



# Luke Lines

To my brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Luke's.

During the month of May we are looking forward to celebrating Jesus ascending into the Heavenly kingdom to take His place on the throne. Please spend some time meditating on that great event.

I have the honor to share with you my relationship with Jesus, my Savior King.

I am so very grateful that Jesus died on the cross to defeat Satan and forgive my sins.

I am so very grateful that Jesus rose from physical death. When Jesus rose He defeated Satan and death.

I am so very grateful that Jesus lives in me now and someday I will be even closer to the triune God.

I am so grateful that Jesus is my redeemer - king. There is no God like my redeemer King Jesus.

I would like to review with you the biblical passages that talk about the kingship of Jesus.

About 2 years after the birth of Jesus, wise men came to Jerusalem with a question?

Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?

When Jesus started His earthly ministry at the age of 30 His first main statement Mark 1:15 THE TIME IS FULFILLED AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND, REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL.

Luke 19:38-40 "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.

Jesus coming into Jerusalem riding on a donkey, is declaring himself as King. The people have seen the great miracles that Jesus has done. The people including children are declaring Jesus King.

By the end of the week there is going to be a great battle between Jesus and Satan. It is a battle for people's souls.

Jesus is not going to back down. Where? On the cross.

It is a great battle. Jesus wins the battle. How? By taking on himself the sins of the people of the past, present and future. Jesus dies physically.

Satan thinks he won but then 3 days later Satan knew he was defeated because Jesus rose from the dead and descended into heaven and sits on the throne. Then Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples.

Peter says in Acts 2:36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified

1. The kingdom of God was started

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2. Over 3,000 people repented and joined the Kingdom of God (church).

3. That number continues to grow to this very day.

Ephesians 2:10 So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the father.

Romans 10:9 if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved.

May 29, we are going to celebrate Jesus the redeemer king ascending into the heavenly kingdom.

I am so very grateful that Jesus my savior King has called me to serve Him. It is such a great honor to be able to tell others about our great Savior King.

Are you grateful that you have been called to serve our Great Savior King?

*Deacon Jim*



We would like to give a special thank you to Carol Wunrow-Brody and Chuck Brody for their many years of dedication using their talents and resources of plants and flowers. They have helped decorate St. Luke's for holidays and other special occasions. Carol and Chuck may have retired from their floral business, but they are still a very helpful resource of knowledge, and we appreciate them very much. Thank you, Carol and Chuck, for all that you have done over the years.

## 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

St. Luke's, as you know, has been making our building a safer place. Change can be challenging for all but as we work together and understand that safety is a priority for all who may enter our building, we can provide the safety that is needed.

On April 21, persons entering the building during office hours, Monday-Thursday from 8am-4pm and Friday's from 8am -1pm, Lobby Door B began the use of a video doorbell intercom system. When the button is pushed it will ring in the church office and one of the staff will greet you and if the staff person does not recognize the person, that person will need to identify themselves and the need for entry. The staff will then unlock the door, and the person will be able to open the door by pulling it open or can use the Handicap Button to open the door. The door will be locked again when the door closes.

If you are part of a group that meets after office hours, you may enter through the doors in the Educational Building where the outside doors will be locked but a greeter from that group will meet you at the door to open it for you. A greeter can be the leader of the group or someone that the leader has designated. The doors must remain locked and cannot be propped open in any way, as this will allow for maximum security for those in the building.

Thank you for doing your part in making this a safer place to work, worship, and fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Jim Nooyen, Dave Mancusi or John Klingforth.



### VA GARDEN PLANTING

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am-lunch

Sign-up sheet in the Office Lobby.

We will leave from St. Luke's.

More people makes the project easier and A LOT more FUN.



Mission workday opportunities at King Veterans Home in Waupaca.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

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

We hope you had a blessed Easter. Ascension Day services are later this month.



A number of us attended the Zone 17 Spring Rally at Bethlehem Lutheran in Nekoosa April 5. Speaker was Judy Pelot, monetary donations received for mites and Orphan Grain Train, there was a Bible study, business meeting and we enjoyed a nice luncheon. May is Women's Ministry Month. We hope to bring awareness of our ministry and circle groups with narthex displays on the weekends. Watch for information in the weekend Luke Notes. Our first Ladies Aid group met in August 1949.

### Upcoming Dates:

- May 6 6pm WM Board Meeting
- June 26-29, 2025: LWML Convention; Omaha, NE (Contact Bonnie Grosskopf for information)
- June 2026: NWD LWML Convention in Marquette Michigan

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*Senior Women will meet Monday,  
May 5th at 11:30am at Avacado's.*

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## WOMEN'S MINISTRY MAY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Anna Circle	Thursday, May 8	10:00 am	Bookstore
Dorcas Circle	Mondays & Tuesdays, May 12, 13, 26, 27	9:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Eunice Circle	Thursday, May 8	1:00 pm	Renaissance
Eve Circle	Tuesday, May 20	9:00 am	Room 102
Lois Circle	Monday, May 12	6:00 pm	Room 103
Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, May 27	8:30 am	Room 105

## To All Ladies of St. Luke's:

Here's some information about our Women's Ministry. Objectives of our society is to serve Christ and our congregation by moral and active support of the church's programs and activities; develop and maintain a greater mission consciousness among women; gather funds for missions; and to promote Bible study among the women of our congregation and all others who desire to study with us. ( from the 2025 Women's Ministry Handbook )

Women's Ministry of St. Luke's is an affiliate of LWML / Lutheran Women in Mission.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to participate in Women's Ministry events and programs and are also welcome to be part of the Circles that are also part of Women's Ministry. The circles are groups of ladies who have specific interests, goals and missions. If you have any question please contact President Julie Spice 715-570-7235 or Vice President Pamela Hilke 715-421-3817. Thank you.

Our circles are:

**Anna:** Operates St. Luke's Bookstore, mission is to support students preparing for full-time church work.

**Dorcas:** The quilting group, makes quilts for organizations in need. Mission project is Lutheran Bible Translators.

**Elizabeth:** Operates St. Luke's library, repair hymnals and pew Bible. Mission project is support of Phil's Friend's.

**Eunice:** Purpose is to care for the Children's Activity Bags, maintain Confirmation gowns, assemble Baptism banners, napkins, maintain hearing aid devices. Mission is to support Sunday School projects.

**Eve:** the Gardening group, provides a table for produce to be shared with church members, maintain outside landscaping, oversees the garden project, collects eyeglasses, stamps for mission projects. Mission is to share extra produce with church member.

**Lois:** the decision making body of St. Luke's Preschool. Mission is First Choice Pregnancy Center.

**Lydia:** Patient Visitation to those in area centers and facilities. Mission is Lutheran Braille Workers. Currently this circle is inactive.

**Miriam:** Purpose is to welcome new babies into our congregation, provide a meal and encouragement for the family, also maintain a small food pantry for those in need. Mission project is Jake's Diapers.

**Priscilla:** Maintains the church altar area, the mission project is the Confirmation Class.

**Rebekah:** Purpose is to assemble and prepare the monthly Luke Lines for mailing. Mission is donations to the St. Luke's pantry.

**Sarah:** the Nursing home group, would play bingo and send cards to members over 90 years of age. This circle is currently inactive.

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

## **SEARCH FOR A NEW CALL CANDIDATE...PART 12**

### **ANOTHER 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 March 27<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Doctor Kent Pierce contacted me to inform me of his decision to return our call. He felt that he had to remain at his present church to complete some work there. We were hopeful that he would accept our call but remain focused that our Father's Will will lead us to the right Shepherd.
- At the voter's meeting in February, we were given the directive to call our second-choice pastoral candidate should Pastor Pierce return the call. On March 28<sup>th</sup> a call was placed to Reverend Doctor Doug Stowe of Hartford, WI. He and his wife, Sue, drove to St. Luke's on April 5<sup>th</sup> and spent a good share of the day visiting Staff, Council, and Worship and touring our campus. On Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, I received a call from Pastor Stowe to inform me that he too was returning our call to us. He feels that the Father is leading him to stay at his current congregation.
- Once again following the directives of the February meeting, we will now place a call to the third-choice pastor, Pastor Gregory Hovland, of St. John's Lutheran Church in Portage, WI. He is a Senior Pastor there (since 2015) and his present congregation is almost a mirror image to St. Luke's in membership, confirmands, and average service attendance.
- Due to the very busy Holy Week schedule that every pastor deals with, we have decided to wait until the Tuesday after Easter, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, to make the phone call to Pastor Hovland to determine if he is still willing to consider a call from us. If indeed he is willing to prayerfully deliberate a call from us his Call Packet will be mailed out via registered, return receipt mail, either late Tuesday or early Wednesday.
- Please keep Pastor Hovland, St. John's congregation as well as St. Luke's congregation in your prayers over the next few weeks. It is a difficult process for a pastor to consider a call: the impact to his family, his current congregation, St. Luke's congregation, and the task of relocating, all in keeping with the directives he receives from our Heavenly Father.
- The Call Committee has been working on this call process for a year and a half now. We have spent countless hours researching, evaluating, and interviewing pastoral candidates. It is tiring and at times frustrating, but at the same time we have met some awesome pastors. The Lord works in mysterious ways at times. We will find the right Senior Pastor for St. Luke's according to His Will and in His Time. As a committee, we have learned that the call process is a journey and not a destination!

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



Thank you to all who colored a cross for our beautiful wall.

**We Are All One Through Him!**



## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2025 | 6:30-8:30pm**

**Attendees:** Jim Nooyen, Chuck Gibbons, Dave Mancusi, Nancy Koch, Ron Herman, Cindy Weigel, Joel Jansen, Jeff Rieckenberg, Heather Stainbrook, Pastor Carlton Andersen, John Klingforth and Paula Heil

**Not present:** Jody Cook, and Jan Fisher

Meeting came to order with a quorum of 10 at 6:30pm

Minutes were read from February 11, 2025 council meeting. Correction made to Missions donations to 35% to LCMS Synod support of missions/operations

35% NWD operations

25% NWD missions

5% Camp Luther

With the corrections made to the Missions report from the Feb. 11, 2025 council meeting, a motion was made by Cindy Weigel and seconded by Nancy Koch to approve and was passed.

### **Treasurer's Report-Jeff Rieckenberg**

End of 2024 (Dec. 2024) , January and February treasurer's report was given. It was noted that \$11,846.94 was given to NWD for the end of the year 2024. This amount was actually paid in 2025 due to server issues and could not access shepherd staff before 2024 ended.

Senior Pastor budget line was questioned, and Jeff will look at it before next council meeting.

Endowment Fund is still being worked on and Jeff will get in touch with Herb when he is back in town. Going forward, the office will copy the endowment fund bank statement before giving it to Herb. Also Jeff will get monthly updates from Herb regarding the Endowment Fund.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report will wait until April's council meeting so that Jeff can work out the questions about the report.

### **Senior Pastor Report-Pastor Carlton Andersen**

Current membership for Feb 2025 is 1061. We had two funerals in Feb. Alan Fisher and Eva Skibba

No baptisms. Mike Schoenholz requesting membership Wyler Lubeck and Shirley Kieweg requesting transfers. Both have moved out of the area.

Ash Wednesday service was down in attendance. We did have a snowstorm that impacted the attendance.

A motion was made by John Klingforth and seconded by Cindy Weigel to approve the Statistical Report from Pastor Carlton and was approved.

### **Parish Administrator Report-Paula Heil**

Easter Flowers orders were extended by one week to see if more people would like still order. This year Rapids Floral and Gifts are assisting with the flowers.

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Waiting on 2 more reports for the Annual Report to come in.

Herman Taylor will be sponsoring an ad for our Easter services and Holy Week services. A tab was added to our website for our Easter Week services

3 Camp Luther Scholarships were given

Fire inspection will occur during the week of March 24.

### **Family Ministry Report-Heather Stainbrook**

Sunday school is going well

Tami Abel is not returning in the fall to teach Sunday school. We will be looking for a teacher.

VBS this year is hosted by Immanuel. Immanuel has decided to hold it during the day. Youth is doing the Lenten Meal on March 12

The youth will be going to the Ark encounter and Creation Museum this summer. Preschool is holding a fundraiser at Noodles and Company on April 5.

### **Ministry of Worship-Ron Herman**

Visit by the called Pastor Kent Pierce is on March 14, 2025

Worship met on Feb 25, 2025. They discussed ongoing security issues, still looking for 1-2 elders to take over scheduling of Ushers and Communion Helpers. Shortage of communion helpers and ushers. Next meeting is scheduled for March 25th.

### **Joel Jensen- Lay Person Report.**

Bible and Bows is going well we have 2 sessions left.

**Property Care- John Klingforth**-All church cleaning is April 7@8:00am. A meal will be provided.

Old kitchen range is coming out and a new one coming in on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **Other Business**

Security improvements were discussed. Security issues need to be addressed and stories were shared of things that have happened to raise concerns. A recap was given from a conference that Dave Mancusi and Jim Nooyen attended in 2023 on safety and security.

Chuck Gibbons said that a new security camera and intercom and video doorbell is currently being installed by Door B and Parking lot. It will give a better view of the playground, east parking lot and north parking lot. Staff assistant and PA will each have a 7" monitor to view who is at the door. Also an app can be downloaded on their phones in the event they step away from their desks.

Removing the key from the doors in the educational area to prevent doors being left unlocked and those that are using that end of the building would have to monitor the doors and provided a greeter to let people in.

Dedicated Funds-Each ministry is asked to take a look at what they can condense to make fewer accounts.

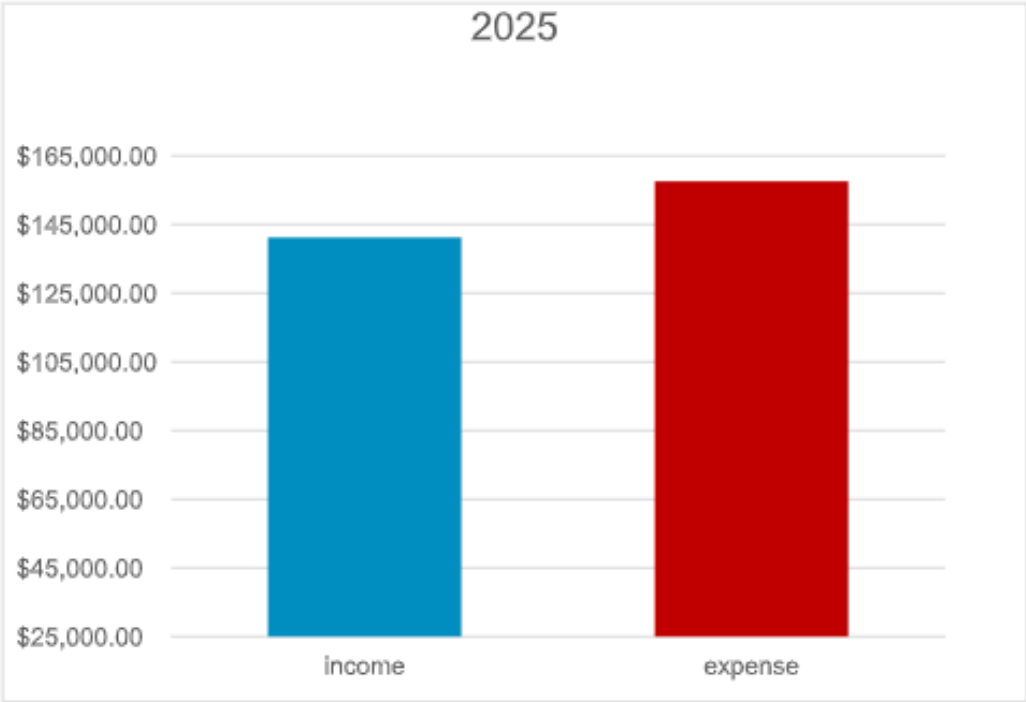
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Mention of a brochure to be made so that people know of areas that they could contribute money to. Financial Review is planned for May 7 at 10:00am. In Room 105 August 2024 bills will be used for this review.

Pastor Carlton closed the meeting in prayer.

A motion was made by John Klingforth and seconded by Heather Stainbrook to adjourn the meeting and was passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



ST. LUKE'S STUDENT FUND is a way in which our congregation encourages and supports individuals to go into full time church work or attend a Lutheran College. This endeavor is almost as old as St. Luke's is. It has been historically very important to our congregation and the fund has supported dozens of young people and even those a little more mature looking for a new profession.

The actual fund is supported by the St. Luke's Bookstore located in the lower level, fellowship hall. All profits of the store are used to financially support those seeking Christian collegiate education and/or those going to be full-time church workers or pastors. The Student Fund offers grants of \$1,000 a school year for those attending a Lutheran College and \$3,000 a year for those going into full-time church work. As you can imagine, the bookstore alone is not able to fully fund those needs, especially when we have several students applying. We have been very fortunate the last few years in receiving additional funds through money provided by our Compassionate Care fund, however we expect that fund to expend all its funds in 3-4 years. We, most definitely, appreciate our members who have supported the Student Fund with their donations over the years. Our students also share their gratitude! Donations can be given through the offering plate or church office – designated for St. Luke's Student Fund.

This current school year we are supporting three individuals.

- Garrett Anklam, grandson of Chuck and Carol Korn. He is attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO – full time church worker, Master of Divinity. He is currently in his vicarage year.
- Joshua Henry, son of Jim and Debra Henry. He is enrolled in the Specific Ministry Program through Concordia Seminary. The program is 4 years long, the first two years serving as Vicar, being trained by the pastor of the church while taking classes remotely.
- This is a special program allowing him to eventually be the pastor of his home church or another church that uses the same program. He has been installed as vicar and has begun his studies.
- London Kubisiak, daughter of Ned and Kami Kubisiak. London graduated in May 2024 with a degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Concordia Mequon. Currently, she is in a 2-year Master program in Speech Language Pathology at Concordia Mequon.

We ask that you pray for Vicar Garrett, Vicar Josh, and London as they continue their education. Applications for grants for the 2025-26 year are being accepted now. Forms and guidelines are available in the church office. Due date for applications is July 1, 2025. The committee reviews applications, money available and determines eligibility. Applicants are notified by mid-August.

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.

## 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**.



**WHERE:** Immanuel Lutheran  
Church  
Wisconsin Rapids

**WHEN:** June 2025

**LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS TO  
COME!**

### OFFICE STAFF E-MAILS

Pastor Carlton Andersen , Senior Pastor  
Deacon Jim Johnston, Pastoral Assistant  
Elaine Herman, Youth Director  
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People here at St. Luke's currently are sponsors and we encourage many more to become a Compassion sponsor.

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- CHURCH BASED**  
We work through local frontline churches in developing countries to reach, teach and mentor children.

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- Haiti
- Honduras
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**SOUTH AMERICA**

- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Ecuador
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# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

## April Recap:

- Standing Trial – Jesus on Trial/Peter Denies Jesus - Mark 14: 53-72
- The Living Wonder – Jesus’ Death and Resurrection – Mark 15: 16 – 16:8
- The Proof Room – Jesus Appears to Thomas – John 20: 19-31

The parts of the Armor of God are:

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



I have gone over all of the parts of the Armor of God. In Ephesians 6:18 there is one other thing that we have to do continually is to pray. Ephesians 6:18 says “And pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people”. To me this piece of scripture is saying that we have to have a conversation with God and in doing so we are praying for everyone in the world. That seems like a big task, however it is said that we need to pray for everyone even our enemies. Praying for people that may have hurt us is kind of hard because we know how they have made us feel. We have to remember that God has sent us a helper, so when we think that we cannot pray for someone that has hurt us he is there to guide us.

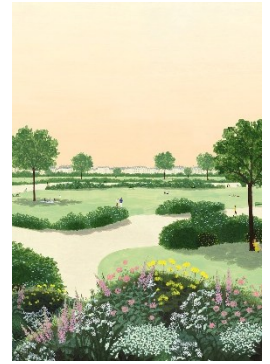
Prayer for some people is not an easy thing. To get better at it we need to practice. How do we practice? We practice by just doing it; when you first start to pray it may feel that you don’t know what you are doing. However, the more you pray the easier it will be. We are to pray about everything, try it and see what happens.

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

Verse of the year: Ephesians 6: 10-18

## ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Spring is in the air and time to continue the development and maintenance of the Memorial Garden. The garden is a work in progress and there's always something to plan for and do. The committee has already identified several key areas that will be addressed this growing season. Additional trees will be planted to finish the tree line along 12<sup>th</sup> Street, shrubs that were undermined by gophers will be replaced, and a small garden area that was begun last year will be finished. In addition, there are repairs to be done to the flag pole, a new donated flag will be put up, additional mulching will be done, existing beds will be maintained and spruced up, and water lines finished.



The brick work on the entrance pillars and memorial wall needs to be repaired and the bricks ordered by many of you last year will be installed this year. Much of this work will be done by the Veterans of the Cross and we are so appreciative of the work they do to help us. Also, we are taking orders through May 15, for memorial bricks. You can find order blanks for these in the office lobby or the narthex. These bricks will be installed this summer.

Some of you have indicated an interest in purchasing trees or shrubs for a loved one. If you would like to do this, please send your donation to the church office and provide information as to who is being memorialized and if you wish this to be applied for a tree or a shrub. We have to be very discerning in what types of plantings are used as the heat and accessible water is still an issue so the committee prefers to choose the type of tree or shrub your gift will go for. Generally, good, established shrubs are \$40-\$60 and trees are \$70 & up.

We truly appreciate the financial support many of you have provided for the development and upkeep of the garden. We can always use help keeping the plants looking nice, weeding and treating the path. Let us know if you have interest in helping!

Committee Members: Kim Marth, Holly Johnson, Dave Urban, Ron Bohn, Carol & Chuck Brody

### 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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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Susanne Juenemann	May 2	Delores Doescher	May 12	Doris Drescher	May 25
La Vonne Goodwin	May 3	Richard Clasen	May 13	Lois Rogney	May 25
Sherry Marzofka	May 3	Dale Vilbaum	May 13	Evie Henke	May 25
Ileana Martens	May 4	Sheila Walloch	May 15	Wayne Kronstedt	May 27
Debra Alft	May 5	Raymond Onesti	May 16	Roger Spice	May 27
Kathryn Luecht	May 5	Kylie Ellis	May 16	Rick Koplien	May 27
Carol Weier	May 5	Suzanne Schoff	May 16	Ned Kubisiak	May 27
Hudson Gaulke	May 5	Emily Andres	May 17	Mathew Kehrberg	May 28
Judy Niemann	May 5	Bea Henke	May 17	Deanna Johnson	May 29
Diana Hillstead	May 6	Caitlin Stainbrook	May 17	Saphiera Bungert	May 29
Linda Reinolt	May 6	Sandra Hett	May 19	Michael Roby	May 31
Sharon Kobishop	May 7	Tracy Shaw	May 20		
Kevin Lubeck	May 7	Karen Easterson	May 21		
Jeffery Grosbier	May 8	Elaine Newman	May 21		
Kim Young	May 8	Deborah Anderson	May 22		
Mary Doescher	May 9	Randal Anderson	May 22		
Holly Ihrcke	May 9	Jerri Haferman	May 23		
Bonnie Rendmeister	May 10	Jinalle Hansmann	May 23		
Gina Globke	May 10	Emily Young	May 23		
Phyllis Lehman	May 11	Laurie Scheunemann	May 23		
Mike Huber	May 11	Carla Brizzee	May 24		
Donn Krenz	May 11	Tammy Klingforth	May 24		



## 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.



## St. Luke's Preschool / 4K

Our pre-registration for fall classes continues! Spaces are still available but filling up! Our theme for the 2025-2026 school year is "On Track with Jesus." Our theme is based on the Bible verse Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Pre-registration forms are available in the preschool office, church office and online at [www.stlukeslutheran.com](http://www.stlukeslutheran.com).

### TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5th – 9th

What a wonderful blessing it is to have such fantastic teachers. Amy Jensen has been with us for 25 years! Anne Alles has been with us for 2 years. Susan VanAsten, Jodi Lubeck, and Kim Young have been with us 2 years. We thank them for their dedication to teaching the students and helping them grow academically, but especially spiritually.

### MAY ACTIVITIES IN THE PRESCHOOL:

- MAY 1 REGISTRATION NIGHT 6-7:30 PM ROOM 103
- MAY 19 CLOSING PROGRAM: 3K M/W 10:30 AM CHURCH
- MAY 19 4K PROGRAM 6:30 PM CHURCH
- MAY 20 CLOSING PROGRAM: 3K T/TH 10:30 AM CHURCH
- MAY 21 PICNIC/LAST DAY 4K 10-noon (OUTSIDE, if rain GYM)
- MAY 22 PICNIC/LAST DAY all 3K 10-noon (OUTSIDE, if rain GYM)

Thank you to all who participated in the Noodles fundraiser.

The Lord continues to bless our Preschool/4K program as we close out another school year.

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald and Elaine Herman	May 1	49 years	Curtis and Carey Rucker	May 23	38 years
Kurt and Annette Wussow	May 7	32 years	Don and Heather Kich	May 24	45 years
Dale and Donna Scholze	May 8	60 years	Glenn and Janice Hayes	May 27	58 years
Scott and Pamela Dieringer	May 13	25 years	Jerry and Carolyn Rohm	May 27	58 years
Mike and Tina Huber	May 13	26 years	John Caves and Barbara Hunt-Caves	May 29	20 years
Wendy and Brian Young	May 13	25 years			
David and Jerri Haferman	May 14	48 years	Daniel and Jody Cook	May 30	45 years
Phil and Holly Johnson	May 19	52 years	Ross and Lisa Schulz	May 30	44 years
Becky and Roy Diver	May 20	25 years			
Sharon and James Mahoney	May 21	59 years			
Jeffrey and Judy Niemann	May 21	31 years			
James and Pamela Nooyen	May 22	49 years			



## MAY HELPERS TO WORSHIP

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

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

                     8:15    Rick Merk, Sharon Kobishop

                     10:30    Pat & Kim Young, Pam Hilke

**Altar Guild:**

**Pew Maintenance:**     Jim & Deb Tellekson

### Saturday/Sunday, May 3 & 4, 2025

Communion Helpers:	6:00 Jerry Klingforth	8:15 John Klingforth	
Readers:	6:00 Jim Tellekson	8:15 Nancy Koch	10:30 Herb Kronholm
Greeters:	6:00 Virgel & Pam Berndt	8:15 Bonnie Rendmeister	10:30 Carla Brizzee

### Saturday/Sunday, May 10 & 11, 2025

Communion Helpers:	6:00	8:15 John Klingforth	10:30 Herb Kronholm
Readers:	6:00 Connie Sherd	8:15 Jan Langholff	10:30 Dave Urban
Greeters:	6:00 Jan Deitz	8:15 Sandy Christman	10:30 Pam Hilke

### Saturday/Sunday, May 17 & 18, 2025

Communion Helpers:	6:00 Jerry Klingforth	8:15 John Klingforth	
Readers:	6:00 Barbera Hunt-Caves	8:15 Jan Langholff	10:30 Herb Kronholm
Greeters:	6:00 Jean Grimm	8:15 Bob & Tina Kubisiak	10:30 Arlene Van Duser

### Saturday/Sunday, May 24 & 25, 2025

Communion Helpers:			10:30 Ray Jacob
Readers:	6:00 LouAnne Pufall	8:15 Cheryl Hasenohrl	10:30 Ron Stowell
Greeters:	6:00 Sandy Sanger	8:15 Bonnie Rendmeister	10:30 Barb Kasten

### Saturday, May 31, 2025

Communion Helpers:	6:00 Jerry Klingforth
Readers:	6:00 Barbera Hunt-Caves
Greeters:	6:00 Sandy Sanger

**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

## 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.

## SUPPORT CAMP WITH YOUR THRIVENT DOLLARS


Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has given you a choice to help kids with its charitable giving program — Thrivent Choice. Thrivent members can now decide which qualifying organization(s) should receive a portion, or all of their allocated "Choice Dollars." Choice Dollars are the funds that an eligible member (depends on which policies/investments you have with Thrivent) can choose to designate and generally range between \$25 and \$500 for each member. The great news about this is that Thrivent will write the check for you. It's free money! Camp Luther is one of the eligible organizations, and we would appreciate it if you would consider giving your CHOICE DOLLARS to Camp Luther.

To learn more and find out if you're eligible or go to [www.thrivent.com/choice](http://www.thrivent.com/choice) and click "Get Started," or call Thrivent at 800-847-4836 and state "Thrivent Choice."

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

**1889 Koubenec Road Three Lakes, WI 54562-9206**

# MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Please call the office to schedule meetings, activities and events. If you have items you would like included on the calendar, contact the church office. 715-423-5990   mail@stlukeslutheran.com		<b>1</b> 10:00 GriefShare 6:00 The Bible Small Group 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus	<b>2</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>3</b> 6:00 Worship/HC
<b>4</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>5</b> 8:30 Veterans of the Cross 10:00 Hope Support 11:30 Senior Women 6:30 Walking with Jesus		<b>7</b> 9:45 Women in the Word 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Choir 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Confirmation	<b>8</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>9</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>10</b> 6:00 Worship 7:00 Ice Cream Social
<b>11</b>  <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 8:15 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study 9:20 Adult Bible Study 9:20 SS Parents Group 10:30 Worship/HC 5:00 Game Group	<b>12</b> 8:00 Dorcas Circle 9:00 Hope Support 6:00 Lois Circle 6:30 Walking with Jesus	<b>13</b> 9:00 Dorcas Circle 6:30 Church Council	<b>14</b> 9:45 Women in the Word 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Choir 6:00 Confirmation	<b>15</b> <b>NEWS ITEMS DUE</b> 10:00 GriefShare 6:00 The Bible Small Group 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus	<b>16</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>17</b> 6:00 Worship/HC
<b>18</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 6:00 Stephen Ministry	<b>19</b> 8:30 Veterans of the Cross 9:00 Card Ministry 10:00 Hope Support 6:30 Walking with Jesus	<b>20</b> 9:00 Eve Circle 1:00 Pastor Carlton Bible Study 6:00 Family Ministry Mtg	<b>21</b> 9:45 Women in the Word 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Choir 6:00 Confirmation	<b>22</b> 10:00 GriefShare 6:00 The Bible Small Group 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus	<b>23</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>24</b> 6:00 Worship
<b>25</b> 8:15 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:15 Youth Bible Study 9:20 Adult Bible Study 9:20 SS Parents Group 10:30 Worship/HC 5:00 Game Group 6:00 Stephen Ministry	<b>26</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED—MEMORIAL DAY</b> 9:00 Dorcas Circle 10:00 Hope Support 6:30 Walking with Jesus	<b>27</b> 8:30 Rebekah Circle 9:00 Dorcas Circle 6:15 Ministry of Worship 6:15 Caring Leaders	<b>28</b> 9:45 Women in the Word 6:00 Relationship SG 6:00 Youth Group 6:00 Choir 6:00 Confirmation	<b>29</b> 10:00 GriefShare 6:00 The Bible Small Group 6:00 Ascension Service @ Immanuel 6:30 GriefShare 6:30 Life Love & Jesus	<b>30</b> 10:00 Bible Study	<b>31</b> 6:00 Worship



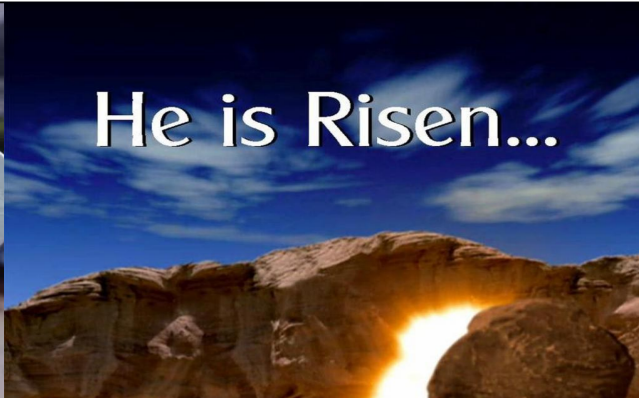
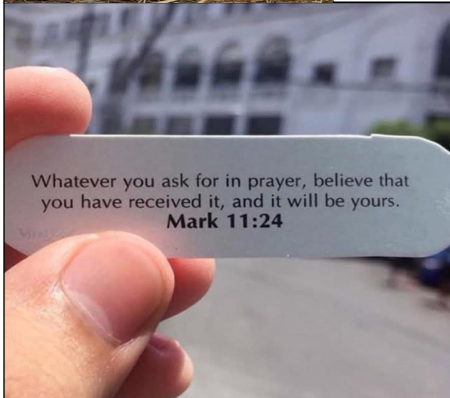
# Christ be Our Leader

## March 2025/April 2025

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

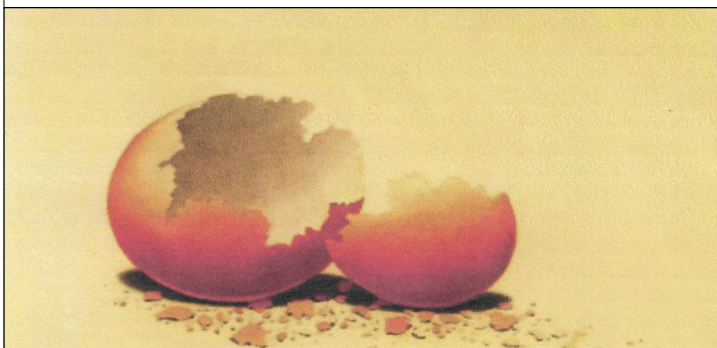


The season of Lent and Easter were the focus for the Youth during March and April. We painted wooden Easter Eggs, painted wooden crosses, and made paper Easter Baskets to distribute to residents at Our House on 16th street, and made and served a Lenten meal! Cheyenne, pictured with Gerry and myself above, celebrated her confirmation during Lent! At times it can be a real challenge just to get a good picture when the subjects become camera shy. Youth Group is a fun time...and as with most groups, the more the merrier! Consider trying us out, our door is always open,...join in the fun!



**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!

Pictured below is a page out of a Faith Based Children's Book titled **The Legend of the Easter Egg**, by Lori Walberg. For centuries the egg has been associated with the Easter Story and there have been many stories on how this came to be a symbol of the Resurrection. Although it is a children's story, we must never outgrow the facts of the greatest miracle ever, that being the Resurrection of Our Savior...sometimes a simple children's message can be the best learning tool!



Mary shook her head, "Someday she will. And you will too. But if you believe in Jesus, you will see each other in heaven. That is the promise of Easter."

She tucked the blanket under his chin. "Remember," she said, "believe in Jesus. Hope and pray. That's what you can do for your sister. All right?"

"Okay," Thomas agreed.

"But why do we have Easter Eggs?" Thomas asked.

Mary explained, "Just as a chick breaks out of its egg, so had Jesus broken free of the tomb of death. Easter eggs remind us that Jesus conquered death and gives us eternal life."

"So, Lucy won't die?"







# St. Luke's Youth Activities

## May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4  Bible Study 9:15—10:15  Ileana Martens	5	6	7  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	8	9	10
11  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	12	13	14  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	15	16	17
18  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	19	20	21  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	22	23	24
25  Bible Study 9:15—10:15	26	27	28  Youth Group 6-8 p.m.	29 Ascension   Saphiera Bungert	30	31