



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

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

Update for Weekend September 19 & 20

Weekend Worship Attendance= 185
General Budget= \$6690.00
Dedicated= \$1426.60
Weekly Budget Need= \$14,670.35

Lutherans For Life Quote of the Week

- October 4-

"Your life is valuable, and your life has purpose. It was not an accident; it was planned from the beginning. But that doesn't mean it will be easy. You will experience hardship and suffering. As you age, your body will wear out. Your mind will dull. Your abilities will lessen. And yet, it is in your body with all of its brokenness that the Holy Spirit resides. It is this, your body, that God the Father formed by hand, and it is this, your body, that Jesus, God's Son, redeemed.

And your body, a unique and miraculous gift, will be raised from the dead and made new." Michelle Bauman, former Director of Y4Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Events & News

- * **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.
- * **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 variety 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.
- * **Volunteers Needed:** St. Luke's is in need of more greeters for the weekend services. We can use individuals, couples, whole family units, anyone with a smiling face. Would you be willing to be a welcoming face for our congregation? For more details and availability please contact Ron Stowell at 715-325-1919.
- * **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 -
- * **Cookies Needed:** We are in need of 28 dozen cookies for Trunk or Treat. Please no cookies with peanutes or peanut butter. You can bring your cookies to the church kitchen by 9am October 25th. Trunk or Treat will be held at 1:30pm in the shelter house on October 25th.
- * **October is Church Worker Appreciation Month!** Each October we take time to say THANKS to our St. Luke's Staff. Please take time to tell each of our 6 paid staff members THANK YOU for their efforts. There will also be a drop box placed int he lobby entrance for those who want to give a note of THANKS as well.

Week At A Glance

Monday 5th

8:30am Veterans of the Cross
10:00am Hope Support w/Sound
11:30am Senior Women Meeting @ IHOP/Applebees
6:30pm Walking With Jesus

Tuesday 6th

11:00am Ministry on Missions
6:00pm Women's Ministry Meeting

Wednesday 7th

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

Thursday 8th

10:00am GriefShare
1:00pm Bible Study
6:30pm GriefShare

Friday 9th

No Events

Saturday 10th

6:00pm Worship

Sunday 11th

8:15am Worship
9:20am Adult Bible Study
9:20am Sunday School
9:20am Youth Bible Study
10:30am Worship/HC
6:00pm Stephen Ministry

* Lutheran Women in Mission

Lutheran Women In Mission is traditionally observed the first Sunday in October. LWML encourages ladies to use their unique God-given talents to support global missions and serve the Lord with gladness. Our Women's Ministry circle members and all St. Luke's ladies are part of the LWML. The "Mite Box" is intended for regular contributions of "Mites" – offerings which fund district and national mission grants. Mite boxes are located in the Narthex display, if you'd like a box, and contributions are gathered at regular meetings or dropped into the large mite box. This year's theme continues a four-year cycle focusing on the LWML Mission Statement – *As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.* For Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday 2026, we focus on Supporting Missions. Questions? Please contact Pamela Hilke, President of Women's Ministry at 715-421-3817.

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



ST. LUKE'S COMPASSIONATE CARE FUND

Date: _____

Ministry or Group requesting funds: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Telephone number of contact person: _____

Name or title of project or use of money: _____

Amount of request: _____ . Date funds required: _____

If this request is awarded, funding will only be provided by a written request for check that is submitted to the church office for processing. This request will have documentation attached or included that is pertinent to the particular use for the money.

Total funding required: _____ . Date required: _____

Source of additional funding if more than request is needed or if full amount of request is not awarded:

Description of Use of Funds, be specific, attach additional pages or information as needed:

Name and telephone number of person that will administer the money if awarded:

Please return this form to the Church Office by October 26, 2026

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.

MUSIC.
MESSAGE.
HOPE.
JESUS.

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
DINING IN

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)

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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