



Luke Lines

Created in the Image of God: A Conversation Our Families Need

Children are learning about identity earlier than ever before. If we don't intentionally teach them what God says about who they are, someone else gladly will. Public schools, the internet, social media, YouTube, TikTok, AI, and their peers all have plenty to say about identity, family, relationships, and sexuality. As Christian parents and grandparents, we have something far better: God's unchanging Word. That's why I'm excited that St. Luke's is hosting the **Image of God Conference on Friday-Saturday, August 28-29**. Friday check-in opens at 5:30 p.m., with the event running from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Saturday check-in opens at 8:30 a.m., with opening at 9:00 a.m., followed by a full day of learning, dinner at 4:50 p.m., and a closing worship service at 6:00 p.m. to recognize the volunteers and to pray over the children and parents who have just learned that what the "Image of God" means.

This isn't "the talk." It's something much better: a Christ-centered conversation about God's beautiful design for every stage of life.

Our youngest children (ages 3-8) will discover that God lovingly created them as boys or girls, uniquely made, deeply loved, and placed into families where they can grow, serve, and care for others. Children ages 9-14 build on that foundation by learning about their identity in Christ, friendships, vocation, marriage, puberty, and God's good design for sex within marriage—all presented in an age-appropriate, biblical way. Youth ages 15 and older will have guided discussions on dating, marriage, health, pornography, and the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence and emerging technology. Parents will also receive practical encouragement for continuing these conversations confidently at home. Our goal is to separate boys and girls into 3-year age groups, each with teachers.

The goal isn't to overwhelm children with information. It's to give them God's truth before the world gives them its counterfeits. These aren't conversations we have once and check off a list. They are conversations we return to throughout childhood because our children are growing, their questions are changing, and our culture certainly isn't taking a break.

Think of it this way: if your child can remember every Pokémon, Minecraft recipe, or sports statistic, they can certainly learn that they are wonderfully made by God!

Early registration ends **August 18**. The cost is **\$30** for one person, **\$56** for two, **\$78** for three, and just **\$96** for four or more family members. After August 18, registration increases by **\$5 per person** (up to four people). Registration includes four lessons for each age group, Saturday lunch, dinner, and an **Image of God** water bottle for each participant.

I encourage every family to register both youth and adults. Let's help our children hear God's voice clearly and often, learning that their truest identity is not found in the world, but in Jesus Christ, who created them, redeemed them, and calls them His own.

In Christ,
Pastor Corey

Council Meeting

July 14, 2026

6:30 pm

Attendees: Pastor Corey Shaffer, Dave Mancusi, Jim Nooyen, Nancy Koch, Chuck Gibbons, Cindy Weigel, Ron Herman, Kathy Wenger, Jeff Rieckenberg, John Klingforth, Joel Jensen.
Not present: Jan Fisher, Holly Johnson, (Kathy Wenger present for Holly)

Opened in prayer at 6:30 by Jim Nooyen.
Minutes reviewed from June 9th council meeting.
Motion was made to accept the minutes from June meeting by John Klingforth and seconded by Cindy Weigel. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The report for June was \$43,477.01 with an expense of \$44,693.20 with a net loss of \$1,216.19. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by John Klingforth and seconded by Nancy Koch. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

August 13th office will be closed for next Professional Development.
Pastor Bryce Clayton (Immanuel) will meet with Pastor Corey Shaffer to discuss volunteers for the Image of God conference on July 16.
Discussion on bikes and track safety.
Discussion on schedules.
Discussion on Boy Scout Troop 174 dual charter.
Council approved Pastor Corey Shaffer to explore the idea further.
Statistical Report No action required

Parish Administrator:

Risk Management date Sept 15 at 6pm

Property Care-John Klingforth:

Discussed improper actions on the grounds and at what point are police called. Council gave approval for staff to be allowed to use their judgment in this matter.

Missions- Nancy Koch:

Requesting funds of \$1500. For Image of God conference expenses to come out of dedicated

funds. Motion to approve made by Dave Mancusi seconded by John Klingforth. Motion carried.
Requesting funds of \$3500. from SLLC Motion made by John Klingforth seconded by Dave Mancusi. Motion carried.

Family Ministry-Kathy Wenger

Preschool assistant hired.

Openings for 2 available in 4K otherwise enrollment full with a waiting list. Sunday school teacher positions filled.

Discussion on support for Central Wi Lutheran High School support. Doesn't require action at present. Could be put into the 2027 budget.

Worship-Ron Herman:

Discussion on progress of call committee.

Lay Person-Joel Jensen:

No report

Evangelism/Discipleship-Chuck Gibbons:

No report

Other business:

Dave Mancusi discussed Concordia Plan Services and other plan options.

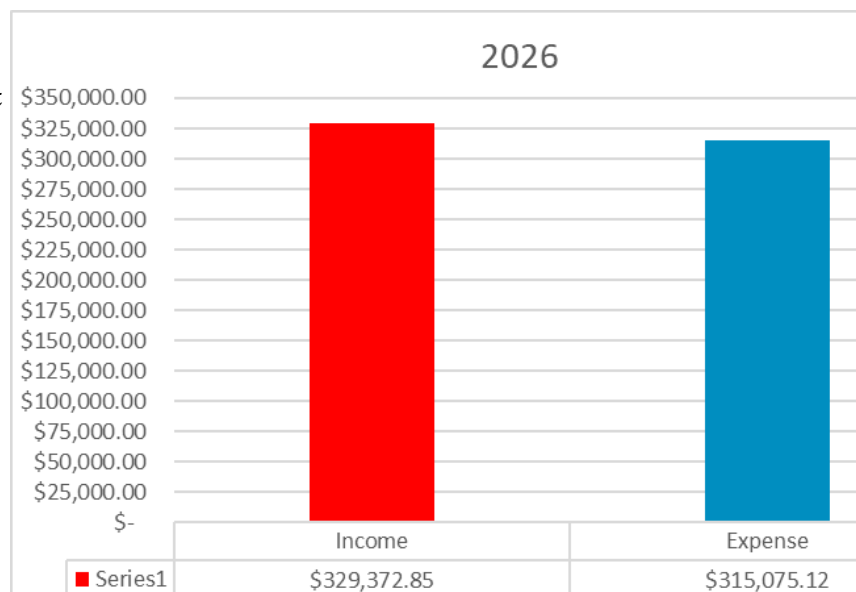
Motion to continue with Concordia plan made by Chuck Gibbons seconded by John Klingforth. Motion carried.

Festival Sunday discussed using Thrivent action teams.

Reminders of performance reviews and starting of ministry budgets.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Klingforth seconded by Cindy Weigel. Motion carried.

Pastor Corey Shaffer closed the meeting in prayer at 8:25pm.



Schneider Memorial

Each year in August, St. Luke's takes up a collection in honor and memory of our 1st pastor, Rev. Leonard Schneider.

Pastor Schneider was called to serve at St. Luke's in 1944 and served until his death.

The ministry of Missions has chosen the Central Wisconsin Lutheran Highschool to be this years Schneider Memorial Recipient.

Donations will be received through pew envelopes throughout the month of August. Indicate clearly the gift is for the Schneider Memorial.

Dedication, Installation and Open House
Sunday, August 2nd
1:30pm-4:30pm

Enrollment is open for 9th and 10th grades.
cwlhs.com/enrollment

School Choice is available for qualifying families. Enrollment is open from the 1st - 20th in July and August.

"All-Hands" Care Ministries Meeting
Tuesday, August 4th
2:00pm

Meeting for leaders of member care groups.

Back to School Backpack Blessing
Sunday, August 23rd
10:30am

Have your child bring their backpack to be blessed for the upcoming school year.

Mystery Meal
Friday, September 11th
6:00pm
Tickets Required
More info to come

Risk Management
Tuesday, September 15th
6:00pm

Anyone who interacts with minors or does home visits is required to attend. Teachers, Youth Leaders, Elders, Bibles & Bows etc.

Image of God Conference
Friday – Saturday
August 28th & 29th

Early Bird Registration ends
August 18th

Prices increase by \$5 after Aug 15 until day of event.

Sign up by scanning the QR code or stopping by the church office.



NEW HOPE LIFE SKILLS *Workshop*

Caring For Your Soul In Seasons Of Loneliness



Tuesday, August 11, 2026
10:30AM–12:00PM
LIGHT LUNCH TO FOLLOW



Love INC Building
710 20th Ave S, WR



Dr. Richelle Hoekstra-Anderson is a Christian life coach, clinical psychologist, speaker, and author of *Abundant Soul: Daily Meditations for a Flourishing Life*. Drawing on more than 30 years of experience helping people navigate life's challenges, transitions, and losses, she combines practical wisdom, faith, and soul care principles to help people move toward greater peace, purpose, and connection.

Whether you are experiencing loneliness yourself or supporting someone who is, you will leave this workshop with greater understanding, hope, and practical tools for the journey ahead. Dr. Richelle's mission is simple: helping people care for their soul so they can live and give abundantly.

Dr. Richelle will give away copies of her *Abundant Hope: My Journey Through Grief and Loss* books to participants and if interested, they can purchase her *Abundant Soul: Daily Meditations for a Flourishing Life* book at \$13.



Workshop Takeaways:

- better understand loneliness and isolation
- recognize how life transitions impact connection
- identify personal barriers to meaningful relationships
- leave with practical next steps toward healthier connections
- feel seen, normalized, and hopeful



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Scan the QR
Code to register
online by
August 4th or
contact us at
715.424.5683.

Dorcas Circle News

Dorcas Circle is again having a Silent Quilt Auction. Check out the Lap Quilt up for auction on Festival Sunday located in the Office Lobby. Bidding will begin in the Office Lobby on Saturday, August 1st and conclude on August 9th (Festival Sunday). The bidding sheet will be open until 1:30pm on Sunday Aug. 9th. Proceeds from this quilt helps defray costs of batting and backing. Come on in and check it out!



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 movie will be on August 17th beginning at 6:30pm. Join us! Further details will be in the Luke Notes.

St Luke's Women's Ministry will hold a basket raffle on Festival Sunday August 9th. Depending on the weather it will be either near the shelter house or in the church education rooms. Tickets will only be available on Festival Sunday and you must be present to win. Ticket sales will start at 9:30 and run until 1:00. There will be no sales during the church service. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds from the raffle will help to pay our goals for 2026: Preschool, the Parking Lot and the Student Fund. Hope to see you there!

Would you share one hour a month to serve as the hands of Jesus? St Luke's provides child care for children under 3 so their parents can participate in a weekly bible study.

We usually have one or two children and schedule two adults from 9:15 to 10:15. You serve on the Sundays you choose. Please call Jan at 715-572-1803 with any questions or to be added to the rotation.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Endowment Fund group was generous and helped us buy



a book tower



table and chairs



and a cabinet.

This is what they look like being used. Come on in and check them out and some books while you are there.

Also, we will be putting out this two-sided cart filled with books for sale.

We are selling them to raise money for Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends send people with cancer a box filled with things that come in handy for them. There is a blanket, a padded cover for your seat belt to cover your port, cards, lotion, journals, puzzle books, hats, and many other things. If by chance you don't find a book to buy, would you, please, consider just donating to the cause.



August Newsletter 2026

Looking ahead, classes begin again on September 9th & 10th with the theme for the year "Growing with God". 2 Peter 3:18 is the theme verse, "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." A blessing tree will be in the office lobby and the narthex in August and September. As we look forward to the new school year, this is a way to help the preschool get off to a great start. Choose a note and drop off the item at locations near the church office and the preschool office in August and September. Thank you for your continued support.

We want to thank all those who have invested in the preschool. You are all very much appreciated. As we look forward to the new school year in the fall, we are excited to welcome new and continuing families. We also thank the Veterans of the Cross for all the summer jobs they worked on. We have been blessed with a new staff assistant in 4K. Jessica Gonzalez will join Amy Jansen and Bailey Resheske in the 4K classroom. Jodi Lubeck and Susan VanAsten will be staff for the 3K classroom.

Blessings to all!



St. Luke's Youth Activities

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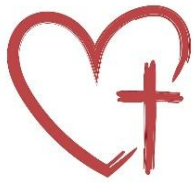


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2  Youth Bible Study 412 Young Adult Pool Party @ Pastor Coery's from 5 – 8 PM	3	4	YOUTH GROUP	6	7	8  Piper Brise
9  FESTIVAL SUNDAY OUTSIDE SERVICE 10:30 AM, PICNIC, BINGO, BLKERACES	10	11	YOUTH GROUP	13	14	15
16  Youth Bible Study  Brynleigh Young	17	18	YOUTH GROUP	20	21	22
23  Youth Bible Study	24	25	26 YOUTH GROUP	27	28	29
30  Youth Bible Study	31					

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP 6:00– 8:00 PM

SUNDAY YOUNG ADULT 412 MEETING 11:45 AM – 1:45 PM



Christ be our Leader

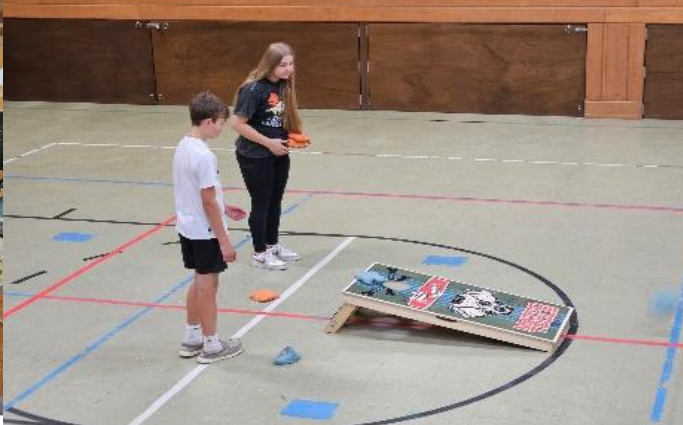
JULY/AUGUST 2026

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!



Due to a seemingly every Wednesday night 6 pm storm, you are seeing lots of indoor Youth Group activities this month. Apparently Mother Nature has a grudge against this group enjoying an evening outdoors! Luckily the Youth have a myriad of activities that they enjoy inside as well. There are 2 pictures of the group fabricating flowers from pipe cleaners making a bouquet to take to a member who is a shut-in. The table shows canvas bags with markers, that will be crafted into bible study tote bags. Each Youth will select a bag and spend a couple of evenings expressing their creativity as they design their tote. No inside meeting would be complete without the opportunity for gaming; shown here are Youth playing foosball and cornhole. The last couple pictures show a Youth designing what she will portray onto the canvas and easel that she is working on. Maybe it was the Lord's plan all along for us to spend our time inside this month, enjoying good Christian fellowship with each other! Worked for us, wish you would join us sometime. You are always welcome & the door is always open!!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY CORNER

From Julie Spice, Vice President,

St. Luke's Women's Ministry

We are now in August. The year is flying by but we still have many events to look forward to yet. We will be enjoying the Church Festival on Sunday, August 9th. The Women's Ministry circles will be creating gift baskets to give away that day to the lucky ticket holder. After we will enjoy a wonderful meal, entertainment and especially the fellowship of one another. Many years ago, Women's Ministry created "Christmas in July" and put on a picnic for senior members of St. Luke's. The circles prepared a delicious meal, arranged for entertainment (usually old time music) and bingo. Each circle member brought a wrapped item such as a box of Jell-o, note cards, can of vegetable, cake mix, package of nuts, etc. and fun was had by all. It was taken over by Ministry of Social Concerns and events all dropped due to cost but we now have the Church Festival which is similar but available to all members and friends. Hope to see you there.

Upcoming dates:

August 4	6:00pm	Board Mtg Room 102
August 9		Festival Sunday
September 1	6:00pm	Board Mtg
September 20	12:00pm	Joint Mtg Lunch with Mtg to follow
October 6	6:00pm	Board Mtg
October 8	8:30am	Zone 17 LWML Fall Rally

WOMEN'S MINISTRY JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Lois Circle	Monday, August 13	6:00 pm	Room 103
Anna Circle	Thursday, August 9	10:00 am	Bookstore
Eve Circle	Tuesday, August 21	10:00am	Room 102
Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, August 28	8:30 am	Room 105
Dorcas Circle	Tuesday, August 14	Bring a Sack Lunch 11:30am	Shelter House

***Senior Women will meet Monday, August 3rd
at 11:30am at Avocado's Restaurant.***



July Birthdays

Debra Beamish	August 1
Dale Scheunemann	August 1
Kaden Kreutzer	August 1
Debra Bohn	August 2
Karen Hall	August 2
Deborah Tellekson	August 3
Carlton Anderson	August 5
Lyle Ott	August 5
Janet Anderson	August 6
Aubry Young	August 6
Gracie Walloch	August 6
David Haferman	August 7
Darin Langholff	August 7
Kallie Smith	August 8
Katy Arndt	August 8
Piper Brise	August 8
Beverly Dahn	August 9
James St. Martin	August 9
Don Kich	August 10
Lori Dressel	August 11
Alice Lecher	August 11
Kimberly Hintz	August 11
Geraldine Enkro	August 12
Sarah Foxvog	August 12
Wayne Teske	August 12
Jennifer Damrau	August 13
Douglas Kasten	August 15
Amy Seipel	August 15
Kathy Worzella	August 16
Stacy Genett	August 16
David Lehman	August 16
Brynleigh Young	August 16
Romona Lubeck	August 17
Mary Susan Jinsky	August 18
Carol Wotruba	August 20
Jeffrey Rieckenberg	August 22
Kristin Ellis	August 24
Richard Anderson	August 25
Gayle Gibbons	August 25
Marilyn Wunrow	August 25
Myron Saeger	August 26
Tamika Hannum	August 27
Matthew Kehrbeig	August 27
Tim Steuck	August 28
Brian Stainbrook	August 28
Rob Walloch	August 28
Myron Lubeck	August 29
Diane Winkler	August 29
Daniel Cook	August 30
Judy Haas	August 30
Lucille Heinzen	August 30
Pamela Berndt	August 31
Charles Brody	August 31

July Anniversaries

Brian Kronstedt & Carrie Aspsetter	August 5	3 yrs
Brian & Heather Stainbrook	August 6	15 yrs
Nathan & Candace Strehlau	August 9	18 yrs
Rob & Sheila Walloch	August 11	25 yrs
Ronald & Jenny Stowell	August 12	59 yrs
Ronnie & Kimberly Cain	August 12	11 yrs
Robert & Tammy Klingforth	August 12	37 yrs
Warren & Peggy Mertins	August 13	60 yrs
Peter & Sally Captain	August 13	49 yrs
Dale & Laurie Scheunemann	August 14	44 yrs
Marissa & Eric Borre	August 15	11 yrs
Richard & Vickie Schwalbach	August 16	57 yrs
Bradley & Rhonda Vilbaum	August 16	23 yrs
Randy & Bea Jay Herman	August 18	47 yrs
Jeremy & Gladys Mertins	August 18	19 yrs
Jordan & Brittany Young	August 18	14 yrs
John & Sandra Sanger	August 19	54 yrs
Raymond & Carol Jacob	August 20	60 yrs
Jerry & Sandra Klingforth	August 20	49 yrs
Gary & Carol Gilbert	August 21	61 yrs
Harvey & Brenda Henke	August 21	34 yrs
Phillip & Tami Abel	August 22	39 yrs
Joel & Donna Jensen	August 22	45 yrs
Jeff & Sherri Odem	August 22	11 yrs
Douglas & Sheila Van Natta	August 22	28 yrs
Larry & Katie Brandt	August 24	30 yrs
Doug & Jill Krummel	August 26	49 yrs
Herman & Janice Ristow	August 27	66 yrs
Kenneth & Debra Beamish	August 27	47 yrs
Adam & Mycaela Damrau	August 28	6 yrs
Rick & Sandra Green	August 28	33 yrs

AUGUST HELPERS TO WORSHIP

Ushers: 6:00 Lon Shaw, Tracy Shaw, Pam Shaw, **OPEN**
 8:15 Randy Balko, Blake Balko, John Klingforth, **OPEN**
 10:30 Brian Stainbrook, Heather Stainbrook, Tim Stainbrook, Ann Stinbrook

Altar Guild:

Pew Maintenance: Bob & Tina Kubisiak

Ron Herman schedules the Elders,
 Communion Helpers, & Ushers
 Ron Stowell schedules the Greeters
 Barb Hunt-Caves schedules the Readers
 Jenny Damrau schedules Altar Guild

Saturday/Sunday, August 1 & 2, 2026

Elder:	6:00 Gary Shaw	8:15 Richard Koch	10:30 Jeff Rieckenberg
Communion Helpers:	6:00 Chuck Gibbons	8:15 John Klingforth	10:30
Readers:	6:00 Jim Tellekson	8:15 Nancy Koch	10:30 Bill Seipel
Greeters:	6:00 OPEN	8:15 Bonnie Rendmeister	10:30 Arlene Van Duser

Sunday, August 9, 2026

Elder:	10:30 Jeff Rieckenberg
Communion Helpers:	10:30 Dave Urban
Readers:	10:30 Barbara Hunt-Cave
Greeters:	10:30 Barb Kasten

Saturday/Sunday, August 15 & 16, 2026

Elder:	6:00 Gary Shaw	8:15 Richard Koch	10:30 Jeff Rieckenberg
Communion Helpers:	6:00 Chuck Gibbons	8:15 John Klingforth	10:30
Readers:	6:00 LouAnne Pufall	8:15 Jan Langholff	10:30 Dave Urban
Greeters:	6:00 Sandy Sanger	8:15 Sandy Christman	10:30 Carla Brizzee

Saturday/Sunday, August 22 & 23, 2026

Elder:	6:00 Gary Shaw	8:15 Richard Koch	10:30 Jeff Rieckenberg
Communion Helpers:	6:00	8:15	10:30 Dave Urban
Readers:	6:00 Betty Clouse	8:15 Cheryl Hasenohrl	10:30 Bill Seipel
Greeters:	6:00 OPEN	8:15 Bonnie Rendmeister	10:30 Pam Hilke

Saturday/Sunday, August 29 & 30, 2026

Elder:	6:00 Gary Shaw	8:15 Richard Koch	10:30 Jeff Rieckenberg
Communion Helpers:	6:00	8:15	10:30
Readers:	6:00 Barbara Hunt-Caves	8:15 Nancy Koch	10:30 Herb Kronholm
Greeters:	6:00 Pam & Virgel Berndt	8:15 Bob & Tina Kubisiak	10:30 Shirley Wagner

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August 2026

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8:15am Worship/HC	8:30am Veterans of the Cross	11:00am Ministry on Missions	6:00pm Youth Group	10:00am GriefShare		
9:20am Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study, Youth Bike Races	10:00am Hope Support w/sound	6:00pm Women's Ministry Meeting		1:00pm Bible Study		
10:30am Worship Service	11:30am Senior Women @ Avacado's Restaurant			6:30pm GriefShare		
11:45am 412 YA Group						
5:00pm Game Group						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	10:00am Hope Support w/sound	6:30pm Church Council Meeting	6:00pm Youth Group, Youth Bike Races, Wed. Small Group Bible Study	10:00am GriefShare Office Closed		6:00pm Worship/HC
10:30am Festival Sunday Worship/HC	6:00pm Lois Circle			10:00am Anna Circle Meeting		
5:00pm Game Group				1:00pm Bible Study		
6:00pm Stephen Ministry				6:30pm GriefShare		

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9:20am Youth Bible Study, Adult Bible Study	9:00am Hope Support w/sound	6:00pm Family Ministry Meeting		1:00pm Bible Study		
10:30am Worship	6:30pm Walking w/Jesus Movie Night			2:00pm Image of God Meeting		
5:00pm Game Group				6:30pm GriefShare		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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