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For many of our churches, including Lutheran ones like ours, January 12th will be Epiphany Sunday. In the early days of Christianity, the day of Epiphany – which is actually January 6th – was a major holiday of worship more important than Christmas itself. The main theme of the holiday is the manifestation, or revelation, of God to the world through the person of Jesus Christ. Epiphany is also celebrated, as it is here at St. Luke's, as an entire season of the church year usually lasting some five to seven weeks.

We also associate the day or Sunday of Epiphany with the coming of the Wise Men to bring gifts to a newborn King named Jesus. Three magi, or royal astrologers, from lands somewhere east of Israel, see a large and unusual star rise in the heavens and follow it to the home of the Christ child. Disappointing as it might be to those of us who love manger scenes, the wise men probably didn't show up on Christmas eve. They arrive to worship Jesus at least some weeks later. Either way, when they find the child, they present him with gifts.

How the wise men knew the significance of this bright guiding star we don't know. But the Gospel of Matthew tells us the purpose of their coming. When the magi arrive in Jerusalem they ask: "Where is he who is born King of the Jews? We have seen his star when it rose and have come to worship him." (Matthew 2:2). This means that God set a special star in the heavens for the sole purpose of guiding these men to a place where they could worship Jesus. They traveled for weeks for that single reason – to worship the Son of God.

God guides us too for the sole purpose of bringing us closer to Him, especially through our worship. One of the reasons He created us, in fact, is to worship and glorify Him as our Creator and Redeemer. God even leads us over long distances in our lives to bring us to a higher level of worshipping Him. Like the wise men in Matthew 2, he created us to be worshipping creatures. So given who we are, we'll be restless in our souls until we fulfill that purpose.

With that lesson in mind, let me encourage you, during this Epiphany season, to worship your newborn King too. Even if, like the wise men, it means a bit of travel or inconvenience on your part. Unlike the wise men you don't have to bring gold, frankincense, or myrrh. You just have to come and receive the saving gifts Christ has for you.

Happy Epiphany!

Pastor Carlton

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT- THE BETHLEM STAR

Thank you to all the hostesses and to all those behind the scenes in lighting and sound this Christmas Season. Without you this special event would not be possible. How blessed we are for the beautiful music. We truly enjoyed it, thank you! What a blessing we have here at St. Luke's. Amen! Remember "Jesus is the reason for the season"



CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Child care is available during the Sunday school, Bible study hour for children too young to attend Sunday school. We offer this to allow parents to attend Bible study or to assist in the SS program. Two volunteers provide care from 9:10-10:25. All volunteers have met Risk Management requirements to work with your children.

St. Luke's loves to have children participate in worship. We also recognize that there may be times when this becomes difficult for parents.. The Family / Child care room is open during worship services every weekend for parents to use with their child(ren) who may be having difficulty sitting in church. There is a changing station in the room as well.

The Family/Child Care room can be accessed through the glass doors toward the front of the sanctuary.



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.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

From Pamela Hilke, St. Luke's Women's Ministry

Happy New Year and Epiphany greetings to you. I'd like to thank everyone who was involved with our Women's Ministry Advent by Candlelight held in early December. That is always a great time to reflect on the true meaning of the Christmas season. And thank you to everyone who has been part of Women's Ministry this past year, be it our officers, circle members and Pastor Carlton as our advisor. I'd like to remember some of our 2024 activities. January- Joint Meeting, we voted on our goals for the year (St. Luke's Pre-School, St. Luke's Student Fund and 75th Anniversary). In March our two day Bake Sale, in May- Pie Sale, in August it was Festival Sunday and 75th Anniversary celebration, September our Joint Meeting, in November-Soup sale, in December-Advent by Candlelight and Zone 17 rallies in April and September. It was truly a busy year and many thanks to everyone who took part in planning, preparing for and participating in these activities!



Looking forward to 2025, we have our January Joint Meeting on January 19 at noon, hosted by Lois and Eve Circles. We'll be voting on our goals for the year. We invite any lady of St. Luke's to join us. Watch for more info in the weekly Luke Notes in January.

God's blessings to you and your family in this New Year.

Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, January 7: WM Monthly Meeting, 6:00pm
- Sunday, January 19: WM January Joint Meeting, in the Fellowship Hall, 12:00pm
- Tuesday, February 4: WM Monthly Meeting, 6:00pm
- June 26-29, 2025 LWML Convention in Omaha, NE

***Senior Women will meet Monday,
January 6th at 11:30am at Perkin's.***



WOMEN'S MINISTRY JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Anna Circle	Thursday, January 9	10:00 am	Bookstore
Dorcas Circle	Mondays & Tuesdays, January 13, 14, 27, 28	9:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Eunice Circle	Thursday, January 9	1:00 pm	Renaissance
Eve Circle	No January Meeting	9:00 am	Room 102
Lois Circle	Monday, January 13	6:00 pm	Room 103
Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, January 28	8:30 am	Room 105

THE PROCESS OF OUR PASTORAL CALL...

SEARCH FOR A NEW CALL CANDIDATE...PART 9

The monthly newsletter updates are published to keep the congregation informed of where we are at in the Call Process as we look for a Senior Pastor...

- We extended a call to Pastor David Schultz of St Paul, Wood River, Illinois on November 13th. We gave him until January 13th to either accept or decline our call. On December 2nd we held a Zoom meeting with him to answer any questions that he may have had about St. Luke's. The meeting went quite well.
- Early Friday, December 6th, Pastor Schultz notified me that he was returning his call to us. Although he was impressed with St. Luke's, our Heavenly Father moved him to stay at St Paul, Wood River as he has further work to do there before taking a call.
- On Monday, December 9th, we contacted Pastor Steve Hulke, our interim Circuit Visitation Pastor, to inform him of our need for his assistance in getting a new, updated, pastoral candidate call list from District President Rev. Dwayne Lueck.
- We will also accept pastoral nominations from the congregation until we get the list back from District. There will be congregational nomination forms placed in the Narthex and the Overflow areas, feel free to nominate a pastor that you think would be a great senior pastor for St. Luke's.
- The Call Committee will start meeting again as soon as we receive the new call list from Pastor Hulke and/or Rev. Dr. Lueck. The call committee should be back in session sometime mid-January.
- We will be allowed to use any pastoral candidate names from our previous call list if there is a pastor of interest on that list. We do have a potential strong candidate from that list that will be carried over for further discussion and review when we start meeting again.
- Thank you for all the prayers and support that you have given/shown for us. Please continue with the prayers for the call committee, for St. Luke's congregation, and for whoever our Heavenly Father has already selected to be the next Shepherd for St. Luke's.

NOTE We may be able to apply for a Seminary Placement from the 2025 Missouri Synod Seminary graduating class pending congregational approval and submission of the application form before March 1, 2025.

(Update by Ron Herman and the Call Committee. If there are questions/concerns, please contact us)

Council Meeting Minutes | December 10, 2024

Members present: Jim Nooyen, John Klingforth, Dave Mancusi, Nancy Kock, Holly Johnson, Ron Herman, Heather Stainbrook, Joel Jensen, Pastor Carlton Andersen, Judy Haas, Jeff Rieckenberg, Chuck Gibbons.

Others in attendance: Paula Heil, Cindy Weigel and Janet Fisher

Absent: Jody Cook

Meeting began at 6:30pm

Jim Nooyen opened in prayer.

Minutes reviewed from November 12, 2024 council meeting. Motion was made by Joel Jensen and 2nd by Judy Haas to approve council minutes from November 12, 2024. Motion carried.

Minutes reviewed from November 26th, 2024 special council meeting. Motion was made by John Klingforth and seconded by Jeff Rieckenberg and approved council meeting minutes from November 26, 2024 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report was given by Jeff Rieckenberg. Expense for November was \$39,411.11 and income was \$52,966.63 with a net income of \$13,555.52.

Question asked about the low amount of spending on payroll taxes/exp. Church line under worship. Also Administration support line was explained the use for that money. It is to pay for a "sub" if needed when Parish Administrator is on vacation.

Jeff will reconcile the payroll/taxe exp church line and council will hold on approving the treasurer's report.

A balance sheet will be provided at the January meeting on 1/14/2025.

Pastor Report given by Pastor Carlton Andersen

December 1st the first Sunday of Advent with Wednesday December 4th the first midweek service. The theme for Advent Wednesdays is "And His Name Shall be Called" on the prophetic names of Jesus. Pastor Corey Shaffer will lead the midweek services

Adult Sunday classes will continue to follow the same theme. Confirmation classes will begin again in - mid January when we will be gathering with parents in preparing for 1st communion.

Pastor Corey Shaffer continues to help with visitations along with Advent worship. He is leading one of our small groups. Visitations were down in number partially because he was not working his full hours until the month of December. Our members at the Renaissance did receive visits early this month as requested.

Thank you to the decorators for their wonderful job beautifying our church and sanctuary for Advent and Christmas season.

Non communion listed for the month seemed high for the month. Pastor Carlton will discuss this with Deacon Jim. Adding to the membership will be Ashley Groholski and daughter Remy.

Thanksgiving numbers seemed low on the report, but the numbers were taken from the We Care Cards and numbers in the elders room. Will be corrected when it is investigated.

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Motion to approve Pastor statistical report as corrected with numbers by John Klingforth and seconded by Judy Haas. Motion carried.

Parish Administrator Report- Paula Heil

Fire alarm- Had a rep come in and give training to know how to turn off alarms, put in test mode etc. Jim Nooyen, Victoria Hahnenberg, Paula Heil, John Klingforth, and Ron Herman were present.

Discussion held on Thrivent choice dollars. The council decided to split the dollars between Parking Lot Fund, General Budget and Security. Each will get 1/3 of what comes in. A letter will be sent to those who participate.

Motion made to approve the Thrivent choice dollars that will go 1/3 to General Budget, 1/3 to Parking Lot Fund and 1/3 to Security by Nancy Koch and seconded by Heather Stainbrook. Motion carried.

Reminder was given about annual reports and when they are ready send to church office.

Family Ministry Report -Heather Stainbrook

We had 21 kids between the 2 classes last Sunday. Bibles are going well. Tami Able is doing a great job teaching the kids how to use the Bible. 6 kids are going to Youth Quake along with 2 adults. Caroling on December 15th. Candy bars will be going up to \$2.

Holly Johnson gave update on preschool and Kwik Trip fundraiser. Preschool made \$2200.

Missions Report- Nancy Koch-

Would like to request monies of: \$750 for Bakers-TIM

\$750 for Ashley Lehr-TIM

\$500.00 for Adam Urban-Mission Trip to India

\$500.00 for POBLO mission

Annual Report was given to council.

Ideas for December deposit mission's money:

Would like to have pre-approval for :

Peace campus--\$500

Life Song for Orphans-\$500

St. Luke's Youth-????

Motion was made to approve the \$2500.00 for the Bakers, Ashely Lehr, Adam Urban and POBLO mission and in addition to the pre approval for \$1500-\$1700 for Peace Campus, Life Song and youth made by Heather Stainbrook and seconded by John Klingforth. Motion carried.

Social Concerns-Holly Johnson

Update on the different disasters that have happened around the world this year.

Worship-Ron Herman-

Discussion of how funerals are requested. How things are changing with what families are requesting. Call committee updates-Pastor Dave Schultz declined to the call we made. A new call list will be requested and phone calls to call those on the list to make sure they are willing to consider a call. Sacramentum sink is complete.

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Property Care-John Klingforth

Narthex elevator phone is not working. It was priced at \$2300 to replace the phone. Will look into having quotes from others .

Weatherstripping around the doors has been completed except for 2 doors.

Waste Management is no longer our garbage and recycling. They have picked up their dumpsters.

Review of Operating Budget 2025

Congregational meeting -December 11th. Budget will be presented as \$727,610.

District will receive 10% of budget of \$638,255.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting | December 11, 2024

There were members 28 present.

Chairman Jim Nooyen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pastor Corey Shaffer opened in prayer.

Minutes from the March 17, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

- Motion made by Cheryl Klingforth and seconded it by Sandy Christman to approve the minutes from March 17, 2024. Motion carried.
- Herb Kronholm updated the congregation on the Endowment Fund. They will end the year with \$185603 with a principle of \$178207.
- Diane Smith gave an update on Compassionate Care Grant Recipients 2025.
- Ron Herman updated with the call committee report. The call committee has meet several times and then sent out a call to Pastor Zobel and he declined the call and then Pastor David Schultz and he also declined. The call committee will get a new call list and will go through the list and call each one to make they are willing to consider a call before learning about each Pastor on the list.
- Approval for a proposed call for a seminarian was made.
- Motion to apply for a seminarian was made by Chuck Gibbons and 2nd by John Klingforth. Motion carried.
- The election of officer's ballot was presented with no other contenders. A motion was made by Herb Kronholm and seconded by Richard Koch to accept the ballot as is and place those on the ballot in the positions to be elected. Motion carried.
- 2025 Operating Budget was presented.
- Motion was made to approve the 2025 operating budget with the correction to made on the line for Convention/Conference should read a \$2000 change by Richard Koch and seconded by Diane Smith. Motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Klingforth and seconded by Joel Jensen. Motion carried.
- Pastor Carlton closed the meeting in prayer at 8:00 pm

I want to thank all who have checked out books and DVDs, because it is nice to know that someone knows where we are. Also, thank you to all that have donated books to us.

On that note, I will tell you about some new books (for us) that have just been donated. People who love novels, especially the Amish, will enjoy these. They will all be found in Section One when put on the shelf. For now they will be on the shelf above the other novels.



The first four are a series called "*Home to Hickory Hollow*" by Beverly Lewis. On the back covers it says, "Come home to Hickory Hollow, Pennsylvania – the beloved setting where Beverly Lewis's celebrated Amish novels began – with new characters and new stories of drama, romance, and the ties that draw people together." The titles are The Fiddler, The Bridesmaid, The Guardian, and The Secret Keeper.

The next two are by Francine Rivers. These two are the "Marta's Legacy" series. Spanning from the 1900s to the 1950s, Her Mother's Hope is the first part of a gripping and lyrical saga about family and faith, dreams and disappointments, and the depths of grace and forgiveness in one of life's fiercest bonds – the love between mother and daughter.

Her Daughter's Dream is the emotional final chapter of an unforgettable saga about the silent sorrows that can tear a family apart, the sacrifices mothers make for their daughters, and the very nature of unconditional love.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPEN POSITIONS

Women's Ministry is seeking ladies who might be willing to serve on the 2025 board.

Positions include treasurer, secretary and vice president. If you are interested in being part of our ministry or have questions, please contact Pamela Hilke 715-421-3817, leave a message.

Thank you.



"Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through!
They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness." **Lamentations 3:22-23**

The New Hope Life Skills program at Love INC is offering a 6-week DVD book study. Anyone is welcome to attend. Class members will learn what it means to live emotionally healthy lives from studying Jesus' life and how He cared for and responded to the people around Him.

This six-session video Bible study will equip you to:

- Identify the unhealthy ways you might be coping with emotions.
- Learn a biblical step-by-step method to help you process, notice, and name what you're feeling.
- Talk about what you feel so that you can have a meaningful connection with God, with yourself, and with those God puts in your life.

Mondays, January 20 to February 24

12:30 to 2:30 pm, will include lunch

Love INC Building, 710 20th Ave. S

Wisconsin Rapids, 54495

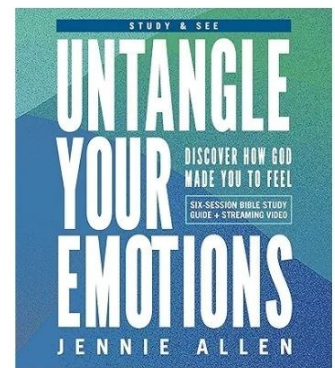
Transportation available upon request

RSVP by January 13, 2025

Call (715) 424-LOVE (5683)



God made us to feel our emotions, to examine and share them—not manage or suppress them. Feelings aren't something to fix; they are something to feel.



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JOIN US

Mondays, January 20 to February 24, 2025

12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Held at Love INC, 710 20th Ave South, WR

Transportation available upon request

PLEASE RSVP BY January 13, 2025

Call 715-424-LOVE (5683)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Tuxhorn	January 2	Sally Merk	January 12	Devin Dahl	January 21
Betty Ehlert	January 3	James Van Duser	January 12	Jon Hillstead	January 22
Danita Denne'e	January 4	Suanne Tuxhorn	January 13	David Romanski	January 22
John Higgins	January 5	Marissa Klingforth	January 13	Janet Meddaugh	January 23
Shirley Pavlik	January 5	Dale Dahl	January 14	Timothy Hansen	January 24
Sophie La Chapelle	January 5	Thomas Andres	January 16	Vicki Balko	January 25
Patti Urban	January 6	Gerald Geishart	January 16	Trista Marzofka	January 25
Gloria Wilcoxen	January 6	Cortlyn Young	January 16	Maxton Klingforth	January 25
Adam Urban	January 6	David Ehlert	January 17	Wendy Koch	January 26
Suzanne Berg	January 7	Timothy Walker	January 17	Stephen Pickett	January 27
Dennis Pelot	January 7	Coy Johnson	January 18	Jill Paulin	January 29
Brittany La Chapelle	January 7	Kaydence Johnson	January 18	Candy Rosplock	January 29
Rose Uher	January 8	Herman Ristow	January 20	Patsy St Martin	January 30
Stephany Andres	January 10	Lauren Calverley	January 20	Mark McAllister	January 30
Karl Klingforth	January 11	Kenley Cook	January 20		
Kendra Kreutzer	January 11	Douglas Van Natta	January 21		

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Michael and Shari Schroeder	January 1	13 years
John and Bev Bowman	January 6	52 years
Randal and Vicki Anderson	January 7	47 years
Debra Alft and Michael	January 9	54 years
Ronald and Laura Hagen	January 11	28 years
Ronald and Debra Bohn	January 19	51 years
Dale and Karen Easterson	January 30	60 years



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Theme of the year: **Amour of God**

Verse of the year: **Ephesians 6: 10-18**

December Recap:

In December we had a light month for studies. We had watched two movies and had a Happy Birthday Jesus party.

The parts of the amour of God are:

1. The belt of truth – buckled around your waist
2. The breastplate of righteousness in place
3. The gospel of peace – fitting the feet with the readiness of peace.
4. The shield of faith – extinguish all of the flaming arrows from the evil one.
5. The helmet of Salvation
6. The Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.



In scripture the third item of the Amour of God is the shoes of peace. What do the shoes of peace do for us? Why should we be fitted with the shoes of peace? Shoes of peace do a couple of things for us. When we have placed the shoes of peace on our feet it gives us the ability to stand firm in the truth of God's word. When Satan attacks us with his lies; we are able stand firm with the shoes of peace standing firmly on the Word of God, remembering who God tells us that we are. The other reason we put on shoes of peace is because when we have our shoes on, we go places. We are to take the gospel to others in the world with our shoes of peace securely fastened on our feet.

Daily we are to put on the Amour of God. How often do we do that. Looking at the shoes of peace and studying what they are for gives me a better idea of why I have to put the shoes on daily. As I share what gives me hope everyday or to have an answer as to where my hope comes from gives me footing with the shoes of peace knowing the gospel. How can we show or tell others where our peace comes from?

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Cindy Weigel – cindydcfan@gmail.com or (715) 741-1020.



HAPPY NEW YEAR from St. Luke's Preschool/4K!



St. Luke's Preschool / 4K

January is going to be another exciting month! 4K will be performing a circus under St. Luke's big top for their families January 31st. Some days, if it's not super cold, we will go outside to play!

2025-2026 pre-registration has begun for next school year! Pre-registration forms are available in the church office, preschool office, or on the website. Don't delay if you or someone you know is interested in attending St. Luke's Preschool/4K. So help us get the word out! If you are interested in meeting any of the staff or would like to see the classrooms, please stop by or call the preschool office. We would love to meet with you!

We would like to say "Thank You" to everyone for your support through donations, supplies and prayers. Your support helps us to minister to the families of our community and share the love of Jesus with them, which is the purpose of our Early Childhood program. We could not do this without you! THANK YOU!

**Thank
You**

Praying God blesses you this coming year!

Seroogy's Candy Bars

Seroogy's Chocolates has increased their prices on chocolate bars. Due to the increase we will be updating our prices of chocolate bars to \$2.00 per bar in the office Starting January 1st. Profits go to St. Luke's Youth Group.



OFFICE STAFF E-MAILS

Pastor Carlton Andersen , Senior Pastor
Deacon Jim Johnston, Pastoral Assistant
Pastor Corey Shaffer, Vacancy Pastor
Elaine Herman, Youth Director
Paula Heil, Parish Administrator
Victoria Hahnenberg, Staff Assistant
St. Luke's Preschool/4K
Newsletter Items, Wendy Young
Jim Nooyen, Congregation Chairman

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JANUARY HELPERS TO WORSHIP

Elders: 6:00 Bruce Schoff 8:15 Doug Krummel 10:30 Jeff Rieckenberg

Ushers : 6:00 Lori Schoff, Mike Schoff, Dexter Schoff, LuAnne Pufall, Douglas & Lucas Van Natta

8:15 Sharon Kobishop, Tom Winkler, Rick Merk

10:30 Kim Young, Pat Young, Pam Hilke

Altar Guild: January 4&5 6p.m. & 8:15 a.m. Lori Hansen

January 11&12 10:30 a.m. Annette Wussow

January 18&19 6 p.m. & 8:15 a.m. Bonnie Rendmeister

January 25&26 10:30 a.m. Jenny Damrau

Pew Maintenance:

Saturday/Sunday, January 4&5, 2024

Communion Helpers: 6:00 Chuck Gibbons

8:15 Richard Casper

Readers: 6:00 Jim Tellekson

8:15 Cheryl Hasenohrl

10:30 Herb Kronholm

Greeters: 6:00 Sandy Sanger

8:15 Bonnie Rendmeister

10:30 Barb Kasten

Saturday/Sunday, January 11&12, 2024

Communion Helpers:

10:30 Ray Jacob

Readers: 6:00 Barbara Hunt-Caves

8:15 Jan Langholff

10:30 Brian Radtke

Greeters: 6:00 Virgel & Pam Berndt

8:15 Emily Hansen

10:30 Shirley Wagner

Saturday/Sunday, January 18&19, 2024

Communion Helpers: 6:00 Chuck Gibbons

8:15 Richard Casper

Readers: 6:00 LouAnne Pufall

8:15 Nancy Koch

10:30 Dave Urban

Greeters: 6:00 Jean Grimm

8:15 Sandy Christman

10:30 Arlene Van Duser

Saturday/Sunday, January 25&26, 2024

Communion Helpers: 6:00

8:15

10:30 Ray Jacob

Readers: 6:00 Connie Sherd

8:15 Nancy Koch

10:30 Anna Andersen

Greeters: 6:00 Sandy Sanger

8:15 Tina & Bob Kubisiak

10:30 Carla Brizzee

Ron Herman schedules the Elders, Communion Helpers, & Ushers

Ron Stowell schedules the Greeters

Barb Hunt-Caves schedules the Readers

Jenny Damrau schedules Altar Guild

CAMP LUTHER UPDATES



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2025 Summer Camp Registration Opening Soon

Start preparing now for next summer!!

January 13-17: Fill out your Camper's forms

Sunday, January 19: Kindercamp | Quest | IMPACT

Sunday, January 26: Explorer | Pathfinder | Trailblazer | High School Week

Registration opens at 1pm on the 19th & 26th of January. Our front office will be staffed these days from 1pm - 5pm to help make sure registration is running smoothly.

- **Men's Retreat | January 30 - February 2, 2025**

MEN!! Come for a relaxing or adventurous weekend together with other men of God to be built up in your faith, encouraged, and challenged. This full weekend retreat will be a time of disruption of the norm while being surrounded by God's creation and in fellowship with each other and Jesus.

Activities include: ice fishing, snowmobiling, close quarter combat training/ conceal carry training, board games, Bible study and alone time with God.



Registration is now open at <https://campluther.com/adults#men>

APPLY NOW FOR SUMMER STAFF POSITIONS

- **Summer Staff Applications are Open!** Do you want a job that will change your life? Spend this summer serving at camp. A summer on staff at camp means diving into something that's real, that immerses you in what it means to love Jesus and love like Jesus. It's Kingdom-focused ministry that's impactful, purposeful, and life-changing.

This summer, Camp Luther is hiring 45 college-aged staff, including:

- 26 x Summer Counselors
- 11 x Program Coordinators
- 8 x Specialty Staff (Kitchen, Office, Float)

Are you ready to spend the summer telling others about Jesus? Apply today at <https://campluther.com/summerstaff>

- **Junior Counselor Applications are Open!** Our Junior Counselor program is for high school students who have completed 10th-12th grade. This program offers so much to both those who apply and those they impact through their service here at Camp Luther. Junior Counselors volunteer for two weeks at camp during the summer. In those two weeks they get the chance to grow in their leadership abilities, learn what it means to serve others, and be strengthened in their faith. Apply at <https://campluther.com/juniorcounselor>. **Applications due February 1st.**

Camp Luther | 715-546-3647 | info@campluther.com | www.campluther.com

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JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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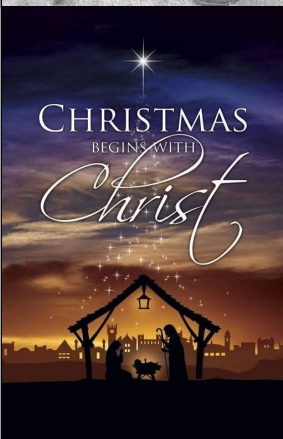
Christ be Our Leader November/December 2024

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



JESUS
IS MY GOD
MY KING
MY LORD
MY SAVIOR
MY HEALER
MY REFUGE
MY PROVIDER
MY STRENGTH
MY DEFENDER
MY PROTECTOR
MY PEACE. MY JOY
MY LIFE. MY ALL
MY EVERYTHING!

Christmas Blessings from the Youth Room! As we enter the Christmas season it is so important to remember that each and everyone of us "Keep Christ in Christmas!" It is so easy to forget what Christmas is all about when the media mainly focuses on Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Holiday sales and closeouts, Holiday parades with Santa arriving with his elves...the list of distractions goes on and on. The birth of our Savior just gets lost in all the hullabaloo of secular celebrations and spending. We are so lucky to be part of the St. Luke's Family where it is not only ok but expected that you greet each other with a "Merry Christmas" and not a generic "Happy Holiday", where we can wear Jesus on our sleeve and be proud of it, where being Christ like is part of the norm! So, at this most holy and peaceful time of the year, when Christians celebrate the birth of baby Jesus, we too want to pause and give thanks for His birth, a miraculous birth that gives us salvation and everlasting life! We also want to give thanks to our Savior for providing our group such a wonderful, supportive, and generous congregation to be part of. The Youth owe so much to the St. Luke's family, we couldn't exist without you. As we near the end of 2024, from all the Youth and Youth Leadership we want to say...



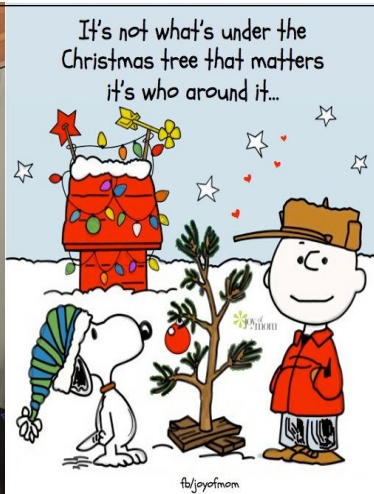
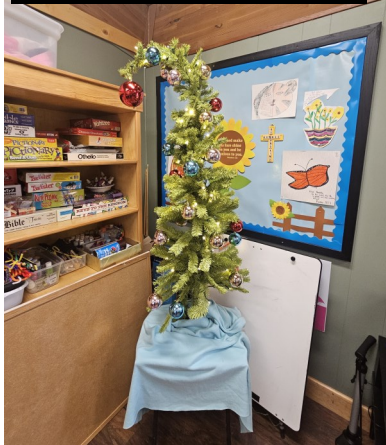
"We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Happy, and Healthy New Year!"

Trust
IN THE
Lord

With All Your Heart
and lean not unto your own
understanding. In all your ways
acknowledge him, and he
will direct your paths.

PROVERBS 3:5-6
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Our Grinch Tree for 2024



Pictured around the perimeter of our Newsletter are some of the Youth and Pastor Carlton enjoying time in the Youth Room. The Youth really enjoy the pool and ping-pong tables as well as playing Uno and other games. The ornaments display some of their craft workmanship; occasionally they opt to spend time with each other and a couple of Muppets!



St. Luke's Youth Activities

January 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2	3	4
5 Bible Study 9:15—10:15	6	7	8 Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Bible Study 9:15—10:15	13	14	15 Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	16 Cortlyn Young	17	18
19 Bible Study 9:15—10:15	20 <i>Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.</i> Martin Luther King, Jr.	21	22 Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	23	24	25
26 Bible Study 9:15—10:15	27	28	29 Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	30	31	