

# 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 6:45pm

\*We will not meet on Oct. 16th or 30th

### New Member Sunday

On Oct. 6th we'll bless our newest members during worship. We invite them to affirm their commitment to St. Luke as we affirm our commitment to helping them continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We'll have fellowship time after the service.

### Church Quilting

Church quilting will start on October 16th at 9:30am in the church basement. All are welcome to join! The quilters will continue to meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:30am 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.

### Hearing Aid User Survey

St. Luke is currently exploring options for a hearing assistance system in our worship space & need your input. If you are a hearing aid user, please pick up a questionnaire at the sound booth and submit to the office.



### 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, Betty Johnson, Jean Alms, Henry Strauss, Diane Krenke, and the families of Marcia Matthees and Curt Schimpf

### Those recently baptized:

Nolan Richard Dahlstrom, the son of Nicole Tyler & Adam Dahlstrom

Miles Paul Haidar, the son of Mariah & Brandon Haidar

### Those recently married:

Kelly & Kimberly Bolin

### Aging but Dangerous

Aging but Dangerous is a group for anyone who is older today than they were yesterday. That's everyone! We'll meet on Thurs, October 10th in the church narthex 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 Warren 651-764-3172 or Jim & Vickie Mollenhauer 507-358-5750.

### Nancy Nord Funeral Service

Nancy Nord'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

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## Offering Counting Schedule

October 6: Sheri and Holly  
October 13: Kelly and Sharon  
October 20: Sheila and Lisa  
October 27: Angela Sheri



## Prayer Reading Schedule

October 6: Tom Voth  
October 13: Kayla Ryan  
October 20: Angela Melson  
October 27: Todd Budensiek



## Council Sunday Communion Assistants

Oct. 6: Sue, Char, Ben  
Oct. 13: Maggie, Scott, Mitch  
Oct. 20: Calvin, Kamie, Ben  
Oct. 27: Sue, Char, Mitch

## Tech Team Schedule

October 6: Murphy Voth  
October 13: Tomas Ryan  
October 20: Tom Pasch  
October 27: Izzy O'Reilly

## A/V Schedule

October 6: Maggie Voth  
October 13: Nettie Ryan  
October 20: Nicole Horsman  
October 27: Mel Kurtti

## Sound Team Schedule

October 6: Craig Nord  
October 13: Calvin Ryan  
October 20: Collin Baska  
October 27: Cole Tousignant

## Altar Care

Carol Tipcke

## Ushering Schedule

October 6: Tom Pasch  
October 13: Rehder Family  
October 20: Ginny & Todd Budensiek  
October 27: Melson Family

## Church Council Meeting

Church council will meet on Wednesday, October 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.

## 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](mailto:office@stlukegoodhue.org)).



## Sunday Hospitality Team Treat Schedule

Oct. 6: Kris Luhman & Outreach Committee  
Oct. 13: Christie Hanson & Michelle/Jeff Matthees  
Oct. 20: Brit Gadiant & Tiff/Mitch Gadiant  
Oct. 27: Melson family

## Faith in the Home Small Group

Pr Eric and Nicole Wananda are looking for families who are interested in participating in a 6 week small group that will learn about building & practicing at-home faith practices. "How do I pray with my kids?", "How do we read the Bible together?", "How do we bring blessing & faith conversation into our weekly routine?" will be explored. This group will be geared toward families with children. We'll meet Sunday evenings from Oct. 20th-Nov. 24th. Interested? Contact Pr. Eric ([anspachh2002@gmail.com](mailto:anspachh2002@gmail.com)) or Nicole ([nicole.c.hinsch@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.c.hinsch@gmail.com)).

## Pastor's Page

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*Ecclesiastes 4:12, "A cord of three stands is not quickly broken..."*

Greetings in Christ St. Luke Lutheran Church,

A while back I heard of a bold stewardship campaign run by a church called The House for All Saints and Sinners in Denver, CO. The goal for their stewardship campaign was to highlight the cooperative nature of a church's ministry. In short, they wanted their people by the end of the campaign to truly recognize that EVERYBODY who accesses a church's ministries has stewardship responsibilities over those ministries. Whether it's giving time, talents, or treasures (usually, a mixture of all three) a church's ministry works best when everyone is invested.

How did they get their point across? During their four-week capital campaign, everybody on their stewardship committee wore orange t-shirts with big black lettering saying, "This stuff aint free"... only they didn't use the word "stuff" 😊. The House for All Saints and Sinners is an inner-city church in Denver, so culturally speaking, they could get away with more "colorful language" than most churches.

But, the bold statement of their campaign made two specific points.

*First, communities raise each other in faith.* Sometime on Sunday morning or Wednesday night, notice the plethora of people contributing to the formation and incubation of faith in the life of St. Luke. Sunday school volunteers are teaching Christ's story to the next generation, singers and musicians are opening our hearts to hear the Word of God in new ways, Tech team is ensuring people who can't make it into the building can still be part of our worshipping community, the Table Guild has beautified our sanctuary & set the Table for our holy meal, somebody has made treats & goodies that await us after church to provide fare for holy conversation, somebody has cleaned everything up, and the list could go on and on. With all these talents contributing in concert to our faith lives, our faith formation is well nurtured and incubated. Thanks be to God for your gifts of time and talents.

*Second, offering fuels mission.* Even in the early church, conversations about money were hard. Did you know that one of the poorest churches in the first century was the church in Jerusalem? Even though the Jerusalem church was the first Christian church from which all other churches were birthed and even though it was run by Jesus' own brother, James, the Jerusalem church had a hard time gathering enough resources to care for the poor, hungry, widowed, and orphaned in their midst. For that reason, the Apostle Paul asked for help from other, wealthier churches in Asia Minor. What is interesting is *how* Paul asked for help. At the end of some of his letters he adds a plea that the wealthier churches might help the church in Jerusalem (see Romans 15:23-28 as an example). In his plea he usually uses a bit of guilt (he says, "Hey, other people have helped, won't you help too?"). Paul obviously is uncomfortable asking for ministry funds: *His pleas come at the end of his letters, as sort of an add-on, and they utilize the somewhat manipulative tool of guilt to get his point across.* Even in the first century, Paul knew that offering fuels mission. And even in the first century, Paul had a hard time inviting monetary gifts. That slogan from The House for All Saints and Sinners helped their church (in a humorous and disarming way) recognize two important stewardship truths: offering fuels mission, and fueling mission works best when it is a cooperative responsibility shared by the whole church.

Why all this talk on stewardship? October is Stewardship Emphasis month at St. Luke. During the last three Sundays of October, through preaching, teaching, and at-home Bible studies—watch for the mailer!—we'll help the community of St. Luke intentionally reflect on how we do mission together by pooling our time, talents, and treasures and inviting God to use all those things for His good work in our community. Thank you for taking part in the conversation. Thank you for taking time to reflect on your stewardship practices. And thank you for cooperating with St. Luke's mission to be a church of hope and help in Goodhue and beyond.

It is a pleasure doing life and ministry with you,

Pr. Eric Hanson



## **September 11, 2024 at 7:30PM - Council Meeting Minutes**

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**Present:** Ben Zillgitt, Maggie Voth, Pastor Eric Hanson, Calvin Ryan, Kamie Lodermeier, Mitch Lindholm, Dawn Tipcke, Sara Nolte (treasurer non-voting), Char Volkmann

**Not Present:** Scott Peterson, Susan Majerus

- Meeting called to order by Mitch Lindholm
- Concerns and Affirmations: school, Jacob and Rachel McNamara, Harlen Reese, Betty Johnson
- Motion made by Kamie Lodermeier to approve the agenda, seconded by Dawn Tipcke; motion carried.

### **Reports:**

**Secretary:** Motion made by Char Volkmann to approve August secretary minutes, seconded by Calvin Ryan; motion carried.

**Treasurer:** Motion made by Ben Zillgitt to approve treasurer's report, seconded by Kamie Lodermeier; motion carried.

**Pastor's:** Motion made by Calvin Ryan to approve pastor's report, seconded by Maggie Voth; motion carried.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Education & Youth:** Kamie Lodermeier; Youth programs are underway for the 2024-2025 year.

**Extended Ministries/Endowment/Memorial:** Dawn Tipcke; Dawn will reach out to the family who offered to donate a memorial tree to St. Luke.

**Outreach/Evangelism:** Mitch Lindholm & Maggie Voth; Next meeting is October 6th, donated school supplies to Goodhue School, donated gift cards to Goodhue School for support staff to use for students, a new blessing barn is being built.

**Property:** Ben Zillgitt & Calvin Ryan; worked on maintenance around a number of property items. Calvin to pursue hearing add assistance possibilities through use of a survey.

**Worship and Music:** Sue Majerus; Discussion on contemporary worship/music.

**Stewardship:** Char Volkmann & Scott Peterson; Next meeting is September 22nd after church, Char will provide an update in the newsletter and in church. .

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

**Possible concrete door stop for the front door:** This will wait until the new closer gets installed. Discussion may continue.

**Ongoing property wish list:** Discussion and development of property will continue.

**Proposal to hire Brenda Moore for 2nd Capital Campaign (\$10,000):** Motion made by Pastor Eric Eric Hanson to hire Brenda Moore to coach St. Luke Church for the 2nd 3 year Capital Campaign, seconded by Ben Zillgitt; motion carried.

**Front door update (Ben):** Hager City glass will be installing a new front door closer.

### **New Business:**

**Propose adoption of new Facility Use Policy:** Discussion will continue.

**Approval of new members Bailey Kroschel and Cody, Erin, Marcus, Avery, and Sean Buck:** Motion made by Kamie Lodermeier to approve Bailey, Cody, Erin, Marcus, Avery, and Sean as new St. Luke members, seconded by Maggie Voth; motion carried.

**Review financial gift graph in newsletter:** Graph will be adjusted in the future.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ben Zillgitt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Calvin Ryan; motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

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### **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](mailto:careteam@stlukegoodhue.org)

# Youth & Families

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## Sunday School

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

\*NO Sunday School October 20th

## 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

\*Oct. 16th No Worship/Confirmation

\*Oct. 30th will be a special Fall Festival Event,  
No Edu-Worship

## 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 information.

Christmas program practice will start on Sunday, October 27th 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.

## October Acolytes

October 6: Carter Horsman & McKenna Dicke

October 13: Elenore Ryan & Anna Petree

October 20: Olivia Shores & Natalie Kurtti

October 27: George Bonner & Garret Lodermeier

## 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.

## Trunk or Treat Fall Festival

We are super excited to announce that we are hosting a Halloween party on Wednesday, October 30th from 4:30-6:00pm. There will be a trunk or treat in our new parking lot, along with indoor games, cookie decorating, and a bounce house. Bring a friend. Wear a costume.

If you'd like to decorate your car & hand out candy, register via email [office@stlukegoodhue.org](mailto:office@stlukegoodhue.org). We'll have a prize for the most creative car!

## Wed. Confirmation Edu-Worship Schedule

Oct. 2 Ushering: Volkmann

Oct. 2 Pizza Cooking: Mandelkow & Gardzinski

Oct. 2 Message/Reading: Shelby Dankers

Oct. 2 Prayers: Lillian Volkmann

Oct. 9 Ushering: Jeff & Michelle Matthees

Oct. 9 Pizza Cooking: Hanson

Oct. 9 Message/Reading: Abby Tipton, Issie Mitchell

Oct. 9 Prayers: Levi Matthees

Oct. 23 Ushering: Mick & Kelly Rehder

Oct. 23 Pizza Cooking: Wieme

Oct. 23 Message/Reading: Allison Lubahn

Oct. 23 Prayers: Aayden Lodermeier

## Roadside Clean-Up 7-12th Grades

Roadside clean-up for grades 7-12th will be on Sunday, October 27th at 10:30am after worship. Meet in the church fellowship hall and dress for the weather.

## 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.

## New Driver Blessing

If your child has recently become a new driver or will soon be a new driver we invite you to join us during worship on October 13th for a special *Blessing of Our New Drivers*. Please RSVP to the office if your new driver plans to attend. [office@stlukegoodhue.org](mailto:office@stlukegoodhue.org)

# 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

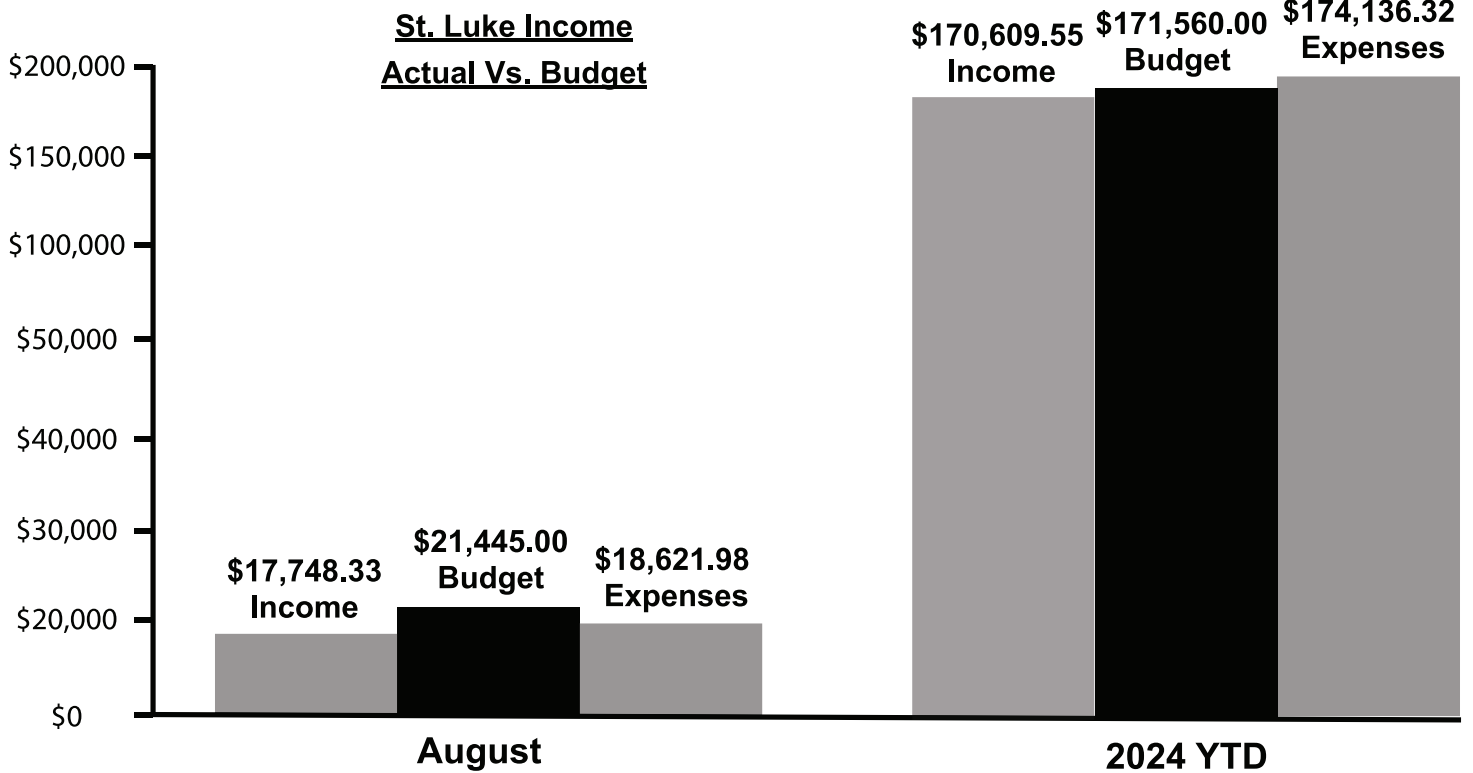
2) Consider your financial gifts through online Giving. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZHX5> or scan this QR code with your smart phone. Detailed directions on how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



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



As of September 25, 2024



### 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>

### 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.

## **Getting to know our members! Mike Kurtti's Interview for St. Luke**

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- How many years have you been a member of St. Luke?

I have been a lifelong member of St. Lutheran Church. I was baptized & confirmed at St. Luke Lutheran Church.

- What is your earliest memory here at St. Luke?

Probably going to Sunday school, we used to play Red Rover, Red Rover... send someone over which was always a fun game for us kids. We always had a good laugh.

- What is, or who was, your most profound or impactful memory or person from church?

I would have to say one of our former pastors Ron Allen. He & I had a special bond, he was there for me for some very special moments in my life (birth of children) & he always met me where I was at mentally & spiritually.

- Who were your church/spiritual mentors along your faith journey?

My parents, Sunday school teachers, and our pastors throughout the years.

- How long was confirmation classes and did you behave?

Confirmation classes were typically 1 hour long and I typically behaved. There were some rocky times with a couple of my teachers. One of the pastor's wives was a teacher at one particular time and we were wild from being wound up from school and we ended up making her cry so we had "a good talking too" from the Pastor.

- How old were you then?

Confirmation classes were 7th and 8th grade back then.

- Who was your favorite Pastor and why?

Pastor Ron Allen was my favorite pastor. He helped me through some very tough times.

- Did you ever leave St. Luke for a time?

I have never left St. Luke Lutheran Church.

- What special memories, events or occasions do you remember the most at St. Luke?

I remember my kids being baptized and confirmed at St. Luke Lutheran Church. I got married at St. Luke and enjoy being in the current choir.

- What special traditions do you love about St. Luke?

I like all of the big holidays at St. Luke. I enjoy attending church during these holidays. I would say the best is Christmas, the church is all decorated and the music is awesome.

- What do you want us--your church family--to know about St. Luke?

I think the best thing to know about St. Luke would be that it is a friendly atmosphere and welcoming to all worshipers.

- What does St. Luke mean to you now?

St. Luke is a great place to worship and enjoy singing in the choir.

- What do you want to see in St. Luke's future?

I am hoping that St. Luke continues to grow and add more and more people for worship, we're always looking for more Choir members!

- What message of inspiration would you like to leave with your St. Luke family?

St. Luke has been a big part of my life and has helped me through a lot of life challenges and I know it can help you too.

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### **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 and Worship & Music Meeting**

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

The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Sunday, October 13th after worship.

## Stewardship Monthly Newsletter – October 2024

Written by: Stewardship Committee Member - Charlotte Volkmann

### Part 2: Stewardship: Time, Talents and Treasures

As you might remember, I wrote an article about stewardship for the St. Luke Church May newsletter. In that article, the main idea was about our offering as an act of Worship in our church service. We are invited to express ourselves and to give up something we value as a sacrifice to God during the offering. We are acting as stewards of the church when we provide an offering. This month, I continued to take deeper dive into stewardship.

In preparation to write this article, I continued reading a book about stewardship, read several passages from the Bible, researched the word steward, and prayed and carefully discerned as to what I should write about. It became very clear that one could continue to write many, many pages about stewardship. I will focus on the word steward as it relates to our time, our talents and our treasures.

A Bible verse that appeared many times in my preparation is from 1 Corinthians 4: 1-2: “You should think of us as Christ’s servants who have been put in charge of God’s secret truths. The one thing required of such a servant is that he be faithful to his master.” All of us are living in this world as stewards of God even if we don’t think we are. He has trust in us to care for all the things that He allows us to use. Being a faithful steward is: viewing our world as God’s creation and to be grateful to be in it, understand that God cares for those who He has made, and lastly, trust God will provide us with whatever is needed to be content.

We are all the faithful stewards at St. Luke Church. The Bible reminds us from 1 Chronicles 29:14, paraphrased into a hymn, that we are just that; faithful stewards:

*We give thee but thine own, Whatever the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord from thee.*

People of the church offer their time, their talents, and their treasures. The act of being a steward may be quiet and unseen, it may be in a season of the church or life that you can say “yes” to your time, talent, and/or treasure, or maybe you are involved in a group or committee that has a more regular time commitment that is more easily seen in the church. Wherever you are in your season of life at St. Luke Church or even outside of our church family, may you continue to know you are loved steward of God.

There are so many examples that come to mind when I think of the faithful stewards at St. Luke Church. The number of examples could go pages and pages! Each and every one of us can probably share many more examples of what our faithful stewards do. This list is just to name a few (not intentionally leaving anyone out), who are sharing their time, talents, and treasures with our church family:

- Rally Sunday, we witnessed the Sunday school teachers be prayed over to lead our youth in this coming school year
- Bible Sunday, we witnessed youth receiving Bibles & being prayed over to continue to learn & share the good news
- Jacob and Rachel McNamara leading our SWAG youth
- Nicole Wananda leading our Sunday school teachers and youth
- Pastor Eric leads our congregation in our church services
- Our choir, readers, 5<sup>th</sup> grade candle lighters, Tech Team, newly formed contemporary band, confirmation students leading Edu-Worship service, Youth and youth leaders that went on a the mission trip, Christian Care Team, Aging but Dangerous group, ABC Bible Study group, Faith in the Home Small group leaders, ushers, School Supply Drive organizers and givers, and the Hospitality Team

In closing, we need to remember we are all stewards of God. We all have time, talents, and treasures to share with each other, St. Luke Church, and the wider community. Think about what your talents and treasures are, big or small. Maybe there is a group you have always wanted to join. Is the timing right? I say – go for it – check out that group and share your talent! Trust God will provide what you need in your season of being a faithful steward of God.