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

Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–16
1 Corinthians 15:20–26
Matthew 25:31–46

Update for Weekend November 14 & 15

Weekend Worship Attendance= 219
General Budget= $9534.34
Dedicated= $916.41
Weekly Budget Need= $14,670.35

Lutherans For Life Quote of the Week

- November 22-
"Immanuel, God with us. How reassuring are those words?! The struggles of life, personally and professionally, often take us to the edge of an emotional cliff. Thankfully, there is One to whom we can reach out and call out for help. We are not alone—God is with us every step of the way in our personal and our professional lives." Gayle Irwin, Pregnancy Help News – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Events & News

* **We are in real need of volunteers** : Greeters and AV Booth. If you are interested in being a greeter at any of our services please contact Ron Stowell (715-325-1919). If you are interested in learning how you can help in the AV Booth at services, please contact Dave Mancusi (715-423-8158)

* **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 Services-** 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!

* **THANKSGIVING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CONER** and with that is the big feast most of us "gobble" up to celebrate. As you enjoy your wonderful, bountiful meal please remember those in our community who may only be sharing a can of soup or beans. Share your bounty with those in need this November (&every month if you can!). All month we will be collecting pre-packaged and canned food items, personal hygiene items, laundry and dish soap, toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, etc. to be given to FOCUS FOOD PANTRY and our St. Luke's Emergency Pantry. Make this holiday season one of sharing your love & care through your donations!!

* **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.

- **If your group is not meeting around the holiday's, please let the church office know so we can properly update the calendar.**
- **Save the dates....**Dec 12 & Dec 13. Women's Ministry Holiday Bake Sale. Details to follow. Let us do your baking!!
- **Church Christmas Decorating** will be on November 28th.
- **Women's Ministry** is having a Christmas party on December 3rd, 5:00pm at Lake Aire. All women are invited to come. So join, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Church Lobby.
- **Eve Circle** - Not meeting December - February
- **Thank you** to everyone who helped prepare the Chicken Noodle Soup, donated ingredients and to all who purchased a jar**.** The proceeds go for the Women's Ministry 2026 operating expenses and our goals: St. Luke's Preschool, Student Fund, and Parking Lot Fund. We appreciate you.

Congregational Meeting
Dec. 20th 9:20am in the Sanctuary
immediatley following the 8:15 service

Central WI Lutheran High School
Updates

Central Wisconsin Lutheran School is holding an annual appeal to help fund our school. Year end Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's), Stocks and general tax write offs donations are greatly appreciated are good ways to show your support for Christian education. Letters will be handed out to congregations over the next few weeks or go online to cwlhs.com for ways to give. Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support.

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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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES
PARENT INFO EVENTS!

Registration for 2027-28 Is around the corner for 9th and 10th graders! Looking for a high school where your child will be known, spiritually grounded, and academically challenged? Come and see what CWLHS Is all about!

Immanuel Lutheran School Marshfield:
604 S Chestnut Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449
Tuesday, November 17 @ 5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran School Wisc, Rapids:
111 11th St N, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Wednesday, November 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Central WI Lutheran High School:
5225 Heffron Ct, Stevens Point, WI 54481
Thursday, November 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran School Stevens Point:
1919 Wyatt Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54481
Monday, November 30 @ 6:00 p.m.

Week At A Glance

Monday 23rd
10:00am Hope Support
6:30pm Walking With Jesus
Tuesday 24th
9:00am Rebekah Circle
6:00pm Ministry of Worship
6:15pm Caring Ministries
Wednesday 25th
9:45am Women in the Word
5:30pm Choir
6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday 26th
Office Closed
6:00pm Thanksgiving Service
Friday 27th
Office Closed
Saturday 28th
6:00pm Worship
Sunday 29th
8:15am Worship
9:20am Adult Bible Study
9:20am Sunday School
9:20am Youth Bible Study
10:30am Worship

"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.

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

Merry Christmas

Family Christmas Celebration

Join us on December 27th, 9:30am for a special morning of faith, food, and fun for all generations.

*** 9:30 AM: Family Worship Service**

*** 10:30 AM: Potluck Brunch in the Fellowship Hall**

Enjoy Bunco, family board games, a movie for young children, and other fun activities.

Come worship, eat, and fellowship with other families!

Please bring a favorite dish to share.

Church provides: Dishes, Silverware, Napkins and Beverages (Coffee, Juice, Milk)

Suggested Food Items: Baked Egg Dishes, Breakfast Meats (Bacon, Ham, Sausage) Breakfast sliders, Bisquits/Gravy, Breakfast potato dish, Sheet pan pancakes, Fruit, Coffee Cakes

****There will be no 6 PM Saturday service or a Sunday 8:15 AM service. ****