



# Luke Lines

When I was a young boy I always looked forward to Easter. Maybe because it was a nice holiday in the spring. Maybe it was the chocolate rabbit that usually appeared in my Easter basket. Easter never seemed as exciting as Christmas. Still, looking back it was full of meaning and free from all the distraction and busy-ness of the Christmas season.

Occasionally people lament that we celebrate Christmas with more festivity than Easter, since Easter is actually a more important Christian holiday. Because it celebrates Jesus' resurrection it stands at the very center of the Christian calendar.

Still, I think that it's a positive thing that Easter has taken second or even third place in our celebration schedule, at least outside the church. It's a good thing that it's stayed a relatively simple holiday instead of a big complicated one. For one thing, there's no two-month shopping season to distract us from its real meaning. And I for one want to encourage it to stay that way.

In a complicated world, there's a lot to be said for keeping Easter simple. Simplicity, in fact, is a Christian virtue. Psalm 119:130 says that "the unfolding of Your (God's) words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple." [NIV] The apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 11:3, "I fear that, lest by any means... your minds should become corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." [KJV] By 'simplicity' here Paul doesn't mean superficiality. He means a sincere and straightforward devotion that puts its focus on Christ. Simplicity of faith means avoiding the distractions that turn us away from the things of God, as we focus on what's spiritually important.

Keeping things simple in our celebrations also makes them easier to remember. If you think back to your own childhood memories of holidays like Easter or even Christmas, you'll probably find that it was the few simple gifts, traditions, or presence of people you love, that meant the most to you.

In an increasingly complex world, it's important for us as Christians to keep our focus. Let's keep Easter simple and centered on celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We'll not only keep the meaning of the holiday true, but we'll gain spiritual support for ourselves and for Christ's church at the same time.

Happy Easter!

*Pastor Carlton*



## NEW BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Join Pastor Carlton for '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 12th - April 6th, 2025.



## CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

We would love to have your help with church spring cleaning on Monday, April 7th from 8:00-4:00pm. A meal will be provided for all volunteers. All are welcome!



## 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.



## SECURITY UPDATES

As we all know, we live in an ever-changing world. Those changes sometimes present us with challenges in keeping our facilities safe and secure as well as those who work, visit, or attend St. Luke's.



In continuing efforts to fulfill this mission, Church Council, Ministry of Worship, Ministry on Property Care, have been working with the help of our insurance company and other professionals, to implement programs and technologies to make our facility more safe and secure.

Some changes have been made, some are work in progress, and some are in planning stages. Areas that are already in progress are additional security cameras are being installed to cover the playground, shelter house, garages, east doors, east parking area and north parking area. The installation of a video doorbell and intercom system with controlled lock for the north entry doors A and B will be primarily used when staff are alone in the building or after worship services have begun. Upcoming work will take place in the Preschool/4k classrooms with installing heavy duty doors and locks with bullet proof window panels in the summer of 2025 to better secure the classrooms.

Our building has many entrances that our insurance company has concerns about the ability of the church providing adequate safety to all those who enter and use our facility. For us to provide adequate safety, reducing the number of doors that are used as entry doors and the number of doors that can be locked open will help with that effort. As this part of our security evolves, we will be providing information as how these practices will be handled and how you can help to ensure that St. Luke's is a safe place to worship, fellowship and play.

So, if you see any work being done throughout the building, it is more than likely that it is part of our security efforts to make it a safer place to be. We ask for the understanding of all our members as these changes take place. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or input concerning any of these safety measures, please contact Jim Nooyen, Dave Mancusi, or John Klingforth.

As we continue to live out St. Luke's mission to grow in faith and love, to serve together, and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we want to do that in the most safe and secure possible way.

God's Blessings to all!

## WENGER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 3 winners of the Wenger Scholarships for Camp Luther are Luke Romanski, Joshua Romanski, and Fiona Martens.

Congratulations!



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

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

Thank you to all who helped at, donated to and purchased items at our March Pie and Bake Sale. Proceeds help fund our 2025 operating expenses and goals (St. Luke's Preschool, Student Fund & Fellowship Hall). We had lots of goodies for our very successful sale!



Women's Ministry will serve the April 9 meals before the Lenten services, menu is BBQ's, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert. Thanks to everyone helping with this. There are special services this month for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Check this publication for details.

Our current board members for 2025 are: President-Julie Spice, Vice President-Pamela Hilke, Secretary-Sue Berg, Treasurer-Cindy Weigel, Christian Life-Jodi Lubeck, Pastoral Advisor-Pastor Andersen. Thank you for serving and we'll be recruiting volunteers to fill open positions for the 2026 board this summer.

Church Spring cleaning is April 7th. Please help as you can.

Enjoy April and Spring.....Happy Easter Blessings !!

### Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday, April 1: WM Board Meeting
- Saturday, April 5: Zone 17 Spring Rally; Bethlehem Lutheran, Nekoosa (information is posted on bulletin board and in weekend Luke Notes)
- Monday, April 7: Church Cleaning
- Wednesday, April 9: Women's Ministry serves meals before Lenten Services
- Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday
- June 26-29, 2025: LWML Convention; Omaha, NE (Contact Bonnie Grosskopf for information)

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***Senior Women will meet Monday,  
April 7th at 11:30am at Olympic 2.***

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY MARCH CIRCLE MEETINGS

Anna Circle	Thursday, February 13	10:00 am	Bookstore
Dorcas Circle	Mondays & Tuesdays, February 10, 11, 24, 25	9:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Eunice Circle	Thursday, February 13	1:00 pm	Renaissance
Eve Circle	Tuesday, February 18	9:00 am	Room 102
Lois Circle	Monday, February 10	6:00 pm	Room 103
Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, February 25	8:30 am	Room 105

# **THE PROCESS OF OUR PASTORAL CALL...**

## **SEARCH FOR A NEW CALL CANDIDATE...PART 11**

### **CALL PLACED – NOW CALL DELIBERATION!**

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...

- On Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, there was a Congregational Meeting held at noon to review the Call Committee's pastoral recommendations and to take a vote on who the first call should be made to. The candidates were Rev. Dr. Kent D. Pierce of Columbia, MO, Rev. G. Gregory Hovland of Portage, WI, and Rev. Dr. Douglas J. Stowe of Hartford, WI. There were two votes taken to decide first, second, and third calls to be made. Rev. Dr. Kent D. Pierce received the vast majority of the votes and will receive the call. If he returns our call then Rev. Dr. Douglas J. Stowe would be called, and if he also returned the call then Rev. G. Gregory Hovland would be called. Dave Mancusi and Ron Herman called Rev. Pierce immediately to notify him that we were formally calling him to consider being our new Senior Pastor and make sure he was still willing and able to accept our call. He replied that he was and would.
- On Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, the Call Packet with the Diploma of Vocation was mailed out to Rev. Pierce. Pastor Pierce received his packet containing the call information and he is prayerfully considering our call, what is best for him and his family, as well as meeting with his current congregation leadership considering the welfare of them. This process is bittersweet in that one congregation's gain is the other congregation's loss. It truly is a process that must be ultimately led and decided by Our Heavenly Father, who has already decided who will be the next Senior Pastor to Shepherd St. Luke's.
- Pastor Pierce and his wife, Jen, are coming to St. Luke's for a visit to see our campus, meet with our staff and leadership teams and to tour the Wisconsin Rapids area. He and his Wife will be considering housing opportunities as well as employment opportunities for his wife should he be led to accept our call. He will travel on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from Columbia. He will spend Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Luke's and in Rapids, traveling back home on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Pastor Pierce also sent a short communication to St. Luke's that I read to the congregation at all three services on the weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, explaining his willingness to consider the call, the need to visit St. Luke's, and asking for us to remember before our Lord in prayer St. Luke's congregation, he and his family, and Campus Lutheran Church where he now serves.

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

## **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.

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



**Love INC**

Love In the Name of Christ

## THE BOOK OF REVELATION

So many of the big name speakers lean too far in one direction or another, giving you the wrong idea about God and the book of Revelation. As much as the Jews didn't know what to expect when Jesus came the first time, we must realistically admit that we don't fully know what to expect when Jesus returns. We know a great deal, but we don't know everything. So, why does this matter? It matters because we must be careful not to fall into the same trap that the Jews fell into by looking for the Messiah to come (or, in our case, return) in a way that does not rightly fit the scriptures. Favoring a historicist view of how to read Revelation, we take an Amillennial view of the end times. Simply put, this is not the juicy stuff you hear on TV and read in books, and it isn't sexy either. Rather, it is a Christ-centered view that aligns with the teachings of the ! If this topic interests you, and you want to know what to believe and what to question (or disbelieve), this study is for you!

The group will meet from 6:00 - 7:30 pm, but the study will not begin until **April 3rd**.

## LOVE INC. AMBASSADORS

Donna Jensen will be the Co-Ambassador to Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC) along with Jonna Kronholm. We would like to meet with Ministry teams and small groups at St. Luke's in order to talk about how Love INC can serve the church and individuals in our congregation. Please call or text Jonna at (715)323-7834 to set up a time.

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. **Application deadline is July 1, 2025.** Current trustees are Debra Alft, Cindy Weigel and Holly Johnson.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## February Recap:

- A Water Wonder – Jesus Walks on Water – Matthew 14: 22-33
- A Confident Confession - Pete Confesses Christ – Matthew 16: 13 - 23
- A Mountaintop Wonder – Jesus’ Transfiguration – Luke 9: 28-36
- Misson Wonders – Jesus Sends the Seventy-Two – Luke 10: 1-12; 17-20

## March Recap

- A Welcome Truth – Mary & Martha – Luke 10: 38-42
- Lost & Found Wonders – Jesus Seeks the Lost – Luke 15
- The Seeing Sign – Jesus Heals A Blind Man – John 9
- Forever Food – The Lord’s Supper – Luke 22: 7-23
- Betrayed & Arrested – Jesus in Gethsemane – Matthew 26: 36-56

## The parts of the Armor 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 sixth item of the Armor of God is the Sword of the Spirit. What does the Sword of the Spirit do for us? The sword of the spirit belongs to the Holy Spirit. All Christian soldiers need training to know how to properly handle the Sword of the Spirit, “which is the word of God.” The purpose of the sword of the spirit – The Bible – is to make us strong and to be able to withstand the evil onslaughts of Satan, our enemy. The Holy Spirit uses the power of the Word to save souls and then give them the spiritual strength to be mature soldiers for the Lord in fighting the corrupt and evil world we live in. The more we know and understand the Word of God, the more useful we will be doing the will of God and the more effective we will be in standing against the enemy of our souls.

How do we get to know the Bible more, so we are able to use the Sword of the Spirit more effectively? The way that we do this is by getting into the Holy Bible and studying it. The other way that we are able to do that is to hide the word in our heart so when we need to recall scripture the Holy Spirit will give us the words that we need to remember.

**Theme of the year: Armor of God**

Verse of the year: Ephesians 6: 10-18



## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Virgel & Pamela Berndt	April 1	25 years	Bruce & Lori Schoff	April 30	9 years
Greg & Sheryl Romanski	April 4	44 years			
David & Phyllis Lehman	April 6	34 years			
Daniel & Carmen Smallbrook	April 6	41 years			
Kevin & Susan Henke	April 7	41 years			
Randall & Vicki Balko	April 8	25 years			
Larry & Susan Barker	April 15	14 years			
Greg & Jodi Ellious	April 19	40 years			
Dean & Pauline Krommenacker	April 27	40 years			
Rick & Diane Smith	April 28	41 years			



### Coffee Break with God (Section 5)

TAKE A BREAK THAT WILL REV UP YOUR SPIRIT!

Your daily coffee break is about to get even better! Put your feet up for a moment and settle back with these rejuvenating meditations, and you'll soon find peace and strength beyond compare. Each one is short enough to read on your most hectic days, powerful enough to renew your energy, refocus your concentration, and encourage you to do your best. The invigorating devotionals in Coffee Break with God include powerful scriptures, inspiring stories, and endearing quotes that are guaranteed to give you a quick pick-me-up at a moment's notice. They'll jolt you out of stale routine and give you dozens of creative ideas for time management, decision making, problem solving, and much more! When you want to make the most of your ten-minute break, don't grab a donut! Take a powerful Coffee Break with God where you'll rediscover refreshment that truly perks you up!



### Breathe: Creating Space for God in a Hectic Life (Section 14) by Keri Wyatt Kent

Multitasking is becoming the norm for many women who consistently find themselves trying to juggle kids, errands, church activities, jobs, and relationships. For women who have become caught up in the hectic pace of everyday life, this book offers help and hope. It shares true stories and practical examples of how to find the rest Jesus promised.

### Laugh and Tickle, Hug and Pray: Active Family Devotions (Section 5) by Julaine Kammrath

These 52 devotional activities help families build relationships with God and each other.

### Can You Say Peace? (Section 15) by Karen Katz

Children everywhere wish for peace. Children all over the world wish for peace. Karen Katz takes readers on a bright and colorful journey around the globe to meet some of these children and learn about the many ways to say peace!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Kasandra Enkro 1-Apr

Heather Utecht 1-Apr

Connie Sherd 2-Apr

Sally Captain 2-Apr

Lucille Spaulding 4-Apr

Mary Ebert 4-Apr

Jeffrey Wunrow 7-Apr

Ronald Bohn 7-Apr

Preston Bohn 8-Apr

Pamela Hilke 9-Apr

Michael Schroeder 10-Apr

Kenneth Beamish 11-Apr

Alaina Larsen 12-Apr

Rose Schooley 12-Apr

Becky Diver 13-Apr

James Wunrow 13-Apr

Gavin Knoll 14-Apr

Debra Tibbetts 14-Apr

Jean Elmer 16-Apr

Ruth Zinda 16-Apr

Wendy Kester 17-Apr

Hucksley Grosskopf 18-Apr

Matthew Harwood 18-Apr

Scott Koch 18-Apr

Bruce Schoff 19-Apr

Penny Pelot 20-Apr

Janet Fisher 20-Apr

Mary Krenz 20-Apr

Robert Kubisiak 22-Apr

Holly Johnson 22-Apr

Levi Gilson 24-Apr

Marissa Borre 24-Apr

Jesse Brandt 24-Apr

Scott Dieringer 24-Apr

Patrick Marzofka 24-Apr

Roger Schiller 24-Apr

Bernadette Stainbrook 25-Apr

Pamela Walker 25-Apr

Brittany Young 26-Apr

Dale Easterson 26-Apr

Joe Hagen 27-Apr

Lindsey Nack 28-Apr

Nicole Shaw 29-Apr

Grace Jinsky 30-Apr

Suzanne Onesti 30-Apr





## St. Luke's Preschool / 4K

Registration for fall continues! Spaces are still available but are filling up! Registration forms are available online or at the preschool office. Our theme for the 2025-2026 school year will be **"On Track with Jesus"**. The Bible passage is "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs

22:6. If you are interested in visiting the classroom please let the director know and we can schedule a time for a visit!

It was special for the students to bring their grandparents or special friend to school for a day. The 4K class also enjoyed the community helper activities and field trips in March. Spring break gave us time to have special family activities at home or on trips.

The Easter programs and Art Gallery are coming up this month. The programs give the students a chance to share the Easter joy with family and friends. The Art Gallery features the children's artwork and gives the parents the opportunity to "purchase" the items by donations. All proceeds go to St. Luke's Preschool/4K for supplies and other items needed for the center.

Have a very blessed Easter!

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

DATE: May 10, 2025

TIME: After 6:00 pm service

HOSTS: Youth Group

If you would like to donate ice  
cream or toppings please contact

Elanie Herman



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### Wisconsin Rapids

2001 8th Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

April 5, 2025

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# Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

If you do any of the following, the Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop is for you:

- ◆ *Help someone with medication*
- ◆ *Help another person with meal preparation or grocery shopping*
- ◆ *Manage cleaning, laundry and household chores for someone else*
- ◆ *Take someone to doctor visits and interpret medical instructions*
- ◆ *Provide care or support for someone in your home, their home or in a facility*

*“I wasn’t taking care of myself – but I am now. I finally see how important that is.”*

It’s not easy balancing life when you care for someone with a chronic health condition. **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** is a six-week class that teaches you how to take care of yourself while caring for someone else. You will benefit whether you are helping a parent, spouse, or friend.

This class gives you the tools to:

- Manage your time, set goals and solve problems
- Communicate effectively with others
- Make tough decisions
- Reduce feelings of stress, guilt, anger & depression
- Locate helpful local resources

The class will be facilitated by Ann Schlice and Jonna Kronholm

**Thursdays, April 24 – May 29  
12:30 to 2:30 pm**

Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1517 24<sup>th</sup> St. So.  
Wisconsin Rapids

**Space is limited! To register,  
Contact Immanuel Church (715)423-3260 or  
ilcoffice @immanuelrapids.com  
by April 17, 2025**

*Suggested contribution: \$15 to offset the cost of  
the book, “The Caregiver Helpbook”*





# CAMP LUTHER UPDATES

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Workbee Weekend: April 25-27, 2025**

Make a world of difference in just one weekend! Workbee Weekend volunteers are crucial to the ministry that happens at camp. The weekend includes 5 meals, evening devotions, and of course plenty of time for work assignments. Projects vary, but there is something for everyone.

Workbees begin on Friday, with registration between 7-8 pm followed by an orientation and evening devotion. The work weekend concludes on Sunday after lunch. Participants work all day Saturday and Sunday morning on assigned work projects. Housing and meals are provided FREE of charge. And there are plenty of delicious snacks as well!

**One-day participants are welcome also.** Children (over 5) and youth are placed in adult-led teams for work projects.



## GOLF CLASSIC

**Friday, June 13**

Join us this summer for the 21st annual Golf Classic! All proceeds from this event go to our Every Kid to Camp program. This amazing program covers registration cost for any first time camper at Camp Luther. We love being able to provide this opportunity for all kids, but we can't do it without your help!

Full details and registration information at: <https://campluther.com/golf>

## VILLAGE GLAMPING

**June 27-29, July 4-6, August 1-3 and August 8-10**

Come to camp this summer with your family or small group and stay in one of Camp Luther's awesome villages! It's like camping, but way cooler. Plus, you're at *camp* and will have access to a ton of fun camp activities.

Each village has six different rooms equipped with bunkbeds and mattresses for your group to spread out in, and comes complete with a campfire circle, firepit grill, and kitchen prep area. All villages will be able to use a centrally located showerhouse (complete with lights/electricity, bathrooms, sinks, and showers). No meals will be provided by Camp Luther - please plan to bring your own food and cook out at your village or take advantage of local dining options.

Camp Luther | 715-546-3647 | [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com) | [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com)  
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# APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 11:00 Ministry on Missions 1:00 Pastor Carlton Bible Study 6:00 WM Meeting	<b>2</b> 9:45 Women in the Word 1:00 Worship 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Choir 6:00 Worship 6:00 Confirmation	<b>3</b> 10:00 GriefShare 6:00 The Bible Small Group 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus	<b>4</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>5</b> 6:00 Worship/HC
<b>6</b> 8:15 Worship/HC 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study 9:20 Adult Bible Study 9:20 SS Parents Group 10:30 Worship 5:00 Game Group	<b>7</b> 8:30 Veterans of the Cross 10:00 Hope Support 11:30 Senior Women 6:30 Walking with Jesus	<b>8</b> 9:00 Dorcas Circle 1:00 Pastor Carlton Bible Study 6:30 Church Council	<b>9</b> 9:45 Women in the Word 1:00 Worship 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Choir 6:00 Worship 6:00 Confirmation	<b>10</b> 10:00 GriefShare 10:00 Anna Circle 1:00 Eunice Circle 6:00 The Bible Small Group 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus	<b>11</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>12</b> 6:00 Worship
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## Council Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025

6:30pm

**Attendees:** Dave Mancusi, Chuck Gibbons, Joel Jensen, Jeff Rieckenberg, Nancy Koch, Ron Herman, Cindy Weigel, Pastor Carlton Andersen, Heather Stainbrook, Paula Heil.

**Not present:** John Klingforth, Jim Nooyen Janet Fisher and Jody Cook

Meeting came to order with a quorum of 9 at 6:30pm

**Dave Mancusi opened in prayer.**

Minutes from January 14, 2025 meeting were read and reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Rieckenberg and seconded by Nancy Koch.

### **Treasurer Report given by Jeff Rieckenberg**

2024 information is not back yet from the accountant. The ending number on the balance sheet had some payments from 2024 that were made in 2025 because of a computer malfunction. Those totals will be available in the March Council meeting and given to the ministries. It was a total around \$15000 This will be noted for the end of 2025 when looking at the year end.

It will be asked of the Endowment committee to submit monthly statements so that it is better tracked on Shepherd Staff and give an accurate number of that account.

As of January 1, 2025 the changes to the North District and the Mission giving. 10% to district and 4% to Missions.

Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Cindy Weigel and seconded by Heather Stainbrook to approve the report.

### **Pastor's Report-given by Pastor Carlton Andersen**

No losses or gains in January. Ann Oleson requesting Membership, 1 a peaceful release- Lirline Getzloff and 1 transfer request- Mary Krenz.

Motion by Heather Stainbrook and seconded by Cindy Weigel to approve Pastor's report. Motion passed.

Currently have 10 in confirmation class. Pastor Corey Shaffer continues to assist in visitation and services.

Elaine Herman had 8 in her Bible study class on Sunday. Worship Lenten schedule is out and the theme this year is "Singing with the Exiles".

The installation of officers will be on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

District convention will be held in June and Pastor Carlton will be attending.

### **Parish Administration Report-Paula Heil**

Thank you to all that have turned in their information for the Annual Report. Family Ministry, Preschool Treasury and Pastor's Report are still needed.

I went through the key log and found that 36 of 149 keys just to the entry doors are missing, lost or the person that had has passed away or no longer attends.

Classroom keys I have about 10 that are accounted for at this point and no former log to compare them with.

All Lenten meals have been taken: Preschool, Youth, VETS, Women's Ministry, Dorcas/Anna and Office staff.

I will be out of the office on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Family Ministry Report-Heather Stainbrook**

Sunday School is going well.

Youth group will be visited by the Riverking hockey team. The Youth will be going to Youth Quake for the weekend and about 8 teens are going to attend.

**Worship Report- Ron Herman**

Seminary Request was denied.

The Call Committee met 6 times in 2 weeks interviewing candidates. The met on Monday, February 10 to choose the top three candidates. Congregation meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2025. Dave Mancusi and Ron Herman will work on putting together the offer packets for the 3 candidates.

**Missions- Nancy Koch**-Showed Financials from NWD as to what happens to our donations.

35% LCMS Synod support of missions/operations

35% NWD Operations

25% NWD Missions and 5 % Camp Luther

The Veterans gardens at King in Waupaca will be having a work day and is looking for volunteers to get the gardens ready in March for planting in late April or early May.

**Joel Jansen**

Center Shot Dedicated account needs a name change to Bibles and Bows, They had 7 kids attend and 3 more are expected to join.

**Discipleship Report- Chuck Gibbons** No Report but gave a report regarding property and security. Activity installing the cameras and video door bell etc. is moving forward.

Other business:

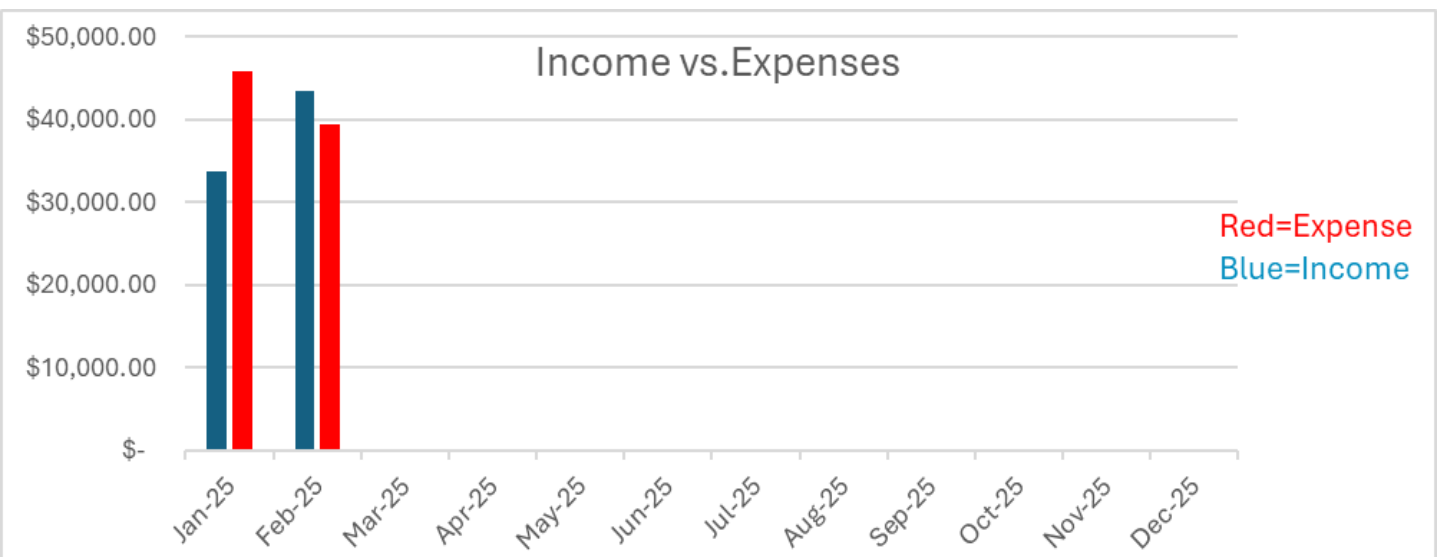
Upgrades are in place in case the server goes down again. Also the office has other plans in place so that if it does go down again they will be able to continue to work.

Each Ministry was asked to take a look at their dedicated accounts and see if they can be consolidated and then discuss with their teams on their target choices for their accounts.

Motion was made to close the meeting by Heather Stainbrook and seconded by Nancy Koch and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Pastor Carlton closed in prayer.





# Christ be Our Leader February 2025/March 2025

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



Youth Quake 2025 was held in the Wisconsin Dells at the Wilderness Resort on February 14th, 15th, and 16th. We had six youth attend the event this year, along with Brian Stainbrook and myself. The theme for the event was ‘Enough’, which was based on and centered around John 3:16; “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”.

Quake partners with youth leaders to encourage teens to become established in their faith, empowered for Christian living, and enabled to live a life of ministry and leadership. It was 3 very uplifting and informative days, spent in a healthy and growing Christian environment, filled with fun, fellowship, and inner growth.

February and March were an active time for our Youth. We were visited by 11 members of the River Kings Hockey team on February 12th. They spent the evening with us in fellowship, shooting a few buckets, and enjoying pizza. On February 21st, the Youth went to a River Kings Hockey game at the South Wood County Recreation Center Ice Rink. It was a cool, but enjoyable event, with lots of action, pursuing and hitting the puck and each other!!

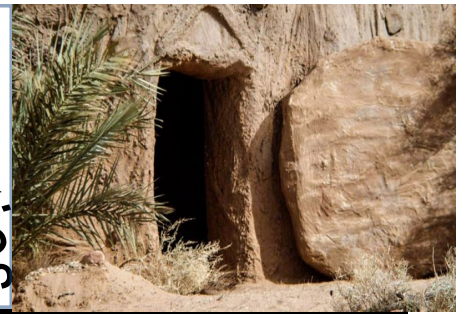
On Wednesday, February 26th, the Youth spent the night painting pictures of the cross. We once again were fortunate to have Paula Heil, our Parish Administrator, sharing with us her technique for doing this style of craft painting. Our Youth really enjoyed the event, letting their talent and feelings flow out onto the canvas!









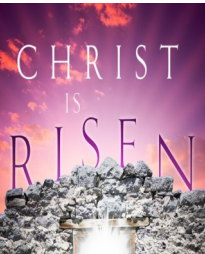








# St. Luke's Youth Activities

## April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	3	4	5
6  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	7	8	9 <b>NO YOUTH</b>  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	10	11	12
13  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	14  Gavin Knoll	15	16  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	17 Maundy Thursday 	18 Good 	19
20 Easter 	21	22	23  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	24  Levi Gilson	25	26
27  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	28	29	30  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.			