



ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Luke Lines

One of the stories from scripture we hear after Easter in a lot of churches is Jesus' appearance to his disciple, Thomas. Thomas hadn't been with the other disciples a week earlier when Jesus had appeared to them right after his resurrection. So Thomas was still skeptical that Jesus had really risen from the dead. Thomas had to put his fingers on Jesus' scarred hands and place his hand on Jesus' pierced side in order to believe. But the moment he did his doubt was dispelled, and he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God."

In a way, it's a bit unfair that Thomas is mostly known for his doubting. In the long run Thomas was as faithful a missionary for Jesus as any of the other disciples. And before he was convinced of Jesus' resurrection, he wasn't alone as a doubter. The rest of the disciples abandoned Jesus the night he was arrested. That same night Peter himself denied his Lord three times just outside the high priest's house.

Some people think that as a Christian you can never have any doubts about your faith. They think that doubt is the opposite of faith. But, as we learn from the story of Thomas, doubt isn't exactly the same as disbelief. Thomas doubted, but he also believed. Having occasional doubts, or even a season of doubt, is a common part of the Christian journey. No faith is so perfect that it's never assailed with some doubt.

The key thing is that in the end our doubts don't master us and destroy our faith. Faith can include doubt, but faith, when it's true and genuine, will always eventually be the master of our doubt. The Holy Spirit will provide the spiritual resources we need to overcome and give us the assurance we're seeking.

So when times of doubt come, look to Christ himself to relieve and conquer those doubts. Just as he relieved and conquered Thomas' doubts and brought him into fuller faith. Let Jesus show you his hands and sides. As you do, right alongside Thomas you can say, "My Lord and my God."

Pastor Carlton

CHURCH CLEANING

Property Care has set the **church cleaning** date for **Monday, April 15, from 8:00am - 4:00 pm**

Cleaning supplies are provided. Come between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15. When you arrive, sign in in the Fellowship Hall, choose a chore, take your needed supplies, and spend as much time as you're able. Various areas will be available for workers.

Lunch will be provided.

Meet some new people and help get the church and education facilities in tip-top shape! See you there!

If you aren't able to join us on April 15 but would like to help with our spring cleaning, please contact the church office for areas to be cleaned and cleaning supplies.



NOTICE FROM STUDENT FUND COMMITTEE

If you will be attending a Lutheran College this fall or will be going into full time ministry or church work, you may be eligible for financial assistance through the **St. Luke's Student Fund**. Applications are available in the church office.

If you have questions, please contact the church office or one of the trustees of the Student Fund, Deb Alft, Sandy Christman, or Holly Johnson.

Application deadline is July 1, 2024.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

St. Luke's playground provides outside play space for Preschool/4K students as well as children in the community. Preschool has been raising funds for this project. We welcome your donations for support for the upgrading of equipment of the playground to improve safety.



LOVE, INC.

Please stay informed about Love INC and their wonderful ministry in the central Wisconsin area by reading their monthly newsletter and following their web site and Facebook. A few printed copies of the monthly Love INC newsletter are provided for you in the St. Luke's narthex and office lobby as well.

Call and have them place you on their mailing list to receive their newsletter by email.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

<https://loveincswc.org> • 715-424-LOVE • <https://www.facebook.com/loveINCswc/>

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

Thank you to all who helped, donated to, and purchased items at our March Bake Sale. Proceeds help fund our goals for 2024, (St. Luke's Preschool, \$500, 75th Church Anniversary \$250, St. Luke's student fund, \$250) and our budget. We raised \$869 at our bake sale. We will be having several other fund raisers this year. Our Pie Sale is coming up in May. Watch for more information coming out soon.



- Spring Rally April 13: Hosted by Ladies of Evening Guild, Immanuel LC, 160 8th Street S, Wis. Rapids, Registration 8 am, \$5.00 fee includes lunch & materials; rally begins 9 am. No child care provided. If you need to access the elevator please park in the small parking area to the south side of the church and enter the west doors of the church from 8th Street. All other attendees enter main doors on the north side of the church from Prospect Street.
- "Gifts from the Heart" donations for The First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center, located in Wisconsin Rapids and Stevens Point support. See below for items needed. Guest Speaker is Immanuel's Vicar Joseph Eggerman. Christian Life Topic is "Forgiving when you have been hurt".
- Please bring these items also, if you have them: trimmed stamps for Stamps for Missions, beverage can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, Eyeglasses but no eyeglass cases.
RSVP to Pamela Hilke 715-421-3817 by April 4 2024 . Questions? Contact Pamela Hilke. A copy of the invitation is posted on the bulletin board in the Office Lobby and the Narthex.
First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center items needed: **NEW** items: 0-5T clothes for boys & girls, Size 5,6 diapers, 4T, 5T pullups, Cribs, health & safety kits, crib sheets, nursing pads, Lanolin breastfeeding ointment, Boppy & Breastfriend pillows, milk storage bags, Avent/Dr. Brown's bottles with different nipple flows, full size strollers, sensitive wipes, waterproof crib mattress covers, infant & toddler toys, books, baby monitors (video preferred), baby towels, baby carriers and BOBA type wraps, Kwik Trip gift cards, Walmart gift cards, Aldi & Pick n Save gift cards (\$25 increments),
- Center needs list: Amazon gift cards for office supplies, heavy card stock white 8.5"x11" paper, copier paper, cases of bottle water
- **Please – no perishable food items**

Upcoming Dates:

April 6: NWD Spring Retreat; Camp Luther; 9:00am-3:00pm; Registration begins at 8:30am

April 13: Zone 17 Spring Rally—Immanuel Lutheran, Wisconsin Rapids

May 4-5: Pie Sale

June 13-15: LWML NWD Convention; Appleton

***Senior Women will meet Monday, April 1st
at 11:30am at Four Star Restaurant.***



ST LUKE'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Spring Pie Sale Fundraiser

Choose from:

Blueberry, Apple, Cherry and Lemon Meringue

\$12.00 each



Preorders must be turned into the office with payment (exact amount only – no change available) by April 21st, 2024. Order pickup will be May 4th and 5th before and after services.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

CHOICES	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Apple		\$12.00	\$
Blueberry		\$12.00	\$
Cherry		\$12.00	\$
Lemon Meringue		\$12.00	\$
Order Totals:			\$

*****Orders and payments must be to the church office by April 21st. Make checks payable to St Luke's Women's Ministry*****

*****Call Gerry Pierce (715-423-0281) with questions*****

WOMEN'S MINISTRY APRIL CIRCLE MEETINGS

Anna Circle	Thursday, April 10	10:00 a.m.	Bookstore
Dorcas Circle	Mondays and Tuesday, April 8, 9,22,23	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Eunice Circle	Thursday, April 11	1:00 p.m.	Renaissance
Eve Circle	Tuesday, April 16	9:00 a.m.	Room 102
Lois Circle	Monday, April 8	6:00 p.m.	Room 103
Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, April 23	8:30 a.m.	Room 105

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Virgel and Pamela Berndt	April 1	24 years	Dean and Pauline Krommenacker	April 27	39 years
Greg and Sheryl Romanski	April 4	43 years	Rick and Diane Smith	April 28	40 years
David and Phyllis Lehman	April 6	33 years	Bruce and Lori Schoff	April 30	8 years
Daniel and Carmen Smallbrook	April 6	40 years			
Randall and Vicki Balko	April 8	24 years			
Susan and Larry Barker	April 15	13 years			
Greg and Jodi Ellious	April 19	39 years			



PASTOR NOMINATIONS

The Call Committee is seeking nominations for the position of Senior Pastor for St. Luke's from the congregation. If you know a Pastor that you know and would like to have him considered as a possible candidate for the position, please fill out the attached form and return it to the Church Office, one of the Call Committee members, or an elder no later than **APRIL 8, 2024**. *These forms will also be available in the Narthex and the Overflow areas of the Church starting, Saturday, March 23, 2024. (Form on next page)*



NOMINATION FORM

Nomination of Pastor for Consideration by _____ Lutheran Church,
for the Office of Pastor

(North Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

(Members of the congregation who wish to suggest names of pastors to be considered for our call list are asked to complete this form. When it is completed, please give it to an elder or to the chairman of the call committee. It will be forwarded to District President, Rev. Dwayne M. Lueck. Please include your name at the bottom of the form; otherwise it cannot be recognized as valid.)

1. Having carefully and prayerfully considered the pastoral needs of our congregation, I wish to nominate the following pastor as a candidate to be considered for a call to our church:

Name: (Please print): _____

Address: _____

*(Please check The Lutheran Annual or the Church Locator on Synod's website
(http://locator.lcms.org/nworkers_fm/worker.asp) for the correct spelling and address!)*

2. I believe this pastor will be good for our congregation for the following reasons:

3. Please state whether you know him personally, where, and for how long a time.

4. If you do not know him personally, state the source of your information, or the basis on which you are making your nomination:

*Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37–38)*

We are praying that God will give our congregation another faithful pastor.

Name of person making nomination (Please print): _____

I am a member of _____ congregation
of _____ (city), _____ (state) _____

(Thank you, from President Rev. Dwayne M. Lueck, North Wisconsin District, LCMS)

Hello April from the Library

WE HAVE MOVED!!

We are now located up the stairs and down the hall from where we were. Across from the Day Care room. Not too hard to find.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to the VETS that helped move us. Without their brains and brawn we would not have gotten moved. They did everything from paint the room to move the shelves and books. Even wiring us to use a computer. I am including a couple pictures of their work.



The room is open for use. So, come check out our new location and check out a book or two.

MISSIONS WORKDAY OPPORTUNITY

Join the Ministry on Missions on Saturday, May 18 for a workday at King Veterans' Home in Waupaca, WI as we freshen up the gardens we planted a couple of years ago. We will carpool from church, leaving at 8:00am. Lunch will be served. Let's celebrate our 75 year tradition of supporting mission opportunities & volunteer to help!

Sign up sheets will be posted on the office lobby bulletin board soon.

Contact Nany Koch or Ray Jacob for more information. Hope to see you there.

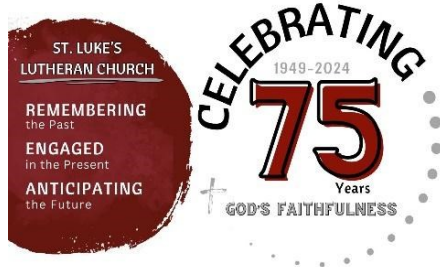


**OPEN TO
ALL!**

WHAT A GOOD PROBLEM TO HAVE

We have officially ran into a problem at First Choice PRC. The day has come in Wisconsin Rapids where we have officially **wait listed** clients who want to participate in HOPE classes. This is a good problem to have because it's indicating we're reaching more people, *but this might also mean clients are missing out on important and empowering education for themselves and their families.*

So, what's the solution? **We simply need more advocates**—Volunteers willing to lead these classes for parents who have chosen to carry their baby. **Could this position be for you?** Visit <https://www.firstchoiceprc.org/single-post/is-advocacy-for-you> to learn about what it's like to be an advocate or call 715-345-0280 to learn more!



TO GOD BE THE GLORY— GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

WE CELEBRATE THE BLESS- INGS OF 75 YEARS!

On April 20, 1949, 15 signers adopted the Model Constitution and the name St. Luke's was chosen for a new congregation in Wisconsin Rapids (actually Grand Rapids at that time). Articles of Incorporation were then filed through the State through Wood County Clerk of Court on April 26, 1949.

We have chosen this month, April 2024, to kick off our celebration of thankfulness and praise for the many blessings God has bestowed on our congregation since its humble beginnings.

April 13 & 14 Pastor Ryan Clark will preach at all three services

Following the Saturday evening service the youth will provide a special reception in the fellowship hall, serving ice cream sundaes and 75th cookies. Pastor Ryan and Katherine will be available to talk with you and share some memories of their time here.

Between services on Sunday, April 14th, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., a reception will be provided in the office lobby area. This will be an open house type event for members and friends leaving the 8:15 service or coming for the 10:30 service. There is NO Bible study today. We invite all worshipers to come and enjoy a bite to eat and spend some time reminiscing with the Clark's and each other.

Historical Display Take a few minutes to look back at those early years and the rapid growth that necessitated building, building and more building over the past 75 years. When you look at the photos, it is easily understood why we were called "the Children's Church". Updated video presentation will also be available. As you scan the photos, you will notice the men and woman of St. Luke's busy cooking, serving, & eating – all part of the personal fellowship that helped this church family grow strong & united. Look for photos of the ladies making pies, quite possibly for one of the many fundraisers needed to help pay for the building and furnishings. **The history of pie baking continues – order your pie now from Women's Ministry for pick up in early May!**



PHOTOGRAPH SESSIONS FOR AN UPDATED PICTORIAL DIRECTORY WILL BE HELD JUNE 4-8.

Please note this week on your calendar and watch for more information. The photography team will only be here 5 days so please hold a couple days open to have your family photo updated. We would love to have 100% participation!!

Volunteers are needed to host the various photography sessions. Consider helping for a couple hours one day that week.



Dorothy Oleson is a charter member of our St. Luke's Congregation. She served faithfully as the first secretary of the church for over 26 years. Dorothy has been active in Bible study, Women's Ministry, Prayer Chain as well as a host of other ministries and activities since 1949. She shares the following inspired poem as part of her recollections and in praise to God for all He has done.

Jesus Lives! Our Lord is Alive!! As We Celebrate Year Seventy-five

This congregation once just a dream
Grew so fast it was bursting at the seams.
Special called ones He put into place
To keep it going by His grace.

Maybe you didn't know it – you felt so very small
But Jesus kept you close to Him in answer to His call.
Glory, honor, thanks and praise
To our great God, our hearts we raise.

On a small plot of earth this tiny church grew
Faithfully tended by many of you –
Who called, invited, and reached out to others;
Neighbors, friends, and sisters and brothers.
We felt His presence while bringing more in
To know Jesus, their Savior – forgiveness of sin.

There were many difficulties along the way
All overcome by Jesus to this day.
The Evil One worked hard to tear us apart
Causing St. Luke's problems from its very start.
God worked through you, strengthened your faith
So the evil one was soon disgraced!
What strength, what power, what wisdom God shares.
He battles for us and shows He cares!
Glory, honor, thanks and praise
To our great God to our hearts we raise.

A new church was raised, while still more came.
Classrooms were added and a Preschool named.
"The Children's Church" we were labeled then.
How blessed we were to welcome them.
With many youth, they also took part –
In serving their Lord with loving hearts.
These used talents in many positions –
Acolytes, ushers, readers, singers, musicians.
Glory, honor, thanks and praise
To our great God, our hearts we raise.
We look to the future, Lord, with You
Putting You first in all we do.
Believing Your Word, receiving Your grace
Anxious to meet You face to face.

When this earthly congregation has completed all its
mission
We pray that not one soul is lost or ever sees perdition.
Jesus died upon the Cross for our own perfection.
May we look to meet again in the great Resurrection.
Glory, honor, thanks and praise
To our awesome God, our hearts we raise.

A message from the first to the next generation:

With the passing of seventy-five years
Thru joys, laughter, sorrow and tears,
We've only just begun.

Know that Jesus is by your side
Ever to lead you – bless and guide.
Experience the joy that lies ahead
When you are by the Savior led.
He'll always hear you when you pray
And by your side he'll always stay.
Hear Him call, "Come, Follow Me."
Don't hesitate – how blessed you'll be!

Psalm 145

Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!





Our spring pre-registration continues! Spaces are still available but filling up! Our theme for the 2024-2025 school year will be "We are God's Masterpiece" based on Ephesians 2:10, "We are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works." Pre-registration forms are available in the church office or online at www.stlukeslutheran.com.

St. Luke's Preschool / 4K

The students shared the love of Jesus and the blessings of Easter with family and friends at the Easter programs in March. Following the programs they shared special artwork at the Art Gallery with refreshments in the gym.

Grandparents Week will be Mon through Friday, April 1-5th. The 4K class will continue with the community helper unit with visits from a therapy dog, a mail carrier, dental hygienist, and a nurse. They will also visit the police station, city garage, and the fire station. It will be a busy month!

The 3K classes will enjoy having their grandparents visit also. At the end of April they will have fun with Monkey week and Beach week. Jesus time will include stories about Timothy, Daniel, Samuel, Jonah, and Jesus calming the storm. They will learn that Jesus is always caring for them.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the students, their families, and the preschool staff.

He Is Risen!!!



WALK FOR LIFE

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center is hosting 6K Run/Walk on Saturday, May 4 at South Wood County Park, 6411 S Park Road, Wisconsin Rapids. This is their annual fundraiser to support their mission and ministry. Each participant is encouraged to make a goal and share with family & friends. A free online platform is included with online registration to share on social media, take electronic pledges/cards, and keep track of funds raised. Same day registration is available between 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Full loop is 4 miles with a 1 mile optional turnaround. Runners begin at 10:00 a.m.; walkers at 10:05 a.m. Concessions & raffle after the event. 100% of proceeds raised from concessions goes to support the mission of First Choice. There are pamphlets with registration information at church or please go to their website at www.firstchoiceprc.org



THE HANNAH CENTER TASTING TOUR

- Tuesday, April 16, 2024
- 5:45 PM 8:45 PM
- Crossview Church, Wisc Rapids

The annual Wisconsin Rapids Tasting Tour Fundraiser is quickly approaching! Join us on Tuesday April 16th for an evening that showcases the upcoming Hannah Center in Wisconsin Rapids! Enjoy incredible foods/drinks from local businesses, win prizes through various raffles, indulge in meaningful conversations, and experience a fun-filled night as you learn more ways to support the mission of The Hannah Center in Wisconsin Rapids!

Doors open at 5:00pm, event starts at 5:45pm! Tickets are available on line at www.hannahcenter.com.



Hannah Center
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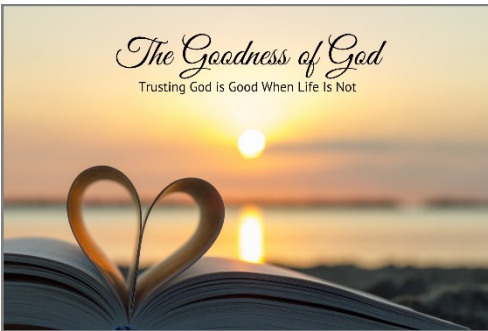
SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

2023 – 2024 Sunday School

Theme for this year is the Fruit of the Spirit

Verse for the year: Galatians 5:22-23: But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

1. The sixth fruit that we are looking at is Goodness! This is just one definition of goodness.
2. The nutritious, flavorful, or beneficial part of something.



Goodness? What does that word mean to you. I was unsure of how we could show goodness today. This kind of stumped me

because how to show goodness. I know how to be good and make the right decisions. To show goodness we need to be in a close relationship with God so that through the Holy Spirit the attribute of goodness will be shown through us. Doing good deeds and helping others by benefiting them and seeking no rewards or gains for

ourselves. Do what is morally right and good by having integrity and being honest with ourselves and others. (this came from thinkaboutsuchthings.com)

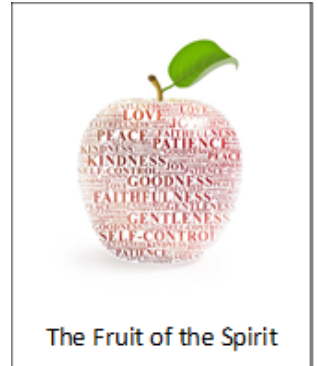
Sometimes it is hard to do good deeds without seeking a reward, we want people to see that we are good. By being in the Word and getting closer relationship with God goodness will follow.

Goodness: there are many scriptures that talk about goodness. Here are just a few:

- Hosea 3:5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king, and they shall come in fear of the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.
- Psalm 23:6 God's mercy and goodness will be with us all the days of our life, and we will dwell in God's house forever.
- Hebrews 6:5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the ages to come.

There are many more scriptures on goodness. As we read these scriptures and think about them here are couple of questions that come to mind:

1. What do we believe about the scriptures that are listed above?
2. What am I showing others when I am going through a season that is hard and things just don't seem to be going right?
3. How am I showing that in storms that Jesus is good to me?



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kasandra Enkro	April 1	Debra Tibbetts	April 14	Levi Gilson	April 24
Heather Utecht	April 1	Jean Elmer	April 16	Pamela Walker	April 25
Sally Captain	April 2	Ruth Zinda	April 16	Bernadette Stainbrook	April 25
Connie Sherd	April 2	Matthew Harwood	April 18	Dale Easterson	April 26
Mary Ebert	April 4	Scott Koch	April 18	Brittany Young	April 26
Jeffrey Wunrow	April 7	Bruce Schoff	April 19	Jean Buttke	April 27
Ronald Bohn	April 7	Janet Fisher	April 20	Joe Hagen	April 27
Preston Bohn	April 8	Mary Krenz	April 20	Lindsey Nack	April 28
Pamela Hilke	April 9	Penny Pelot	April 20	Suzanne Onesti	April 30
Michael Schroeder	April 10	Holly Johnson	April 22	Grace Jinsky	April 30
Rose Schooley	April 12	Robert Kubisiak	April 22		
Alaina Larsen	April 12	Roger Schiller	April 24		
Becky Diver	April 13	Janet Wood	April 24		
James Wunrow	April 13	Patrick Marzofka	April 24		
Nicholas Bonsack	April 13	Marissa Borre	April 24		

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!



OFFICE STAFF E-MAILS

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APRIL HELPERS TO WORSHIP

Elders: 6:00 Gary Shaw 8:15 Dale Scheunemann 10:30 Ron Stowell

Ushers 6:00 Hayden, Lon, Tracy, & Pam Shaw
 8:15 Joe Hagen, Dean Langholff, Gerald Geishart, Rick Austin
 10:30 Tim, Ayden, Brian, & Heather Stainbrook

Altar Guild: April 6 & 7: Lori Hansen
 April 13 & 14: Jenny Damrau
 April 20 & 21: Bonnie Rendmeister
 April 27 & 28: Annette Wussow



Pew Maintenance: Wilbur & Delores Ott

Saturday/Sunday: April 6 & 7, 2024

Communion Helpers:	6:00 Chuck Gibbons	8:15 Richard Casper	
Readers:	6:00 Jim Tellekson	8:15 Jan Langholff	10:30 Sandi Ceplina
Greeters:	6:00 Sandy Sanger	8:15 Emily Hansen	10:30 Pam Hilke
Child Care:		9:10-10:25: Kami Kubisiak/Paige Jackan	

Saturday/Sunday: April 13 & 14, 2024

Communion Helpers:		10:30 Ray Jacob
Readers:	6:00 LouAnne Pufall	8:15 Jon Hillstead 10:30 Bill Seipel
Greeters:	6:00 Pam & Virgel Berndt	8:15 Bonnie Rendmeister 10:30 Marge Hinrichsen
Child Care:		9:10-10:25: Diane Smith/Bobbi Dilley

Saturday/Sunday: April 20 & 21, 2024

Communion Helpers:	6:00 Chuck Gibbons	8:15 Richard Casper	
Readers:	6:00 Chuck Gibbons	8:15 Jody Cook	10:30 Ron Stowell
Greeters:	6:00 Jan Deitz	8:15 Bonnie Rendmeister	10:30 Shirley Wagner
Child Care:		9:10-10:25: Jessica Stainbrook/Holly Johnson	

Saturday/Sunday: April 27 & 28, 2024

Communion Helpers:		10:30 Ray Jacob
Readers:	6:00 Connie Sherd	8:15 Nancy Koch 10:30 Linda Garski
Greeters:	6:00 Les & Jean Elmer	8:15 Sandy Christman 10:30 Barb Kasten
Child Care:		9:10-10:25: Kami Kubisiak/Paige Jackan

Jeff Rieckenberg schedules the Elders, Communion Helpers, & Ushers

Ron Stowell schedules the Greeters

Barb Hunt-Caves schedules the Readers

Annette Wussow schedules Altar Guild

CAMP LUTHER UPDATES

SUMMER REGISTRATION

1,256 out of our 1,600 spots for summer camp have been filled!!! That means we still have 344 spots open! We especially want to fill our High School Week! This week of the summer is like no other and it is different every single year. If you know any high schoolers please encourage them to spend a week at camp this summer.



GOLF CLASSIC June 4, 2024

Registration opens at 8:15am; Tee off at 9:00am | Pinewood Country Club - 9000 Pinewood Valley Rd, Harshaw, WI 54529

Join us for our 20th annual Golf Classic! This event is held to fund our Every Kid to Camp program, which covers registration fees for first time campers. Help us build up all people in Christ for service and witness to the world by attending this year's event. Find all the event details online at: <https://campluther.com/golf>



SUMMER VOLUNTEER VILLAGE AND RV PROGRAM

Volunteer Village is the grouping of rustic cabins that have been built for volunteers to utilize in the summer to add to our volunteer program and increase the ministry impact that happens at camp. Each cabin will have space for 5 people to sleep, with 2 bunkbeds in a full-twin and twin-twin format.

You can also sign up to be an RV Volunteer! If you have time, willingness to serve and an RV, come to camp this summer and stay in Volunteer Village. In the Volunteer Village, Camp Luther offers 3 RV sites including water and 30 amp power connection. Sewer dump is available on property but not offered as full hook-ups.

For additional information about the program, visit campluther.com/volunteer#workbee

**Camp Luther | 715-546-3647 | info@campluther.com | www.campluther.com
1889 Koubenec Road Three Lakes, WI 54562-9206**

WE CARE. WE REALLY DO. When you are having a family crisis and need spiritual care, please do not hesitate to call. When you or someone you love has been diagnosed with a life changing disease, hospitalized, hurt (physically or emotionally), suffered a loss, or is being challenged with whatever life throws at you, we are here for you. Talking helps, sharing God's Word helps, prayers help, feeling the concern of our Christian friends helps. But we can't help you or your family if we don't know the need.

With laws designed to protect your privacy, hospitals no longer alert us if you have been admitted. There may be times when you choose to protect your own privacy but there may be times when you need a pastor's spiritual guidance and care. Call the church office at 715-423-5990.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 **3** Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God

We also would like to rejoice with you and offer prayers of thanksgiving during those special, memorable times in life - graduations, marriages, births, return to good health, good test results, etc. We are a Christian Fellowship - a family of believers that believe in offering love and care. Call the church office at 715-423-5990.

APRIL 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:30 Veterans of the Cross 10:00 Hope Support 11:30 Senior Women 6:30 Walking with Jesus	2 11:00 Ministry on Missions 1:00 Pastor Carlton Bible Study 6:00 WM Meeting	3 9:45 Women in the Word 1:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Confirmation	4 10:00 GriefShare 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus 7:00 The Bible Small Group	5 10:00 Bible Study	6 6:00 Worship/HC
7 8:15 Worship/HC 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study 9:20 Adult Bible Study 9:20 S.S. Parents Group 10:30 Worship 6:00 Game Group	8 9:00 Dorcas Circle 10:00 Hope Support 6:00 Lois Circle 6:30 Walking with Jesus Bible Study	9 9:00 Dorcas Circle 6:30 Church Council	10 9:45 Women in the Word 1:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Choir Practice 6:00 Confirmation	11 10:00 GriefShare 10:00 Anna Circle 1:00 Eunice Circle 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus 7:00 The Bible Small Group	12 10:00 Bible Study	13 6:00 Worship
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Christ be Our Leader March/April 2024

St. Luke's youth seek to be united in Christ, share His love and celebrate our growth in faith.



Lent is a time that can provide Christians a variety of emotional ups and downs. It is during Lent that Jesus began his journey to the cross in earnest. He endured unimaginable abuse, suffering and death for our sins. Yet there is amazing good news as well; he arose from the dead, conquering sin and providing us a way to enjoy eternity with him in heaven. One of the last messages Jesus gave us was to love one another. Our fellowship and Lenten meals at St Luke's are an example of expressing that love for each other through carefully prepared meals. They express that love of fellowship and caring to be apparent. The meals are a lot of work, but the harvest we reap makes it all very worthwhile!

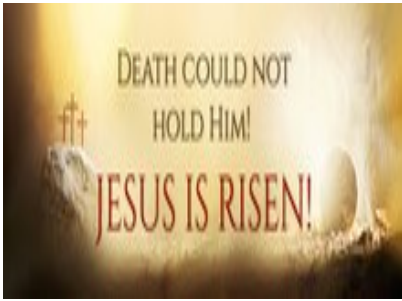


If you come to church to find a good book to read, and you went to the "old" library area, you would not find your book anywhere. However, you might experience a match of Foosball or Ping-Pong going on. Change, it is constant and inevitable! A year or so ago it was decided to move the library up into an old Sunday School room adjacent to the overflow area. It seemed to take forever to get that move accomplished but the wait was worthwhile; the relocated library looks excellent, worked out perfectly, and has a more "library feel" than the old area. And the move really helped out the Youth as well. The existing Youth Room was just too small to be efficient. There was too much in too little area. Moving the library has allowed them to expand. In the pictures below you can see the ping-pong table and foosball table relocated to the old library area...and if you compare the other two pictures you will see the very crowded previous Youth Room (Youth trying their best to do some crafts in the cramped conditions). What a wonderful and long awaited change! Thanks to everyone who made this change happen. We now have room to work and play at the same time! The Lord works in mysterious, yet wonderful ways; we pray that this very positive change of providing more room for our Ministry will soon be filled with our Youth - we must remember that they are the future of St. Luke's and in the spread of the Word everywhere they go as they mature and venture out to find their niche and vocation in this beautiful world the Lord created!



It is very hard to imagine what the last week of life for Jesus was like. Entering Jerusalem, knowing full well what awaited him, must have been awful. The Romans did not invent crucifixion but they did transform it into a macabre art. They made sure that it was a horrific site; that inflicted excruciating pain; and they reserved crucifixion for the worst of criminals, considering it a "despicable death"! What an incredible sacrifice Jesus made for us!! The Father sent his Son, Jesus, to die for our sins!! There is no better gift than the gift of eternal life! Remember that this Easter!!









St. Luke's Youth Activities

April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 National Peanut Butter And Jam Day 	3  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	4	5	6
7  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	8	9	10  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	11	12  Rose Schooley	13  Ice Cream Social following 6 p.m. service. Join us PLEASE!
14  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	15	16	17  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	18	19	20
21  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	22	23	24  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	25	26	27
28  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	29	30				