



LUKE NOTES

We at St. Luke's dedicate ourselves to grow in faith and to serve together,
and to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Weekend Bible Readings

Ezekial 18:1-4, 30-32
Philippians 2:1-18
Matthew 21:28-32

Update for Weekend September 19 & 20

Weekend Worship Attendance= 220
General Budget= \$8232.00
Dedicated= \$515.00
Weekly Budget Need= \$14,670.35

Lutherans For Life Quote of the Week

- September 27 -

"Grief is not a sign of weak faith; it is the natural response to love and loss. But for those in Christ, grief is always shaped by hope. We do not mourn as those who have no future, no promise, no Savior (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We mourn with the certainty that our loved ones in the faith are with the Lord and that we will see them again." Rev. M.L. Smith, Director of International Missions of Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC) - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Events & News

- * **Bless the Preschool** was a huge success. Thank you to all who donated items. Preschool is very grateful.
- * **Just a reminder**- Anyone wishing to donate the following for the Health Kits we would really appreciate it. Bath Towels 52" X 27". Thank you.
- * **Annual Zone 17 Fall Rally** - Invitation for the ladies is posted on the Narthex, Office Lobby and Fellowship Hall Entry bulletin boards, includes all the details of this rally. Even if you did not RSVP, please come to the Rally as they prepare for extra guests. Thursday, October 8th. 8:30am registration, 9:00am devotions.
- * **AUDIO/VISUAL IMPROVEMENTS**
Thank you to all past and present donors to the A/V Fund for making our recent upgrades possible! We also deeply appreciate our volunteers: The VETS for running new cables to the Narthex and Fellowship Hall; Dave Mancusi for connecting the Narthex TV to stream Sunday services; and Jim Nooyen, Dave Mancusi, & Chuck Gibbons for spending a full day installing the new, larger Fellowship Hall smart TV. Thank you for giving your time and talents to enhance our worship experience!
- * **St. Luke's book store:** get your rada now! We have a supply on hand at the price of 5 years ago. Prices will go up once our supply is gone due to the company price increase. Fall decor is now displayed. Table runners, a vaiiety of pumpkins, pictures and wal hangings are available. There is also a nice selection of men's devotionals and bible covers. God bless you for supporting the bookstore.
- * **We are in real need of volunteers** willing to learn the audio/visual systems in the church's A/V booth. We need this help to enable the continued sound and video presentations of the church's worship services. Please prayerfully consider this request for help. Training will be made available. Please contact the church office at (715) 423-5990 or David Mancusi at (715) 423-8158 with your interest.
- * **Praise In The Pines**
Sunday, October 18 | 3:00 PM
Northland Pines High School Auditorium, Eagle River, WI
Tickets: www.praiseinthepines.org - still offering a discount for the youth -

Week At A Glance

Monday 28th

8:30am Veterans of the Cross
 9:00am Dorcas Circle
 10:00am Hope Support w/Sound
 6:30pm Walking With Jesus

Tuesday 29th

9:00am Dorcas Circle

Wednesday 30th

9:45am Women in the Word
 6:00pm Choir
 6:00pm Youth Group
 6:00pm Wed. Small Group Bible Study

Thursday 1st

1:00pm Bible Study

Friday 2nd

No Events

Saturday 3rd

6:00pm Worship/HC

Sunday 4th

8:15am Worship/HC
 9:20am Adult Bible Study
 9:20am Sunday School
 9:20am Youth Bible Study
 10:30am Worship/HC

This weekend's service will be shown on television on the following Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Solarus- Channel 3; Spectrum- channel 985. The services are also available on our website.

Livestreaming of the 8:15 a.m. and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday services will be available depending on the availability of our volunteers.

You can access the service at www.stlukeslutheran.com or our YouTube channel St. Luke's Church Wisconsin Rapids.

For those with special needs who attend in person worship, large print bulletins are available from an usher. Assistive listening devices are available in the narthex and in the overflow area. Please do not hesitate to ask an usher for assistance if there is anything else you need.

Church Staff

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We have free resources from Project Connect, located in the Narthex for the many steps of life.



The Family Room is available during worship services for families to take kids who cannot sit through an entire service. The Family Room is located across from the library.

WORSHIP SERVICES: SATURDAY'S 6:00PM SUNDAY'S 8:15AM & 10:30AM

COMPASSIONATE CARE LETTER TO THE ST. LUKE'S MEMBERSHIP



DATE: October 2026
TO: SLLC Ministries
FROM: Compassionate Care Committee
RE: 2027 Request for Funds

St. Luke's has been the recipient of money bequeathed to us at the death of one of our members. In response to her love for her Savior, her deep love and concern for others and the love she was shown by others, she decided to share her wealth by giving St. Luke's a substantial amount of money at the time of her death. As directed by her, the purpose of these funds is to reach out to people, young and old, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ showing His love to the hurt and the broken to draw them into the church, or to care for the broken within the church that they too, may feel the love of Jesus. In addition, these funds are intended to be used in the local, national or international community in the event of a disaster or other special need and as requested through St. Luke's Ministry of Social Concerns. These funds may be used to offer support to budget programs.

The Compassionate Care Committee has been appointed by the Church Council to make recommendations for the annual disbursement of funds. This committee has determined that up to \$30,000 would be available for the 2027 distribution year beginning January 1, 2027.

The Compassionate Care Committee will meet in late October 2026 to consider requests for available funds. Please discuss this with your ministries and submit requests as soon as possible but no later than October 26, 2026. Requests will be reviewed by the committee, and proposed grants will be presented to the congregation for approval at the fall Congregation meeting.

Please keep in mind that the purpose for utilization of the available funds must be for:

- Reaching out to individuals who are hurting or need Christ-like care and assistance.
- Helping others through local, national or international organizations as approved by the Ministry of Social Concerns
- New or existing programs within St. Luke's that specifically assist children or adults grow in their spiritual faith and provide Christian concern and care.

Also, please remember monies are intended for expenses that will be incurred in January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027 distribution year.

Requests will need to include the following information:

1. Name and telephone contact of person, ministry or group submitting request
2. Name or title of request
3. Amount of funding being requested
4. Total funding required for project and source of additional funding if more than request or if full amount of request is not awarded.
5. Description of project and use of funds.
6. Who will administer project and funds.

Please use the form on the reverse side for submitting requests and attach any additional as may be necessary to supply full information on the request.

Please return request form to the church office no later than October 26, 2026

2026 Committee Members: Diane Smith, Marge Hinrichsen, Holly Johnson

Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers

A six-week program that explores improving your decision-making, time management, and communication skills, while improving your SELF CARE. Reduce stress, guilt, anger and depression while caregiving.



CAREGIVERS...

provide so much to others while caring for another adult. Powerful Tools helps caregivers learn strategies to balance caring for themselves too. Program is co-taught by Ann Schlice and Jonna Kronholm.

Registration required call 715-424-4971

\$25 is requested to supplement the cost of the book, exceptions can be made if needed. Not intended for professional caregivers



St. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL
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WI RAPIDS WORKSHOP

Wednesdays

Oct 14 - Nov 18, 2026

1:00 - 3:00PM

**ADRC-CW Conference
Room in Centralia Center
220 3rd Ave, Ste 1**

Wisconsin Rapids

Finding Harmony

Creating a Healthier Balance While Supporting Others

This one-hour workshop helps caregivers learn about relaxation and stress reduction skills while also focusing on improving self-care strategies. To help you find balance as you navigate your caregiving journey
Intended for adults who care for another adult, not professional caregivers.

Wisconsin Rapids Workshop

September 30, 2026

Wisconsin Rapids ADRC Office
220 3rd Avenue South, Suite 1

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Register online

www.adrc-cw.org/classes-groups
or call **888-486-9545**

Workshop is free, contributions are welcome.

**Registration
required**



Can't make it? Attend virtually

2:00 - 3:00 PM | September 30

call or register online and we will
send you a meeting link



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St. Luke's Women's FALL RETREAT

FEATURING

Christian Recording Artist & Speaker

Jennie Williamson

*Beauty from the Ashes...
My Song of Grace*

An encouraging and uplifting event for women of all ages. Jennie Williamson brings an energy and joy for Jesus that is contagious! Through music, stories, and real-life encouragement, she points hearts to the God who loves, leads, and gives purpose.

ENCOURAGEMENT | LAUGHTER | FAITH | REAL STORIES | MUSIC



Friday,
October 30, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Doors Open @ 5:30 pm



St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Rapids



Donation Drive &
Free Will Offering
for The Hannah Center

Grab a girlfriend and join us for a great evening together!

This Free event is made possible by funds from St. Luke's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.



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20% of your purchase directly benefits

ST. LUKE'S PRESCHOOL & 4K

Wednesday, October 7th

11:00am - 9:00pm

Dine In - Carry Out or Drive Thru

1841 8th Street, South

Wisconsin Rapids

715-712-1200



Dine In or Carry Out must present the voucher below. Digital version will be accepted.

Flyers/Vouchers cannot be distributed on premises of Rocky Rococo. Must present voucher at time of purchase to be eligible for donation.

Please complete and present to a Rocky Rococo employee at the time of purchase.



**PLEASE PRESENT IF
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My Name is _____

I support St. Luke's Preschool & 4K

Total Net Sales _____ (to be filled out by a Rocky Rococo employee and attached to the receipt)