

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 Edu-Worship 6:45pm

*We will not meet on November 20th or 27th

Thanksgiving Worship
7pm Wednesday, November 27th

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.

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.

Aging but Dangerous

Aging But Dangerous is a group for anyone who is older today than they were yesterday. That's everyone! Our first gathering will be November 14th 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, contact Jeff & Harriet 651-764-3172 or Jim & Vickie 507-358-5750.



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, Jean Alms, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, Colton Zimdars, Jerry Siems, and Steve Pabst.

Those recently baptized:

Weston Hansen, the son of
Kyle & Miranda Hansen

Rinley Gadiant, the daughter of
Mitch & Tiffany Gadiant

Those recently married:

Chase Danielson and Bailey Kroschel
Riley Huemann and Rachel Mensink
Grace Kutson and Austin Buck

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service

St. Luke & Holy Trinity invite you to join us for a Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Luke Church at 7pm on Wednesday, November 27th. A joint collection of non-perishable food items will be collected for the Zumbrota Food Shelf as well.

Nancy Nord's Funeral and Choir Invitation to Sing

Theo Wee, the organist for Nancy Nord's funeral on November 2nd, invites friends and members of St. Luke to a choir rehearsal at 9:30am on November 2nd (preceding the funeral) in preparation to sing for Nancy's service. Thank you for helping us commend Nancy into the arms of Jesus.

Nancy's visitation will be at St. Luke Church on Nov. 1st from 4-7pm. Her funeral will be at St. Luke Church on Nov. 2nd at 11am with a reception in the fellowship hall to follow.

Schedules & Events

Offering Counting Schedule

November 3: Holly and Kelly
November 10: Sharon and Sheila
November 17: Lisa and Holly
November 24: Angela and Sheri



Prayer Reading Schedule

November 3: Tris Danielson
November 10: Jon Roschen
November 17: Renee Hadler
November 24: Eve Stone



Council Sunday Communion Assistants

November 3: Maggie, Calvin, Kamie
November 10: Scott, Mitch, Char
November 17: Dawn, Sue, Maggie
November 24: Calvin, Ben, Kamie

Tech Team Schedule

November 3: Tom Pasch
November 10: Izzy O'Reilly
November 17: Tomas Ryan
November 24: OPEN

A/V Schedule

November 3: Steve Voth
November 10: Mike Kurtti
November 17: Nettie Ryan
November 24: Nicole Horsman

Sound Team Schedule

November 3: Collin Baska
November 10: Collin Baska
November 17: Calvin Ryan
November 24: Craig Nord

Altar Care

Sharon Buck

Ushering Schedule

Nov. 3: Mike Kurtti & Bob O'Connor
Nov. 10: Mike Kurtti & OPEN
Nov. 17: Mike Kurtti & Mike Jonas
Nov. 24: Bob O'Connor & OPEN
Wed, Nov. 27 at 7pm: OPEN

Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Wednesday, November 13th 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.



Sunday Hospitality Team Treat Schedule

November 3: Kris Pearson
November 10: Holly Roschen
November 17: Ginny Budensiek
November 24: Heather Ryan & Sharon Pagel

Moving With the Spirit November Classes

Join Maggie Voth for Faith + Fitness classes! We will be doing mobility/strength/cardio movement while also digging into a specific scripture each class. All fitness levels welcome - there will be options/modifications! All are welcome so bring a friend! Please bring an exercise mat if you have one. Additional optional items: light dumbbells and/or resistance band. Classes will take place in the Fellowship Hall at St. Luke. Each class is 1 hour long which includes warm-up and cool-down.

Monday, November 4 from 4:45-5:45 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 23 from 9-10 a.m.

Cost: \$8/class (cash/check/Venmo/PayPal). Payment can be made at class. Registration is required - please scan QR code.



SAIL Exercise Group

Improve flexibility, bone & muscle strength, balance & overall fitness. Sue Majerus will be leading Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) classes. These hour-long classes include low impact aerobics, balance exercises, strength training with weights, & stretching exercises. This class can accommodate those with mild-level mobility to those who are regularly active. Individual modifications can be provided. Sue is a Certified SAIL instructor & currently teaching this class in Lake City & is a Primary Care Nurse Practitioner & volunteer with Catholic Charities. 9-10AM on Mondays & Thursdays, November 4th-25th in St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. RSVP via text to Sue 651-764-0152 or call with questions. Bring hand & ankle weights if you have them.

Annual St. Luke Church Fishing Trip

This year St. Luke will take a break from the ice and head to Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park for our annual church fishing trip. All are welcome! The trip will be from Thursday, May 15th through Saturday, May 17th. We will reserve a group campsite (tents only). The cost should not exceed \$25 per person. People may enjoy hiking, fishing, exploring Mystery Cave, and more. Bible study and faith discussion will accompany our experience. The sign-up deadline is December 15th in order to reserve a group site. Please email Tara in the office to sign up (office@stluke-goodhue.org).

Pastor's Page

Greetings in Christ St. Luke Lutheran Church,

November is upon us, which means we are now ensconced in a time of ritual. Thanksgiving is coming and soon we'll partake in family rituals of the table. Christmas comes on Thanksgiving's heels bringing with it rituals passed down for generations (Elf on a shelf anyone?). And finally, the celebration of a New Year, when we thank God that we've made it through one more trip around the sun.

These are the BIG rituals of our year, the ones almost all of us observe as part of our culture. We didn't create them, and a lot of the time we're not contemplating the place they hold in our lives. We simply do them. Why? We were born with them, that's why.

Some rituals we weren't born with, however. Some we've created for a purpose. Do you hug and kiss your child before bed each night? Why? I bet you can answer that one. Do you bring gifts home to your family if you've been away for a time? Why? To show them they were missed, of course. Is there something you do with your family and/or friends every year that is unique to your clan? A trip? A campground? A holiday activity no one else does? If so, there must be deep meaning behind that ritual, otherwise, why keep observing it?

In what way will you ritualize your *faith* as a family in this season of ritual? Prayers of thanks around the table in November? Advent Calendars in December? Christmas gift buying for those in need? Worship peppering it all? I'd love to hear how you tell God's story to each other in ritual as the holidays approach. If your family does something unique, please tell me (anspachh2002@gmail.com). I'm always looking for new tools to pass on.

Whatever rituals you observe in the coming months may they bring you closer to God, closer to each other, and may they push you out in service to those in need.

God bless you very much,

Pr. Eric



October 9, 2024 at 7:30PM - Council Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Scott Peterson

- Meeting called to order by President Mitch Lindholm
- Concerns and Affirmations: Families of Betty Johnson, Nancy Nord, Natalie Johnson
- Devotions/Opening Prayer – opening prayer offered by Pastor Eric
- Motion to approve the agenda by Dawn 2nd by Kamie motion carried.

Reports:

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

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

Pastor's: Stewardship Sundays in October, Acolyte training, Faith Practice in home starts Oct 20. Motion made by Calvin second by Ben to approve; motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Education and Youth: Kamie Lodermeier – Sunday School and SWAG ministries going well.

Extended Ministries/Endowment/Memorial: Dawn Tipcke -- memorials for trees have been planted. **Outreach/**

Evangelism: Maggie Voth, Mitch Lindholm - Work on food shelf, Sara Mangan will head Christmas Tree gifts, helping with Steve Pabst driving to treatment and future community garden.

Property: Ben Zillgitt and Calvin Ryan – snowplowing has been arranged with Jeremy Thomforde

Worship and Music: Sue Majerus – special music to be in contemporary forms

Stewardship: Char Volkmann & Scott Peterson - October is stewardship month with Temple talks

Old Business/Updates:

Possible concrete door stop for front door - Will hold off on door stop for now.

Ongoing property wish list – Council to review form and revisit

Front door update – New closures were installed on the main entry door

Propose adoption of new Facility Use Policy – Include changes:

1. SLLC equipment including but not limited to sound and AV systems may be only used if member of SLLC AV/Sound team present during use.
2. Non-member fee of \$150 for use of fellowship hall
3. A charge of \$150 damage deposit for nonmember use to be reimbursed if no damages

New Business:

Sanctuary locks – Tabled for now

Approval of New Members: Luke, Nicole, Carter and Ayden Horsman, Motion by Kamie 2nd by Char to approve,

Approval of Annual Meeting Date of January 19, 2025, 10:30 AM – Motion by Maggie and 2nd by Sue to approve.

MIF loan payment: Loan payment of \$ 8,324 per month from Forward In Faith Fund, will relook at this amount in 2025.

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2024 - 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Majerus, secretary

Youth & Families



Sunday School

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

*NO Sunday School December 1st

Children Sing During Worship

November 24: PreK-6th graders sing

December 24 at 4:30pm: PreK-6th graders sing

January 12: PreK-1st graders sing

January 19: 2nd-6th graders sing

Family Day

On Sunday, November 10th at 8:30am we will be having a Sunday school family day! The kids will do their Christmas program practice from 8:30am-8:50am and then everyone (and we mean everyone, mom, dad, older and younger siblings) is invited to join us in the fellowship hall for doughnuts/muffins and a fun activity! There will be a google doc sign up sent out via email. We encourage you to come if you can. We think it's gonna be a really great time for all!!

Christmas Program Volunteers & Practice

We are doing an original production of the Christmas story this year called, "The Wise Men's Journey" and we are looking for youth and adult volunteers! We are needing help with stage design, music, costumes, tech, set up and more! Please reach out to Nicole Wananda for more info.



Christmas program practice is during the Sunday school hour for our PreK-6th graders and will run through December 8th. Save the date! The Children's Christmas program is December 8th at 4pm.



November Acolytes

November 3: Jaysa Dankers & Lucy Miller

November 10: Leah Lubahn & Payten Gosse

November 17: Elnore Ryan & Lauren Erickson

November 24: Greta O'Reilly & Lanie Lodermeier

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

*Nov. 20 Confirmation Live Night/No Worship

*Nov. 27th No Edu-Worship,
7pm Thanksgiving Worship

Wed. Confirmation Schedules

Nov. 6: Ushering: Lindholm Family

Nov. 6 Taco Cooking: Voth & Rehder Families

Nov. 6 Message/Reading: Mallory Lindholm

Nov. 6 Prayers: Mallory Lindholm

Nov. 13 Ushering: Voth Family

Nov. 13 Pizza Cooking: Ryan & Volkmann Families

Nov. 13 Message/Reading: Aubrey Ryan, Lyla Smith

Nov. 13 Prayers: Murphy Voth

Nov. 20 Pizza Cooking: Bonner & Gardzinski Families

SWAG 9-12th Grades

9-12th graders are invited to join us every Wednesday night (unless noted) starting Sept. 11th for a meal from 6:45-7:30pm, and SWAG group from 7:30-8:30pm.

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

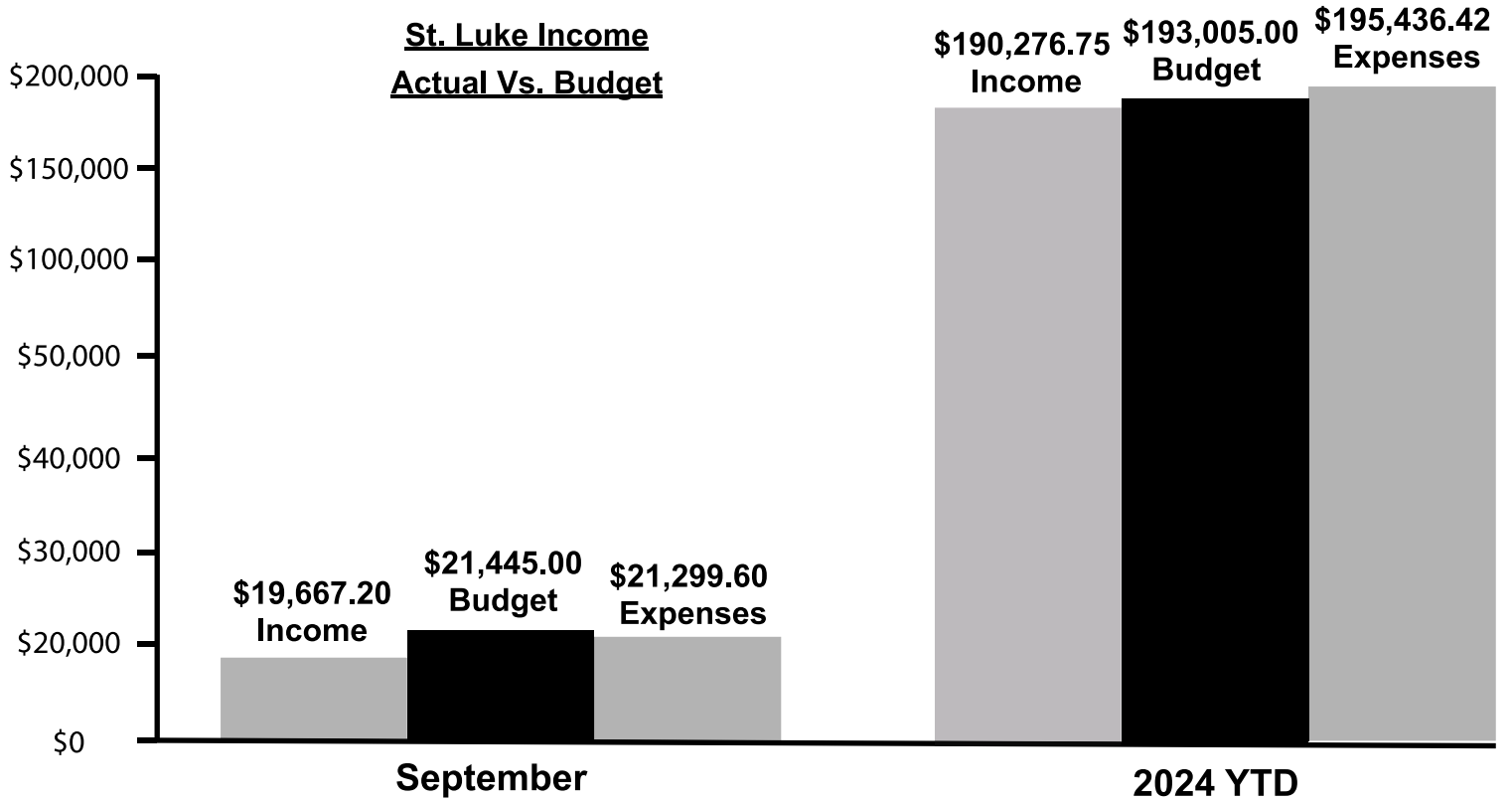
2) Consider your financial gifts through online Giving. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHX5> or scan this QR code with your smart phone. Detailed directions on how 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 October 25, 2024



Altar Guild Volunteers

We are currently seeking more help on our Altar Guild Committee. Please contact Sharon Buck to volunteer or with questions.
sharon.buck58@gmail.com or 651-380-1125

Choir Rehearsal

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

Getting to know our members! Greg and Cindy Ryan's Interview for St. Luke

My family joined St. Luke when I was early elementary age and I have been a member since. My earliest memory of St. Luke is when it was no longer a "fashion show" and people could dress more casual for church.

I would have to say my dad, Donald Benrud was my spiritual mentor. He was extremely involved with the church, teaching Sunday School for over 20 years and leading the Youth Group that was called "Luther League" at that time. One of the memories I have of Luther League is painting the church basement. I am thinking it was like a lime green color. Wow, that had to be in the 70's!

As far as getting in trouble or behaving in church activities, that was not an option. We were expected to behave or there would be consequences.

I have seen many changes at St. Luke, including the addition of the transepts. My dad was very involved with that project as well. I think that took place in the late 1960's.

Greg and I were married at St. Luke in 1980. About 10 years later, Greg became a member of St. Luke and our four children were confirmed at St. Luke. I was an "overseer" of the Sunday School for many years and taught as well.

I have seen several pastors come and go at St. Luke, as well as serving on a Call Committee. Each Pastor has had different things to offer and their own style. The three Pastors that I feel have contributed an abundance to St. Luke are Pastor Allen, Pastor Regina and Pastor Eric. The energy that Pastor Regina and Pastor Eric have brought to St. Luke has been amazing.

It is fun to see St. Luke grow and to the point that we ran out of room and have built a new church. I really enjoy seeing everyone pulling together in creating our new church.

St. Luke is full of comradery which makes it one big, huge family!

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Thanksgiving Meals from St. Peter's Lutheran Church

Do you or anyone you know need a homemade Thanksgiving meal this year? St. Peter's & Grace Lutheran Church are making Thanksgiving meals for families in need on Sat, November 23rd. St. Luke will participate in delivering meals. If you'd like to sign up for a meal for you or your family, please contact Pr. Eric (anspachh2002@gmail.com, 612-834-2149). Sign-up deadline is Nov. 1st.

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

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>

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.

World Hunger Month!

November is World Hunger month at St. Luke Church. There will be special giving envelopes available each Sunday and a story highlighting the lifesaving work made possible by gifts to ELCA World Hunger.

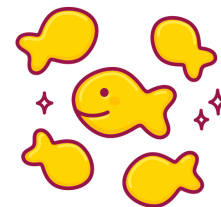


Hospitality Team

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).

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



Snacks Needed

Every Sunday we like to offer the Sunday school kids a light snack, typically either goldfish crackers or animal crackers. We are currently seeking donations. Snacks can be labeled and dropped off in the kitchen.