

## Luke Notes for the weekend of January 11 & 12, 2024

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**This Week's Bible Readings: Isaiah 43:1-3a | Romans 6:1-11 | Luke 3:15-22 |**

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](http://stlukeslutheran.com) or our YouTube channel [St. Luke's Church Wisconsin Rapids](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...).

### WEEKLY UPDATE FOR THE WEEKEND OF January 4 & 5, 2024

Weekend Worship Attendance= 222

General Budget \$13831.64 | Dedicated \$527.00 | 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.

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



**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



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

**Undecorating the church will take place January 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**





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

**We thank and praise God** - We thank God for who He is. He is the only true God, Our Savior and King.

**Prayer for comfort and strength-** Prayers for comfort and strength for the family of Jared K. Merkes

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

Ashley Groholski | Diana & Jon Hillstead | Elizabeth Adams | Sharon's Brother | Virginia Halversma | Catherine O'Neil | Jeanette Mandelin | Tim Neumann | Lisa a friend of Melissa Bungert | Pam Shaw | Marge Ross | Mike O'Neil | Diane Schoenholz | Kaitlyn |

**Other-** God you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light so that you can work in us and through us for you honor and glory.

Pray for our leaders to be protected and our nation to be covered by the blood of Jesus. We pray for Brayden & Aryanna Mitchell (twin babies born Jan 1st to Jonathan & Cheryl Mitchell, the daughter of Don & Heather Kich) were born premature and are in medical crisis.

Pray for the people affected by the wildfires in California and other natural disasters around the world.

**Confirmation Classes will resume January 15<sup>th</sup>.**



**Pastor Carlton's New Bible Study Class~ 'The Bible in 12 Weeks (or a little more)'**  
**So many of us know great passages and stories in the Bible but don't know how it all fits together. Come join us Sunday's in the fellowship hall these winter months for an inspiring overall look at the greatest book ever written. Classes meet between Sunday services from January 12<sup>th</sup>- April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Bibles & Bows will be starting up in February! We are always looking for more helpers if you would like to join our ministry. Please contact Tami Abel at 715-435-3282 (after 5pm) if you are interested in helping. Classes will be every Thursday evening, February 6<sup>th</sup> through March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm to 8pm. Kids ages 8 through 18 are welcome to participate. Depending on ages of participants, we may split into two groups - ages 8 – 13 yr. olds and 14 - 18 yr. olds. Please join us for archery & bible devotion fun!**

**Senior Women will meet on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. at Tamaracks.**

**January 19 at 12pm. Women's Ministry January Joint Meeting, in the Fellowship Hall. We begin with a noon luncheon followed by our business meeting. Agenda includes voting on 2025 goals and fundraising projects, society by-law revisions, mites collection and more. Any lady of St. Luke's is cordially invited to join us this afternoon. Hosted by Lois and Eve Circles. Would love to see you at our meeting. Questions? Please contact Pamela Hilke 715-421-3817.**



**Thank offering/Memorials:** The following were given to the Glory of God for the blessings received and/or in loving memory of the following:

- | Given by Jeanette Mandelin in the memory of Roland Mandelin
- | Given by Earl Ziegler in the memory of Betty Tuxhorn



St. Luke's Preschool/4K is accepting registrations for 3K and 4K for the 2025-2026 school year. A child must be 3 or 4 prior to September 1, 2025 to be eligible. Registration forms are available online, at the church office, and at the preschool office. If there are questions, please call preschool at 715-423-5990. St. Luke's is nationally accredited and state licensed. The theme for the year will be "On Track with Jesus". We look forward to an exciting year!

FOCUS is sponsoring the South Wood County Empty Bowls again this year. The event this year will be held on February 15 from 11am-2:00pm. The event will include a sit down meal including Soup, roll, beverage and dessert meal, a handmade bowl, and a basket raffle featuring over 70 different baskets to bid on. We need the following volunteers:

- Greeters- 2
- Beverage bar- 2
- Dining room monitor-1
- Parking attendants- 2
- Order takers- 2
- Raffle- 6 at least plus Mari Jo and Bob
- Ticket sales- 2- Lisa
- Desserts- 2
- Clean up- 6-10
- Ticket takers- 2
- Soup Servers- 6-8
- Closers- 2
- Bowl supervisors- 2
- Dish station- 2
- Runners- 2
- Number caller- 1
- Dish washers- 3-4
- To go meals- 2
- Table servers- 10
- Table waiters- 6-8

If you would like to work in any of these areas, please email Don Mancl at lindaanddon@solarus.net or call him at 715-451-1404 with the area you would like to work in. Descriptions of each job will be posted outside the Church Office and in the Narthex. We thank you in advance for considering helping with this event.

**We currently have a need for someone to wash our dish towels from the kitchen for the months of January, July, and December 2025.**

**Please call Julie Spice if interested at 715-570-7235**

**Happy Anniversary to Ron and Deb Bohn on 51 years of marriage.**



**A LIFE QUOTE FOR LUTHERANS FOR LIFE~ January 12** "From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), God's began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption. "Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://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.*



# WEEK AT A GLANCE~ JANUARY



Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>
9:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle	9:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle	9:45 a.m. Women in the Word	10:00 a.m. GriefShare	10:00 a.m. Bible Study	9:00 a.m. Undecorating the church	8:15 a.m. Worship /HC
10:00 a.m. Hope Support	6:30 p.m. Church Council	6:00 p.m. Relationship Small Group	6:00 p.m. The Bible Small Group		6:00 p.m. Worship/HC	9:15 a.m. Sunday School
6:00 p.m. Lois Circle		6:00 p.m. Choir	6:30 p.m. Life Love & Jesus			9:15 a.m. Youth Bible Study w/Elaine
6:30 p.m. Walking w/ Jesus		6:00 p.m. Youth Group	6:30 p.m. GriefShare			9:20 a.m. S.S. Parent Group
		6:00 p.m. Confirmation				9:20 a.m. Adult Bible Study
						10:30 a.m. Worship
						5:00 p.m. Game Group
						6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

## Birthdays

JAN 13~ SUANNE TUXHORN, MARISSA KLINGFORTH

JAN 14~ DALE DAHL

JAN 15 ~

JAN 16~THOMAS ANDRES, GERALD GIESHART,  
CORTLYN YOUNG

JAN 17~ DAVID EHLERT, TIMOTHY WALKER

JAN 18~ COY JOHNSON, KAYDENCE JOHNSON

JAN 19~



## Anniversaries

JAN 19~ RONALD & DEBRA BOHN 51 YRS

