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

Amos 5:18-24
1 Thes. 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Update for Weekend October 31 & November 1

Weekend Worship Attendance= 192
General Budget= $10,361.00
Dedicated= $110.00
Weekly Budget Need= $14,670.35

Lutherans For Life Quote of the Week

- November 1-
"And so, there's a stage for every age, a place to use the talents we're given and to see faith grow. Blessings to you all as you serve in the many ways God has prepared, as you see that we function together in one blessed Body. We will never tell Him that there's nothing for us to do." Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Events & News

- **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. 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.
- **Book Trollie** from the library will be up in the Narthex to purchase books to go towards Phil's Friend's.
- **Cards Sale-** The office currently has homemade cards for all occasions. Proceeds will go toward the St. Luke's Parking Lot Fund.
- **Advent By Candlelight-** December 7th, 2026 @ 6:30pm. Hostess sign up sheets are now in the church lobby.
- **Thanksgiving Servies-** Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 25th at 6:00pm and our Thanksgiving Day Service will be Thursday, November 26th at 9:00am.
- **End of Year Statements-** As we approach the end of the year, we want to thank you for your faithful generosity. If you would like your financial contributions to be included on your 2026 Giving Statement, please ensure all donations are submitted by Sunday, December 27th. Contributions received after this date will be applied to the 2027 calendar year. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!
- **NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION…** There are collection areas in the narthex and office lobby for your donations of canned or packaged food for the November food collection. Some of the food will remain in our own St. Luke's Emergency Pantry but the majority will be delivered to FOCUS Food Pantry (SWEPS) at the end of the month. Also being requested … shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, etc.; toilet paper, paper towels, dish and laundry soaps, children's books in good condition, and paper grocery bags. Monetary donations are welcome as well - please make the check out to St. Luke's and designate it for FOCUS FOOD PANTRY. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Temporary Job Position-** The church is currently looking for 2 individuals to assist the pastor is tasks including but not limited to Communications, Pastoral Assistance, and Member Care. If your have a heart for people or a creative mind and experience in Google Workspace, please stop into the church office to fill out an application. This is a temporary position to assist the pastor until an associate pastor joins our team.

Week At A Glance

Monday 9th
9:00am Dorcas Circle
6:00pm Lois Circle
6:30pm Walking With Jesus
Tuesday 10th
9:00am Dorcas Circle
6:30pm Church Council Meeting
Wednesday 11th
9:45am Women in the Word
6:00pm Choir
6:00pm Youth Group
6:00pm Wed. Small Group Bible Study
6:00pm Confirmation
Thursday 12th
10:00am GriefShare - Surviving the Holiday's
1:00pm Bible Study
6:30pm GriefShare - Surviving the Holiday's
Friday 13th
No Events
Saturday 14th
6:00pm Worship/HC
Sunday 15th
8:15am Worship/HC
9:20am Adult Bible Study
9:20am Sunday School
9:20am Youth Bible Study
10:30am Worship

It's that time of the year!!
Toys for Tots is looking for volunteers for the following dates:

Dec. 08, 2026 (Tues)
Counting and Sorting Toys 9:00am – 11:30am approximately

Dec. 10, 2026 (Thurs)
Bagging Toys 9:00am – 11:30am approximately

Dec. 12, 2026 (Sat)
Distribution of Toys 9:00 am -12:30pm
We will need volunteers inside and outside. Please arrive by 8:30 this day.

If you can volunteer, please contact me at wisconsin.rapids.wi@toysfortots.org or text at 715-421-9742.

All these events will occur at Mariani Cold Storage 1909 32nd St N Wisconsin Rapids. Look for the signs.

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.

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

PROJECT CONNECT
Booklet Ministry

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



KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS

Buy through the Church Office, Lois Circle, or Preschool Parents Oct. 26th - Nov. 8th! These make GREAT gifts for the holidays.

It's that time of year again! Snow, slush, mud, grime all over that great car you just invested in or are babying along until you can purchase another.

The 5-Count Ultimate Car Wash Card normally sells for $44...
Purchase one through this fundraiser at $40, saving you $4!

Don't Miss Out On This Sale!

Also Available... Grocery Only Cards, Fuel Only Cards & Gift Cards

- Cards come in select denominations.
- Grocery Only cards cannot be used to purchase fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, lottery/lotto, or stamps.

Christmas is just around the corner! So support St. Luke's Preschool, keep your car sparkling clean, save yourself $4, get that hard-to-buy-for person taken care of or fill the Christmas stockings.

Please Note: If you are making your purchase through the church office, please be prepared to write a check to St. Luke's Preschool/4k or have the correct change.



The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss.

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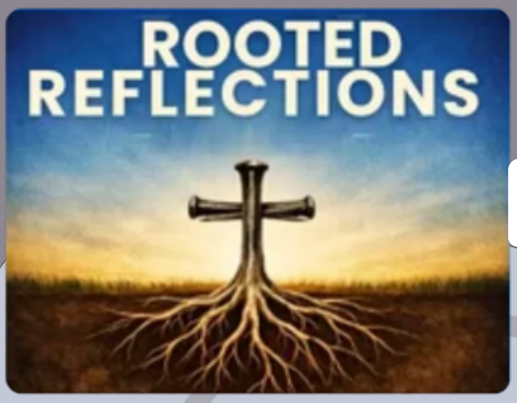
Surviving the *Holidays*

provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season.

Join us for this holiday seminar

Location	Date & time	Contact info
St. Luke's Lutheran Church 2011 10th St. S. Wis. Rapids, WI 54494	Thursday, November 12th Morning: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Evening: 6:30 – 8:30 pm	For Information & Registration Call the Church Office at 715-423-5990

griefshare.org/holidays



“The point is this: whoever sows sparsingly will also reap sparsely, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having allufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Social Concerns November Collections
To benefit Centeral Wisconsin Lutheran High School

They are starting their 1st Annual Financial Appeal, Rooted Reflections, and we want to be a part of that.
Any donations we collect udring the month of November will be matched up to $1,000.00 through Missions.
If you want to be a part of this incredible ministry, put your donation in a pew envelope marked “CWLHS” and place it in the collection basket.

