting together! Please let Kris know if you are interested in joining or want to hear more about being a part of the Contemporary music teams!

Schedules & Events

Offering Counting Schedule

June 1: Sandy and Angela
June 8: Holly and Beth
June 15: Sheila and Sheri
June 22: Kelly and Sharon
June 29: Lisa and Sheri

Altar Care

Pat Roschen

Tech Team Schedule

June 1: Tom
June 8: Izzy
June 15: OPEN
June 22: Tomas
June 29: Izzy

Sound Team Schedule

June 1: Collin
June 8: Calvin
June 15: Craig
June 22: Calvin
June 29: Cole

A/V Schedule

June 1: Maggie
June 8: Mike
June 15: OPEN
June 22: Nettie
June 29: Mel

Council Sunday Communion Assistants

June 1: Sue & Maggie
June 8: Sue & Mitch
June 15: Sue & Dawn
June 22: Kyle & Scott
June 29: Ben & Maggie

St. Luke Church Instagram Page

St. Luke Church now has an Instagram page. Follow us at @stluke2025 on Instagram to see up to date information of what's happening at St. Luke Church!



Ushering Schedule

June 1: Ray and Ryan Tipcke
June 8: Heather Ryan family
7pm Wed, June 11: Mike Danielson
June 15: Ray and Ryan Tipcke
7pm Wed, June 18: Sharon and Dean Pagel
June 22: Heather Ryan family
7pm THURSDAY, June 26: Mike Danielson
June 29: Sharon and Dean Pagel



Prayer Reading Schedule

June 1: Amie
June 8: Susie
7pm Wed, June 11: Larry
June 15: Sheila
7pm Wed, June 18: Karen
June 22: Mike
7pm THURSDAY, June 26: Ginny
June 29: Harriet



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.

Summer Church Council Meetings

Due to Zion worship, we have changed our council meeting dates and times to the following: June 9th, July 14th, and August 11th all are at 7:00pm.

Giving

Online Capital Campaign Pledge

Earlier in May we celebrated Commitment Sunday for our 2nd Capital Campaign. With faith as our foundation, we come together to commit our pledges to continue stewarding well our holy spaces and new tool for ministry that we might continue to serve well as a church of hope and help in Goodhue and beyond. Anybody who has not submitted a pledge card is invited to fill out the online pledge card by using this QR code or by putting a pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday mornings (pledge cards are located in the church narthex by the offices).



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.

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” contact the church office (651-998-7106, office@stlukegoodhue.org) or Pr. Eric, (612-834-2149, anspachh2002@gmail.com). If it is an immediate need, contact Pastor at 612-834-2149.



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>



Zion Church Clean-Up

On Sunday, June 8th at 7pm bring your cleaning supplies and a rake, and join us at Zion Church for spring cleaning inside and outside Zion Church. 18910 360th St. Goodhue

thank
you

Sunday School Thank You!

Many many thanks to our Sunday school teachers and helpers this past school year! We cannot make it a success without you!

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 and Jacki Ebner. Email: cctstlukegoodhue@gmail.com Ph: 651-998-7106.

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.



Youth & Families



Sunday School

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

Acolyte Schedule

June 1: Lauren and Leah
June 8: Garret and Elenore
June 15: Anna and Lanie
June 22: Lucy and Taye
June 29: Jaysa and Greta

O'Reilly Scholarship - Congratulations

Congratulations to Morgan Rehder for being awarded the O'Reilly Scholarship by St. Luke's Extended Ministry Team. She will be awarded \$250 after completion of her first semester at college.

SWAG Youth Summer Trip & Chaperones Needed

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. We are currently looking for adult chaperones. Let the office or Pastor Eric know if you would like to chaperone.

Register for Youth Trip to Lake Geneva

High schoolers signed up for this summer's youth trip can register at <http://www.msmstudent.com/camp> Use St. Luke's YGR code to register: Swag youth.



We Congratulate our 2025 Confirmands

Our 8th grade confirmands were confirmed on May 11th. Congratulations Katelyn Wieme, Hannah Jenson, Abigail Tipton, Macey Poston, Lyla Bonner, Lillian Volkmann, Benjamin Thomforde, Garrett Rehder, Levi Matthees, Isabella Mitchell, Mallory Lindholm, Aayden Lodermeier, Shelby Dankers, Aleaha Hanson, Clara Mandelkow, Lucy Carlson, & Lyla Smith.



We Congratulate our 2025 High School Seniors

Our Seniors were recognized during our senior breakfast and worship service on May 18th. Congratulations Cole Jenson, Lincoln Ryan, Emma Voth, Colin O'Connor, Anna Mangan, Addison Taxdahl, Izzabelle O'Reilly, Kason Zetah, Allie Christensen, Taylor Thomforde, Marisa Collins, Morgan Majerus, Morgan Rehder, Zabe Flom, Lucas Erickson, Marcus Young, & Kate Carlson.

VBS

VBS will run June 23rd-25th from 5:30-7:45pm at St. Luke Church. VBS Family Fun at Zion Church Thursday, June 26th with 6PM potluck & worship at 7pm. Zion Address: 18910 360th St. Goodhue. Contact us at (651) 998-7106 or office@stlukegoodhue.org with questions. Use the QR code to sign up your PreK-6th graders or at stlukegoodhue.org





Feed My Starving Children Event

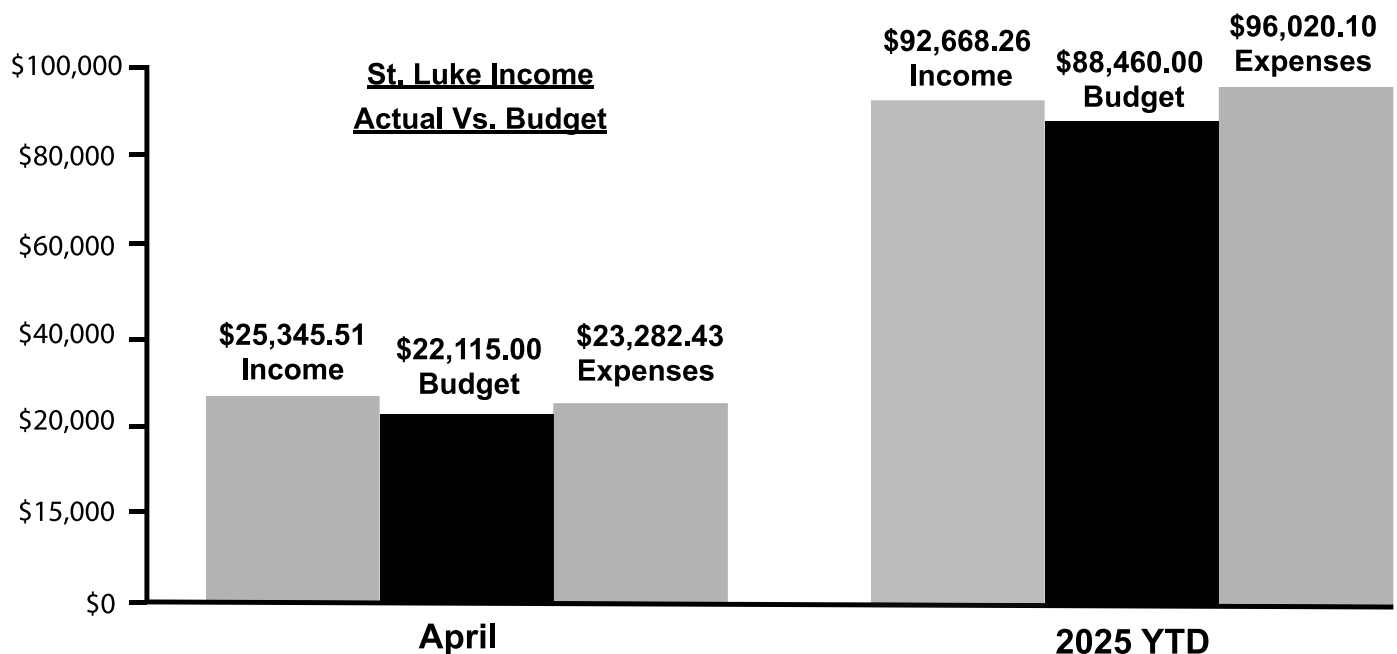
Our confirmation class and SWAG group boxed meals at Feed My Starving Children in April and May. A job well done St. Luke youth!

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 st-lukegoodhue.org under the Online Giving tab.



May 14, 2025 at 7:30PM - Council Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: Ben Zillgitt, Pastor Eric Hanson, Sue Majerus, Mitch Lindholm, Kyle Haugen, Calvin Ryan, Dawn Tipcke, Maggie Voth

Absent: Scott Peterson, Charlotte Volkmann, and Sara Nolte – treasurer (non-voting),

Meeting called to order by President, Mitch Lindholm

- Concerns and Affirmations 2025 graduates, Joan Quiggle.
- Devotions/Opening Prayer: Opening prayer offered by Pastor Eric
- Motion to approve the agenda by Sue 2nd by Maggie, motion carried.

Reports:

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

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

Pastor's: Confirmation of 17 students went well. Zion summer worship theme is "How to Know God". Both Easter services were full, next year will plan for 3 services.

Motion made by Calvin and second by Dawn to approve Pastor's report.

Committee Reports:

Education and Youth: No updates.

Extended Ministries/Endowment/Memorial: Morgan Rehder will receive the O'Reilly scholarship of \$250.

Extended ministry funds of \$265 to FCA, \$159 to the Landing, and \$106 to Feed My Starving Children.

Outreach/Evangelism: Maggie Voth, Mitch Lindholm – The 3-on-3 basketball tournament registration is open. The youth are selling concessions at games as a fundraiser.

Property: Ben Zillgitt /Calvin Ryan – Tree update: still exploring some options. Calvin looked into the sound issues and upgrades.

Worship and Music: Sue Majerus – No update, working on Contemporary music and worship.

Stewardship: Scott Peterson, Char Volkmann – Per Pastor Eric, working on theme for fall plan.

Old Business/Updates:

Capital Campaign Update: \$467,297 in pledges, and still reaching out. Motion by Dawn, 2nd by Kyle to pay \$80,000 on the loan principle. Motion carried.

Chairs for Fellowship room: 100 new chairs have arrived. Motion by Kyle, 2nd by Dawn to purchase chair rack with monies from building fund savings account, motion carried.

Contemporary Worship Director: Motion by Eric and 2nd by Sue to offer the position to Kris Luhman, motion carried.

New Business:

Mirror for Sacristy: A mirror will be donated.

MIF certificate renewal: Motion to add \$400 from the Memorial fund to the 3 year CD (to total the minimum of \$1,000) and renew for 3 years, motion by Kyle, 2nd by Ben, motion carried.

Summer Council Meeting schedule: Council will meet the 2nd Mondays of June, July, and August at 7 PM.

Approve Jolene Mann as Custodian: Motion by Maggie, 2nd by Dawn, motion carried to hire Jolene.

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

Next Meeting: Monday June 9, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Susan Majerus, Secretary

Pastor's Page

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you."
declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:13-14a).

Greetings in Christ St. Luke Lutheran Church,

Everybody has a spiritual fingerprint; a way we experience God individually and in community. You can see the ingredients that make up our various spiritual fingerprints all over the Bible. For the Psalmists, praise and worship revealed God's presence. The prophets drew closer to God through activism and works of justice. Jesus spent time alone in prayer to experience His Father's presence. The Apostle Paul grew closer to God through analytical study of the scriptures. And, in order not to be reductive, it's important to note that while certain biblical leaders emphasized one or more of these spiritual practices named above, almost all of them incorporated some form of worship, prayer, service, and study in their lives. The emphasis at different times on different spiritual practices reveal their "spiritual fingerprint" in that moment.

Are you aware of your spiritual fingerprint? What reveals God's presence to you? This summer for our Zion Preaching Series, we're going to examine the spiritual practices of worship, prayer, service, study, and more, in the hopes of helping all of us become more aware of our own spiritual fingerprints. How do we easily draw close to God? Where are our growth areas? Where can we serve as a leader for others? Where do we need to be led by someone else? In all honesty, most people have never wondered about their specific spiritual fingerprints. We simply "do what feels right" and move on with our lives. However, when we do the hard work of understanding how we best notice God's presence in our lives and world, and also examine our blind spots that require growth, we're oftentimes blessed with wonderful new insights into who God is for us and who we are to God.

In that vein, you also have likely noticed the news that Kris Luhman has taken on the role of Contemporary Music Director at our church! These days contemporary Christian music meets a spiritual fingerprint that traditional church music doesn't always meet for all people. For this reason, we're hoping to provide a contemporary worship service at St. Luke once a month. This will give us more ways of meeting various spiritual fingerprints in our community, and increase our ability to invite friend and neighbors into our lives of faith. Are you musical? Do you have experience working with sound systems or other skills that support this expanded mission? Reach out to Kris (luhman.kris@gmail.com), she'd love to have a conversation with you!

God bless you all, it's a pleasure doing life and mission with you,

Pr. Eric Hanson



Getting to know our members! Arland Voth's Interview for St. Luke

Arland recalls joining St. Luke Lutheran church at 11 or 12 years of age. At that time Arland did not know a lot of people in town because he was a rural "farm boy" coming into town for church. He shares that at that point in his younger years he went to a country public school where they had a pot belly stove the teacher would start before school, no running water, outhouses, and where students had to bring their own lunches every day. Arland attended this country school until 6th grade when his country public school then joined with Goodhue Public School. When this happened Arland notes that they physically moved his country school building into Goodhue to add to the school buildings already located in Goodhue. It was because of this that Arland did not know many people in the town of Goodhue when he started attending St. Luke.

When Arland started attending St. Luke Lutheran Church he remembers going to Sunday school every Sunday. They would start out in the church basement (in the original church building) to sing songs and then his class would move up to the pews for their Sunday school lesson. He fondly remembers some of his Sunday school teachers Betty Lunde, Mabel Johnson, and Judy Johnson. In 7th and 8th grade Arland also took catechism classes on Wednesday evenings for about an hour. Catechism classes were taught by the pastor and it was expected that students would take notes on the sermons for class. After the sermon notes were completed, they had to be left at the parsonage for the pastor to review. Arland recalls that there were eight individuals in his catechism class and they had to take a written test for confirmation. He behaved for the most part in class but remembers one night that he and some of the other students were playing a number game and were not paying much attention to the lesson. The pastor called them out! Arland said, "When the pastor talked, we shaped up a little more!" Pastor Dumke is the pastor that confirmed Arland. He was one of Arland's favorite pastors because Arland spent a lot of time with him throughout his catechism/confirmation years.

When asked about special memories at St. Luke Lutheran Church Arland expressed a few special moments. When he was on council a piano was donated to the church and three guys, including himself, went out to move it. It was a very heavy piano with a high back; an old-fashioned upright piano. They put the piano in the back of a pick-up truck and it was Arland's job to keep it from tipping over when the truck made turns. Arland chuckles as he states that they made it all the way to Goodhue and at the first turn in Goodhue the piano tipped over in the pick-up bed! All was OK with the piano. Another favorite memory of Arland's was he and his wife Ardis joining two other couples in helping move a new St. Luke pastor, Pastor Brown, from Finlayson, MN to Goodhue. They rented a U-Haul truck in Duluth that ate a lot of oil so they had to constantly check the oil and gas on the drive. When they got to Pastor Brown's house nothing was packed, everything was still in the drawers and closets. They helped pack everything up and even had to move a deep freeze from the basement up some steps that were in bad shape. The three guys carried the deep freeze up the basement steps without emptying it and put it in the U-Haul. "We made it up the steps!" Arland expresses. There was a memory from a father/son banquet Arland shared in which a Sunday school teacher came to the banquet all dressed up with a wig on and a face that was painted. All during the banquet/dinner people were trying to figure out who it was. It turned out to be Mabel Johnson. Arland shares that in the past there was the father/son banquet in addition to a mother/daughter banquet. He thinks those would be fun to do again!

In talking with Arland one can tell he was very active in the life of his church. He was part of a group of individuals that would go and listen to local pastors preach if they were considering a call at St. Luke Lutheran Church. Arland was able to go and listen to Pastor Geggenbach preach prior to his call to St. Luke. Arland also spent time on Council. It was when Arland was on council that the decision to purchase a parsonage was made. Prior to purchasing a parsonage St. Luke shared a pastor with Redeemer Lutheran Church in Zumbrota. Arland states that St. Luke was still sharing a pastor when he and Ardis were married in 1961. Eventually there was a house for sale that John Matthees had built in Goodhue and St. Luke decided to purchase it for a parsonage. There were some concerns that they could not support a pastor on their own but, as Arland says with a huge smile on his face, "They did it!" At some point Arland remembers helping haul some of the original pews in the sanctuary to Gary Stone for refinishing because they needed work. The pews that sat in the transept of the previous building were purchased from the Methodist Church.

In closing, Arland expressed how appreciative he is that the new church building is level and has no steps. He loves how welcoming the church is and how everyone is welcome to come whenever. His message of inspiration to his church community would be this, "Keep being welcoming! This is a community that truly works together. People band together and help each other out. Keep growing and keep being the welcoming place that it is."