



# Luke Lines

## **"The Irony of Bronze: Our 250-Year Jubilee"**

Dear Saints of St. Luke's,

When the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly ordered a bell from London in 1751, they didn't choose a quote from a philosopher or a king. They reached into the Torah—the heart of the Old Testament—and inscribed a promise from Leviticus 25:10: *"Proclaim Liberty thro' all the Land unto all the Inhabitants thereof."* They were quoting the law of the Jubilee. In ancient Israel, the 50th year was supposed to be a "reset button" for society: Debts were forgiven, the enslaved went free, and families returned to their ancestral lands. It was a year of radical grace. It is no accident that our nation's "National Birthday" is inextricably bound to the concept of this biblical rhythm.

As we celebrate our 250th anniversary in July, we will be marking a "Jubilee of Jubilees"—five full 50-year cycles of God's providence. The history of these cycles is nothing short of providential. On July 4, 1826—our very first 50-year Jubilee—the nation watched in awe as both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the same day. The people of that era didn't see a coincidence; they saw a "divine punctuation mark," as if God were verifying that the liberty proclaimed by the bell was held in His hands, not just in the hands of men.

Fifty years later, during the 1876 Centennial, the nation used that same Jubilee rhythm to stitch itself back together after the wounds of the Civil War. Time and again, our national milestones have forced us to look back at the "Stronghold" of our founding values.

As your pastor, I am struck by how our earthly history mirrors our heavenly hope. In Zechariah 9:12, the Lord speaks to those weary of their struggles: "Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double." We celebrate 250 years of political liberty, but we also acknowledge that true freedom is found in the "Year of Grace" that never ends—the one established by Christ, our Great High Priest.

That weekend, we honor the earthly guardians of that liberty. At all services, we will recognize our current military members and living veterans. We believe that honoring those who serve is a reflection of the sacrificial love we see in Scripture.

We want to recognize you by name. If you are a veteran or currently serving, please report your full name and branch of service to the church office by July 1st.

Join us as we ring the bell of the Gospel once more, celebrating the 250-year legacy of this land and the eternal stronghold we find in Jesus.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Corey*

Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

6:30pm

**Attendees:** Dave Mancusi, Jim Nooyen, Richard Koch, Nancy Koch, Jeff Rieckenberg, Cindy Weigel, Jan Fisher, Paula Heil, Joe Jensen, Holly Johnson, Pastor Corey Shaffer.

**Not present:** Chuck Gibbons, John Klingforth, Jody Cook, Ron Herman

**Meeting came to order with a quorum and Jim Nooyen opened in prayer at 6:30pm.**

**Minutes were read from April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, council meeting.** Corrections were made to the spelling of John Klingforth's name and to the section under Pastor's Report with the wording of 8 sermons, 13 services and a funeral. A motion was made to accept the minutes from April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting with the corrections as stated above by Dave Mancusi and seconded by Jeff Reickenberg. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report- Jeff Rieckenberg**

Income for April 2026 was \$49,294.92 with an expense of \$45,262.38 with a net income of \$4,032.54.

Motion was to approve the treasurer's report by Nancy Koch and seconded by Dave Mancusi. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report-Pastor Corey Shaffer**

Professional Development Day went well. A calendar audit of the whole year, by liturgical quarters, especially making note of any absent ministry outcomes (based on our mission) and/or any gaps in our calendar where people need something (support, teaching, fellowship, outreach, etc.) An Image of God conference is being constructed and hopefully be held in August.

**The statistical report** was read by Paula Heil: 9 private communions of members, 3 funerals, 6 private communions of non-members and 1 wedding. Joe Hagen, Vera Keller and Doris Drescher funerals were held in April. We welcomed a transfer in, Lori Dressel.

A motion was made to accept the statistical report by Richard Koch and seconded by Nancy Koch. Motion carried.

**Parish Administrator Report-Paula Heil**

Building Use Policy was discussed for Central Wisconsin Lutheran High School, they would like to possibly use our gym for sports. Our current insurance policy will cover the use of the low-ride bikes to be used by our youth/congregation. Kathy Wenger asked if the following could have council approval for adding a statement to the preschool risk management handbook stating that the church covers liability for the preschoolers and staff.

**Family Ministry-Holly Johnson**

Preschool update was given. Anne Alles will be retiring this year. Easte programs were well attended. Grandparent week went well and there were over 50 grandparents in attendance. Matt and Lindsay Smith will be teaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Students.

**Ministry of Worship-Richard Koch**

Thanks to the elders that are making home visits and delivering communion to them. St. Luke's is looking for ways to support the CWLHS. They would like to use our gym for sporting events. Some upgrades are needed to make this happen. Principal Paul Gnan will be at the next Ministry of Worship Meeting.

**Missions-Nancy Koch**

Planting day at King's Veterans Home is scheduled for May 13, 2026. Donation requests this month is for \$1000 for the Ringle Tornado disaster relief. It will be sent to Mt Olive Lutheran Church. A motion was made to approve the \$1000 for the Ringle Tornado Relief which was made by Dave Mancusi and seconded by Jeff Rieckenberg. Motion carried.

**Lay Person Report-Joel Jensen**

Joel gave an update on Bible and Bows t-shirts and brought one in for us to see. The new logo looks great and the company did a great job on them.

**Property Care-John Klingforth**

No report given

**Social Concerns-Jan Fisher**

Gave money for support of the Ringle Tornado Disaster Relief. Neighborhood Table went well but we can use more volunteers from St. Luke’s. Also, funds were given for the Safe program.

**Ministry of Discipleship-Chuck Gibbons**

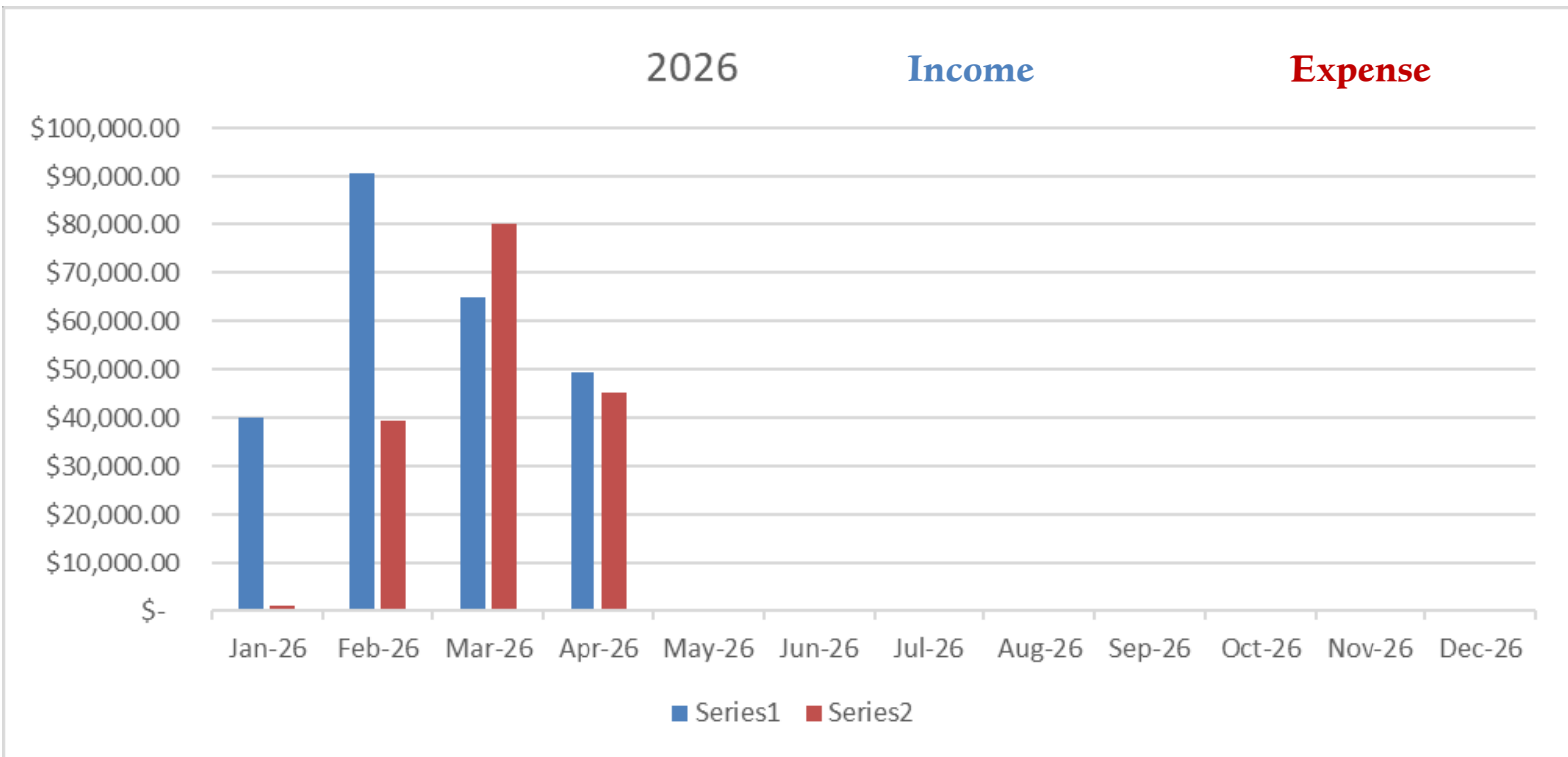
No report given

**Other business:**

Financial internal audit was held on May 6, 2026. The month of July was audited as well as offering envelopes and no issues were found. A new refrigerator arrived and installed in the kitchen.

Motion was made to close the meeting at 7:45pm by Cindy Weigel and seconded by Jeff Rieckenberg. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm and Pastor Corey Shaffer closed in prayer.



**Walking With Jesus Movie Nights!**



The Walking with Jesus Small Group that meets on Monday nights from 6:30pm-8:00pm are hosting 3 movies during the summer months and inviting anyone to join us. The movies will be offered on June 22<sup>nd</sup> , July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm. Join us! Further details will be in the Luke Notes.



# Christ·be·our·Leader¶

## MAY/JUNE·2026¶

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

.....**THANK·You·St·Luke's·Congregation·for·all·of·the·support·and·prayers·that·you·give·us·every·month!**¶



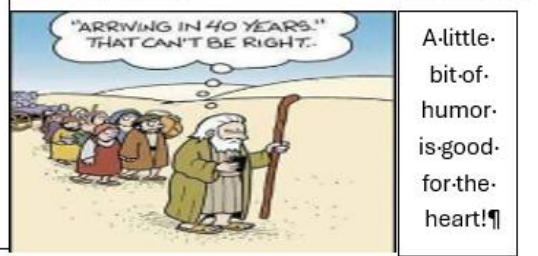
**An·Outreach·event·that·the·Youth·Group·sponsor·every·year·is·the·Special·Needs·Dance·held·at·the·Biron·Community·Center.·**  
 This·year·there·were·approximately·40·Special·Needs·adults·that·attended.·  
 The·event·begins·with·a·dinner,·which·consisted·of·hot·dogs,·baked·beans,·chips,·pickles,·applesauce,·homemade·cookies·and·a·beverage.·After·dinner·there·was·a·Face·Painting·station·and·a·band·for·the·dance.·....  
 4·Youth,·and·5·adults·from·St·Luke's·were·involved.·  
 The·St·Luke's·volunteers·serve·the·food,·spend·time·talking·to·the·special·needs·attendees·and·dancing·with·them·as·long·as·they·wanted·to·dance!·-This·is·a·very·well·received·community·event·that·we·are·honored·to·have·a·presence·at.·-It·shows·St·Luke's·willingness·to·serve·others,·outside·the·walls·of·the·church·to·spread·the·good·news·of·the·Bible.¶



Pictured·above·are·a·couple·of·examples·of·the·Youth·Group's·love·of·using·their·artistic·skills.·The·left·picture·is·a·poster·that·the·Youth·colored·for·Teacher·Appreciation·Week.·The·right·is·a·picture·of·a·coaster·that·the·Youth·painted·and·sealed.·They·have·painted·these·for·the·support·box·at·the·Aspirus·Cancer·Center·in·Wisconsin·Rapids.·I·have·taken·24·to·the·Cancer·Center·so·far!¶



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?  
 - MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV



A·little·bit·of·humor·is·good·for·the·heart!¶



# St. Luke's Youth Activities

## JUNE 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			3pm YOUTH GROUP	4pm	5pm	6pm
7pm Youth Bible Study Pool Party @ Pastor Corey's House 3-6pm	8pm	9pm	10pm YOUTH GROUP Camp Fire with the YOUTH GROUP	11pm	12pm	13pm
14pm Youth Bible Study	15pm	16pm	17pm YOUTH GROUP MINI-GOLF @ Newman's 6-8pm	18pm	19pm	20pm
21pm Youth Bible Study	22pm	23pm	24pm YOUTH GROUP	25pm	26pm	27pm Happy Birthday! Emma Ihrcke
28pm Youth Bible Study	29pm	30pm				

SUNDAY YOUTH BIBLE STUDY ..... 9:15 - 10:15 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP ..... 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**\*\*NOTE - NO YOUNG ADULT 412 MEETINGS UNTIL AUGUST 2, 2026\*\***

SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT 412 MEETING ..... 11:45 AM - 1:45 PM

## No Confirmation Classes or Events in the SUMMER (Jun 7 – Aug 2)

Festival Sunday (Worship Outside!) (Unity Service & Fall Festival)	10:30a	Sun	Aug 9
Backpack Blessing (Bring your bag!)	10:30a	Sun	Aug 30 (All School-age Kids)
<b>**Confirmation Overview**</b>	<b>6:00p</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Sep 2</b>

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# Library News

Coming at you from the library here at St. Luke's. Have a new batch of books put in and there are so many I cannot list them all right now.

In our book tower we are putting "book series" for now. This will include one series that I will tell you about. Museum Of Mysteries consists of twelve books. It reminds me of "Murder She Wrote" but is an archeologist instead of an author being the main character. Four different authors split up the twelve, but all equally good. They do not have to be read in order, so if one is checked out you can grab a different one. Please give them a try.



## June Newsletter 2026



The school year has ended and summer has begun!! The children and staff wrapped up the school year with their closing programs and school picnics. 38 students & their families have been a part of the St. Luke's Preschool/4K family this year. The families took part in a Thanksgiving Feast, Parent Socials, Christmas Program, Circus, Field Trips, Grandparent Week, Easter Program, Art Gallery, and daily classroom activities. It has been a great year!

Looking ahead, classes begin again on September 9 & 10. Be on the lookout for ways to help the preschool get off to a great start. We thank you for your support so we can continue to provide a quality Christian Education for the community.

If you have not yet registered for the fall or if you know someone who would like to register, we have a few openings left. Contact the office 715-423-5990 or [preschool@stlukeslutheran.com](mailto:preschool@stlukeslutheran.com) to register! Forms are available online at the church website, the church office, and the preschool office. Have a blessed summer!!

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

*From Julie Spice, Vice President,*

*St. Luke's Women's Ministry*

During May we celebrated Women's Ministry Month. We hung circle banners in the Sanctuary, placed flowers on the alter the first weekend, passed out flower seed packets for Mother's Day and highlighted the circles on the last three weekends.

On June 18-20, Sandy Christman and Katie Shaffer as delegates and Donna Jensen as alternate, will be attending the NWD LWML Convention in Marquette, MI.

On August 9 (Festival Sunday) the circles will be having a basket raffle as a fund raiser for our budget and goals. Also remember our Soup Sale coming up in November!

### Upcoming dates:

June 2	6:00pm	Board Meeting
June 18-20		NWD LWML Convention @ Marquette MI
July		Board meeting to be decided
July 8-11	2027	LWML Convention @ Oklahoma City

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lois Circle	Monday, June 8	6:00 pm	Room 103
Anna Circle	Thursday, June 11	10:00 am	Bookstore
Eve Circle	Tuesday, June 16	10:00am	Room 102
Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, June 23	8:30 am	Room 105
Dorcas Circle	Done for the season, Meeting again in August		

***Senior Women will meet Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 11:30am at El Café in Port Edwards.***



### Camp Luther Updates

80<sup>th</sup> Reunion & Celebration- June 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 with a full weekend of programming starting June 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm and go through worship on Sunday morning June 7<sup>th</sup>. All attendees should be registered. Prices: \$55 per person for the entire weekend (this includes meals from Saturday breakfast through Sunday Breakfast). \$25 per person for the Saturday Event only, that includes programming in the afternoon/evening along with supper.



## June Birthdays

Linda Dorin	June 1	Donna Prange	June 12	Sheryl Joosten	June 25
Cheryl Klingforth	June 1	Donna Zunker	June 12	Kaleigh Spaulding	June 25
Richard Schalbach	June 1	James Goodenough	June 12	Mark Lubeck	June 26
Terry Wunrow	June 1	Rowdy Jinsky	June 12	Steven Reinolt	June 26
Sandra Ceplina	June 2	Jeff Guldán	June 13	Anna Greeno	June 27
Sharon Koch	June 2	Steven Keller	June 14	Kayla Kreutzer	June 27
Pamela Shaw	June 2	Levi Spaulding	June 14	Emma Ihrcke	June 27
James Tellekson	June 2	Jody Cook	June 15	Laura Hagen	June 28
Cheyenne Brockman	June 2	Caroline Komatz	June 15	Robert Wehland	June 28
JoAnn Wheelock	June 3	Carol Romanski	June 15	Steve Duranceau	June 29
Shanna Kreutzer	June 4	Carol Schmelter	June 15	Jill Hagen	June 29
Lurline Getzloff	June 5	Dennis Utecht	June 15	Richard Merk	June 29
Kynslee Lau	June 5	John Juenemann	June 16	Karen Schiller	June 29
Heather Henke	June 5	Heather Kich	June 16	Gary Shaw	June 29
Becky Krenz	June 5	Amy Oleson	June 16	Peggy Walton	June 29
Jack Radtke	June 6	Matt Anthony	June 17	Dawn Van Duser	June 29
Elisa Mason	June 6	Raymond Jacob	June 17	Jerry Klingfoth	June 30
Dean Krommenacker	June 6	Warren Mertins	June 17	David Urban	June 30
Brenda Henke	June 7	Mary LeMay	June 18	Alexis Johnson-McNaughton	June 30
Matthew Reinolt	June 7	Dave Mancusi	June 18	Wylér Lubeck	June 30
Trevor Vilbaum	June 7	Daniel Ellie	June 20		
Jonna Kronholm	June 8	John Klingforth	June 21		
Jeffery Niemann	June 8	Karen Stainbrook	June 22		
Luetta Ellie	June 11	Barbara Kasten	June 24		

## June Anniversaries

Justin & Stephanie Young	June 1	13 years	Alex & Carol Romanski	June 17	65 years
Jeffery & Deb Rieckenberg	June 2	42 years	Larry & Bonita Grosskopf	June 17	48 years
Bert & Jinalle Hansmann	June 3	59 years	Daniel & Keri Siekert	June 18	33 years
Roger & Pamela Denne'e	June 3	32 years	Claudette & Peter Koch	June 19	62 years
Lon & Tracy Shaw	June 4	4 years	Mark & Suzanne Schoff	June 19	27 years
Richard & Debra Anderon	June 5	50 years	Dennis & Penny Pelot	June 24	21 years
Myron & Bonnie Saeger	June 5	55 years	James & Debra Henry	June 28	51 years
John & Dawn Higgins	June 7	57 years	Tom & Diane Winkler	June 28	46 years
Andrew & Stephany Andres	June 7	29 years	Bo & Sandra Ceplina	June 30	19 years
Myron & Ramona Lubeck	June 9	64 years	Patrick & Kim Young	June 30	42 years
Patrick & Sherry Marzofka	June 10	26 years			
Tom & Darlene Back	June 11	60 years			
Tammy & James Call	June 12	33 years			
Stacy & Karl Genett	June 13	6 years			
David & Patti Urban	June 13	34 years			
Jeremy & Samantha Radtke	June 14	12 years			
Gregory & Deanna Johnson	June 15	41 years			
Gary & Pamela Shaw	June 15	41 years			
Carl & Bonnie Anderon	June 17	59 years			

## JUNE HELPERS TO WORSHIP

**Ushers:** 6:00 Ron Hagen, Ron Bohn, Jerry Klingforth, Bob Hall  
 8:15 Brady & Paige Jackan, Ned & Kami Kubisiak  
 10:30 Phil & Tami Abel, Paige Shaffer, Scott Shaffer

**Altar Guild:** June 6/7 Lori  
 June 13/14 Jenny  
 June 20/21 Kami  
 June 27/28 Bonnie

**Ron Herman schedules the Elders, Communion  
 Helpers, & Ushers**

**Ron Stowell schedules the Greeters  
 Barb Hunt-Caves schedules the Readers  
 Jenny Damrau schedules Altar Guild**

**Pew Maintenance:** Jim & Deb Tellekson

### Saturday/Sunday, June 6 & 7, 2026

Elder:	6:00	Ron Herman	8:15	Jerry Klingforth	10:30	Steve Duranceau
Communion Helpers:	6:00	Harvey Henke	8:15	John Klingforth	10:30	
Readers:	6:00	Jim Tellekson	8:15	Nancy Koch	10:30	Bill Seipel
Greeters:	6:00	<b>OPEN</b>	8:15	Bob & Tina Kubisiak	10:30	Carla Brizzee

### Saturday/Sunday, June 13 & 14, 2026

Elder:	6:00	Ron Herman	8:15	Jerry Klingforth	10:30	Steve Duranceau
Communion Helpers:	6:00		8:15		10:30	Dave Urban
Readers:	6:00	Barbara Hunt-Caves	8:15	Jan Langholff	10:30	Barbara Hunt-Caves
Greeters:	6:00	Sandy Sanger	8:15	Bonnie Rendmeister	10:30	Pam Hilke

### Saturday/Sunday, June 20 & 21, 2026

Elder:	6:00	Ron Herman	8:15	Jerry Klingforth	10:30	Steve Duranceau
Communion Helpers:	6:00	Harvey Henke	8:15	John Klingforth	10:30	
Readers:	6:00	LouAnne Pufall	8:15	Cheryl Hasenohrl	10:30	Dave Urban
Greeters:	6:00	Virgel & Pam Berndt	8:15	<b>OPEN</b>	10:30	Shirley Wagner

### Saturday/Sunday, June 27 & 28, 2026

Elder:	6:00	Ron Herman	8:15	Jerry Klingforth	10:30	Steve Duranceau
Communion Helpers:	6:00		8:15		10:30	Dave Urban
Readers:	6:00	Betty Clouse	8:15	Nancy Koch	10:30	Ron Stowell
Greeters:	6:00	<b>OPEN</b>	8:15	Sandy Christman	10:30	Arlene Van Duser

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**Elaine Herman, Youth Director**  
**Paula Heil, Parish Administrator**  
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# JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>8:30am</b> Veterans of the Cross	<b>11:00am</b> Ministry on Missions	<b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group, Relationship Small Group	<b>10:00am</b> Griefshare		<b>6:00 pm</b> Worship/HC
	<b>10:00am</b> Hope Support w/sound	<b>6:00pm</b> Women's Ministry Meeting		<b>1:00pm</b> Bible Study		
	<b>11:30am</b> Senior Women Meeting			<b>6:30pm</b> GriefShare		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>8:15am</b> Worship/HC	<b>10:00am</b> Hope Support w/sound	<b>6:30pm</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>6:00pm</b> Relationship Small Group , Youth Bike Race/Firepit	<b>10:00am</b> GriefShare		<b>6:00pm</b> Worship
<b>9:20am</b> Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study	<b>6:00pm</b> Lois Circle			<b>10:00am</b> Anna Circle Meeting		<b>6:00pm</b> AA Meeting
<b>10:30am</b> Worship Service	<b>6:30pm</b> Walking w/Jesus			<b>1:00pm</b> Bible Study		
<b>3:00pm</b> Youth Pool Party				<b>6:30pm</b> GriefShare		
<b>5:00pm</b> Game Group						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>8:15am</b> Worship	<b>8:30am</b> Veterans of the Cross	<b>10:00am</b> Eve Circle	<b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group, Relationship Small Group	<b>10:00am</b> GriefShare		<b>6:00pm</b> Worship/HC
<b>9:20am</b> Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study	<b>9:00am</b> Card Ministry	<b>6:00pm</b> Family Ministry Meeting		<b>1:00pm</b> Bible Study		
<b>10:30am</b> Worship/HC	<b>10:00am</b> Hope Support w/sound			<b>6:30pm</b> GriefShare		
<b>5:00pm</b> Game Group	<b>6:30pm</b> Walking w/Jesus					
<b>6:00pm</b> Stephen Ministry						

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>8:15am</b> Worship/HC	<b>10:00am</b> Hope Support w/Sound	<b>9:00am</b> Rebekah Circle	<b>6:00pm</b> Youth Group, Relationship Small Group	<b>10:00am</b> Griefshare		<b>6:00pm</b> Worship
<b>9:20am</b> Youth Bike Race, Adult Bible Study	<b>6:30pm</b> Walking w/Jesus	<b>6:15pm</b> Ministry of Worship		<b>1:00pm</b> Bible Study		
<b>10:30am</b> Worship		<b>6:15pm</b> Caring Ministries		<b>6:30pm</b> GriefShare		
<b>5:00pm</b> Game Group						
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<b>8:15am</b> Worship	<b>10:00am</b> Hope Support w/sound		<b>6:00pm</b> Youth Bike Races, Relationship Small Group	<b>10:00am</b> Griefshare		<b>6:00pm</b> Worship/HC
<b>9:20am</b> Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study				<b>1:00pm</b> Bible Study		
<b>10:30am</b> Worship/HC				<b>6:30pm</b> GriefShare		
<b>5:00pm</b> Game Group						
<b>6:00pm</b> Stephen Ministry						