

Luke Notes for the weekend of December 14 & 15, 2024

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**This Week's Bible Readings: Wednesday~ Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7 | Titus 2:11-14 |
Saturday/Sunday ~ Micah 5:2-5a | Hebrews 10:5-10 | Luke 1:39-56 |**

For those with special needs who attend in person worship, large print bulletins are available from an usher. Assistive listening devices are available in the narthex and in the overflow area. Please do not hesitate to ask an usher for assistance if there is anything else you need.

This weekend's service will be shown on television on the following Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Solarus- Channel 3; Spectrum- channel 985. The services are also available on our website. **Livestreaming of the 8:15 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services will be available depending on the availability of our volunteers.** You can access the service at stlukeslutheran.com or our YouTube channel [St. Luke's Church Wisconsin Rapids](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 7 & 8, 2024

Weekend Worship Attendance=270

General Budget \$17,353.00 | Dedicated \$80.00 | Weekly Budget Need= \$14,670.35

Worship Services: Saturday 6 p.m. | Sunday 8:15 a.m. | 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (adults, teens, children): Sunday 9:20 a.m.

Pastor Carlton's "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace". What do these famous names of Jesus from Isaiah 9:16 tell us about our Savior? Come and explore this question with Pr. Carlton between our Sunday services in the fellowship from December 1 – 29.

Deacon Jim is hosting a support group for parents and grandparents. We strive to grow closer to God so we can teach our children.



Hey kids! Join us for Sunday School at 9:20 am on Sundays. Our theme this year is Amour of God, and our verse is Ephesians 6:10-18. Come and learn what it means to put on the Armor of God.

Christmas/New Years Services

Christmas Eve
1pm, 3pm, 5pm & 11pm
Christmas Day- 9 am
New Year's Eve – 6pm

Donations to St. Luke's or St. Luke's Preschool need to be received by St. Luke's on or before December 31st, 2024. Please make sure that it arrives to the church office by this date.

Join us for caroling with our youth group
December 15th at 1:15 p.m.
Meet at the church!

Advent meal and Evening Worship service meals at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Service is at 6:00 p.m.
Dec 18th: Veterans of the Cross

For teens: Join us on Sunday at 9:20 am for bible study and on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm for youth group. Teens getting together for a time of fellowship, studying God's word and of course fun! Elaine Herman is our Youth Director





Weekly Prayers- ****This does not include the people on our Continue to Pray list.**

We thank and praise God - We thank God for leading people to embrace the transforming power of God in their own life and leading people to share the wonderful message of the Gospel

Prayer for comfort and strength- Prayers for Barbara Woodward upon the transitioning of Marion Wittenberg into the heavenly Kingdom

Recovering From Illness/Surgery/In Need of Healing-Prayers for physical, emotional, financial, and Spiritual healing and relationship for the following people-

Ashley Groholski | Randy Balko | Kaitlyn | Catherine O'Neil | Sally Merk | Mike Lubeck | Diana Hillstead | Betty Clouse | Sherri Odem | Amy and Dave | Ron and Laura Hagen | Mike O'Neil |

Other- We pray for all of our military veterans to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We thank them for helping to keep America safe. We ask God to help us be obedient to Him as He works in and through us for His honor and glory.



Advent service is on Dec 18 beginning at 6pm.
A free will offering meal will be served prior to the services at 5pm.
Dorcas and Eve Circles will not be meeting in December.
The card stamping group will not be meeting in December.
Rebekah Circle will be meeting Monday, December 23rd

Priscilla Circle is looking for help with communion set up and altar care. 1 weekend every 6 weeks. Contact Annette Wussow, Jenny Damrau, Lori Hansen or Bonnie Rendmeister.

Funeral committee is looking for more help for 2025. Signup sheets are in the narthex and office lobby.

You can also call Julie Spice at 715-570-7235

Women's Ministry is looking for a Treasurer. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Pamela Hilke at 715-421-3817 and leave a message. Thank you.



Current Fundraisers- Kwik Trip gift cards are still available to purchase. St. Luke's Preschool/4k still has a few gift cards to sell 2 @ \$20 cards on hand. The gift cards can be used for fuel or anything in the store. When they are gone, they're gone. Buy yours during regular office hours, Monday-Friday. St. Luke's/4k thanks all of you who supported our Kwik Trip Fundraiser. It was great success and helps us maintain lower tuition costs for parents and a great program.

Disaster Awareness- Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, heavy fighting has continued to endanger the lives of Ukrainian civilians and caused severe damage to the country's infrastructure: from housing to heating, eater and electricity supplies. Most of the seeing their homes destroyed by shelling and may have experienced various wartime traumas including armed violence, family separation, looting or eviction. 40% of Ukraine's population will need humanitarian assistance this year, according to the United Nations. Please consider a donation for Disaster Awareness to provide aid for Ukraine's people or people affected by another disaster, man-made or natural.



WEEK AT A GLANCE~ DECEMBER



Monday 16 th	Tuesday 17 th	Wednesday 18 th	Thursday 19 th	Friday 20 th	Saturday 21 th	Sunday 22 th
9:00 a.m. Card Ministry	1:00 p.m. Pastor C's Bible Class	9:00 a.m. 3k Christmas Program	9:00 a.m. 3k Christmas Program	9:00 a.m. 4k Christmas Program	6:00 p.m. Worship	8:15 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Hope Support	6:00 p.m. Family Ministry Meeting	9:45 a.m. Women in the Word	10:00 a.m. GriefShare	10:00 a.m. Bible Study		9:15 a.m. Sunday School
6:30 p.m. Walking w/ Jesus		6:00 p.m. Advent Service	6:00 p.m. Bible Small Group			9:15 a.m. Youth Bible Study w/Elaine
		Advent Meal following Service	6:30 p.m. Life, Love, & Jesus			9:20 a.m. S.S. Parent Group
		6:00 p.m. Relationship Small Group	6:30 p.m.. GriefShare			9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study
		6:00 p.m. Advent Service				10:30 a.m. Worship/HC
		7:00 p.m. Choir				5:00 p.m. Game Group
		6:00 p.m. Youth Group				6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Birthdays

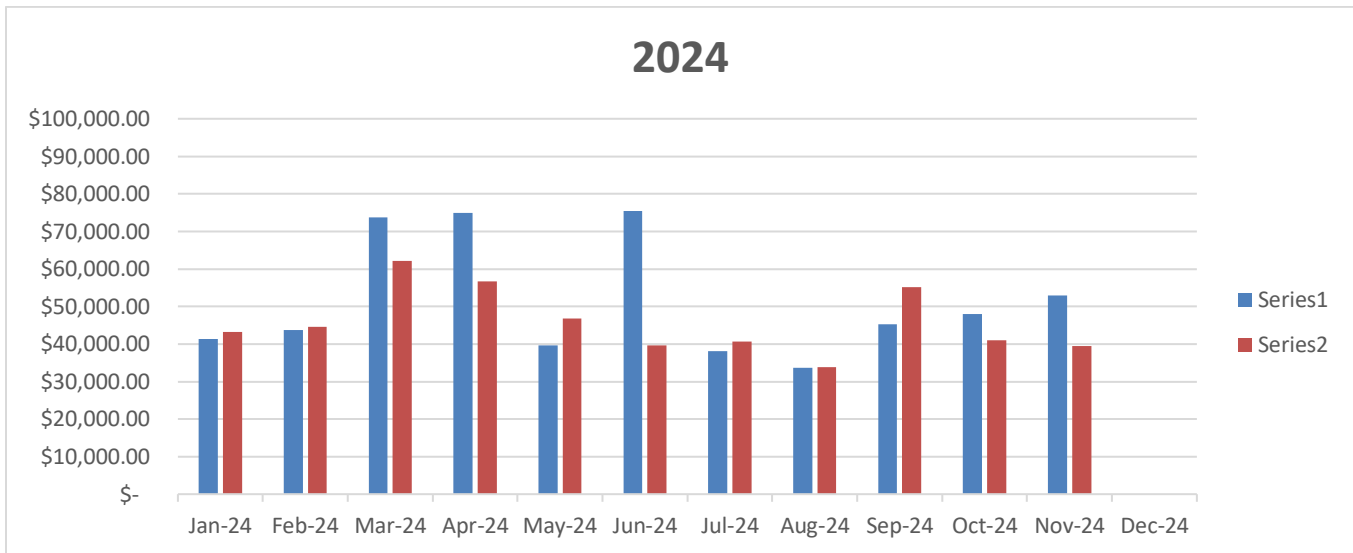
DEC 16~ CHERYL GIESE, RAEGYN TIETSORT
 DEC 17~ KASIA JANICKI
 DEC 18~
 DEC 19~
 DEC 20~ AVA GENETT, DALE SCHOLZE
 DEC 21~ BEV BOWMAN, PHILLIP ABEL
 DEC 22~ RICK AUSTIN, KENNETH HENKE, BARBARA HUNT-CAVES
 PEGGY MERTINS, PAIGE LARSEN



Anniversaries

DEC 18~ DONN & BECKY KRENZ 42 YRS
 DEC 21~ THOMAS & EMILY ANDRES 50 YRS





Red= expense

Blue=income

A LIFE QUOTE FOR LUTHERANS FOR LIFE~ December 14 “And every life matters to God. It is impossible to live—even for a few moments on this earth—and not influence somebody in one way or another. We are all always influencing somebody—either for good or for bad. Life matters. Your life matters. Lives of kings and lives of shepherds all matter. We all matter and are important to God.” *Dennis D. Nelson, Lutheran CORE – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.