



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Newsletter for The Second Sunday after the Epiphany,

January 20, 2019

Welcome to Worship!

Members and Visitors—Please complete the worship attendance cards in the pews and place them in the offering plates. If you are visiting with us, we welcome you! We hope to meet you at Fellowship time (Sunday, 9-9:25am).

This Week at St. Luke's

Sunday, January 20

8:00-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30-Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:45-Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)
Noon-Food with Friends/FLC

Monday January 21

MLK DAY NO SCHOOL
11:00 Autumn Leaves Chapel
7:00 Cub Scouts/FLC & Kitchen
7:00 Mentoring Group III/Library

Tuesday January 22

1:00 Senior Bible Study/Library
6:30 Financial Peace/School
7:00 Choir/Balcony
8:00 Men's Basketball/FLC

Wednesday, January 23

2:00-Newsletter Deadline
6:30PM Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
7:45 Prayer Meeting/Prayer Room

Thursday, January 24

7:00 Mission & Ministry Meeting/Library

Saturday January 26

10:00-4:00: Private Rental/FLC & kitchen
6:00 PADS/FLC, kitchen, gym
7:30 Mentoring Group/Library

Regular Worship Services

Sundays, 8:00 & 10:45 AM
Sunday School & Bible Study
Sunday 9:30 AM
Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

Lesson for this Weekend

John 2:1-11

Financial Peace University

Financial Peace University begins this Tuesday at 6:30 in the School Multi-Purpose Room. Even if you feel you have your financial matters under control, there's always a lot more to learn!

Financial Peace University gives a biblical and common-sense foundation for financial success and helps reduce stress and conflict over money.

Sign up thru the church office (630-892-9309, or churchoffice@stlcfamily.org).

COFFEE HOUR:

**Thank you, all you wonderful
Volunteers that have signed up!**

Please check the bulletin board posted in the gathering area for future dates!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Grades 1-6 will meet from 9:30-10:30 in the Small Gym; and will be taught by the team of Alyssa Harris, Chris Johnson, Chloe Pearce, Ruth Henning, Lisa Steinwart, and Michelle Steinwart

Pre-K & K will meet in the preschool room nearest the church mailroom; and be taught by Julia Kothera.

If you have questions, please contact Alyssa Harris at alyssalu.harris16@gmail.com or Lisa Steinwart at steinwart@aol.com

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

1. **Men's Class** (Church Library) - **"The Journey Home"** This 12-lesson study is written by Rev. Leroy Johnson and is based on Luke's "Parable of the Prodigal Son." Bob Cano is the facilitator. We welcome more men to join the group! Any questions you have about the group or studies please contact Kevin Cuyler.

1. **Adult Class** (School Wing) - **"Stand for Christ"** This video bible study specifically studying the life of Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand, Lutheran Romanian pastor imprisoned for his faith. It is a study of how ordinary followers of Christ made a powerful impact for God's Kingdom while facing painful and seemingly impossible circumstances.

Learn and grow with us as we seek to build up our own faith so that we will Stand For Christ and have a life-changing impact on our world! Call or email with your request for the participant's guide (\$3), and the full length book (\$5). Phone: 630-554-2939 or eieio21@aol.com (This class is for mature adults due to the graphic nature of some video content.)

"Senior" Bible Study

Senior Bible Study meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1:00Pm in the Church Library. Please feel free to join us even if you are not a "senior"! If you have time during the day and need a friendly group to study with this is the group! If you have any questions, please contact Pat Freeman or Nancy Vargo.

Wayside Cross Ministry for January:

In **January**, we will be collecting **TOOTHPASTE**. Please place your donations in the LWML box located outside the secretary's office.

Thank you for helping the men in the Master's Touch Ministry at Wayside. They are always so appreciative. *Merry Christmas to all of you and have a Happy and Blessed New Year.*

Servants for Sunday, January 27

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/ Earl Wendorf

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

8:00 Sophie Ludwig
Finnegan Murray
10:45 Connor Bailey
Paul Bailey

Chancel

8:00 C Beacham
10:45 K Pearce

Children's Message

8:00 Bob Toepper

Fellowship

Carol Steinwart

Finance Assistant

Tony & Nancy Abbattista

Friendly Callers

Tony Abbattista

Greeters

8:00 Dan & Shirley Anderson
10:45 Ellen Rienton & Connie Pinks

Information Desk

TBD

Organist/Pianist

8:00 Ralph Gabrielson, Jr.

Readers

8:00 Chuck Snyder
10:45 Irene Pappa

Sound & Video

8:00 Steve Steinwart
10:45 Praise Team

Ushers

8:00 Ruth Henning & Mariann Benda
10:45 Scott Rentz & son

Worship Assistants

Earl Wendorf/ Dara Meas

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Planning Ahead

Jan 20-Food with Friends
Jan 21-School/Church Office Closed
Jan 21-Autumn Leaves Chapel
Jan 22-Financial Peace
Jan 24-Leadership Meeting
Jan 27-7/8th Confirmation
Jan 28-1st Communion Class

February:

Feb 3: LHM Weekend
Feb 4: Mentoring Group III, Stewardship Ministry Team
Feb 5: Bible Study, Choir
Feb 9: PADS
Feb 10: 7/8th Confirmation

Servants for Wednesday January 23

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/Wendorf

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

Xander Mosher

Chancel

TBD

Greeters

Chuck Granholm

Organist/Pianist

TBD

Readers

Lesli Barron

Sound & Video

Doug Treftz

Ushers

Brett Granholm

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2019 Altar Flower Chart

The chart is now up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please take a minute to sign up for the weekend(s) of your choice. You can purchase flowers in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or other special event, in thanksgiving of God's gifts, or simply "just because"! Just sign your name on the chart next to the date(s) you would like, then complete the form available in the green pocket below the chart. **The form is necessary so that proper acknowledgement is made in the newsletter.** Please turn in your form with the payment of \$40.00 in the envelopes that are also provided. You can turn them in to the church office, or drop them in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Beacham.



Newsletter Submissions:

Please let me know if you have any information that you would like to share with others by contacting me:

Carla.lawrence@stlcfamily.org
630-892-9309 x 115
Submission Deadline is 2:00PM Wednesday

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THIS MINISTRY!

SCHEDULE:
JAN. 25 Lisa
FEB. 1 Ruth/Nancy



St. Luke's Vision

Powered by the Holy Spirit we:

- * Trust God!
- * Live an Extreme Faith!
- * Are Bold in God's Word!
- * Bring People Home to Christ!
- * Fully Commit to the Body of Christ!
- * Pray and Worship with Enthusiasm!

Invest in the Children

An extended opportunity is being offered if you missed attending Maria Courtney's fundraiser during the Christmas season. Maria will continue to contribute her commissions on any Mary Kay products.

Contact Maria directly at 630-715-4655 or www.marykay.com/mcourtney146 to place your orders and help our academy grow. Thanks Maria for helping with the marketing expenses to help grow the enrollment at St. Luke's Christian Academy.



Pancake Breakfast Sunday, January 27--7:30 am to 10:30 am

Come join St. Luke's Youth Group for breakfast before or after worship. Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk, and coffee will be served. A free will offering will be collected, and all proceeds will be used to help us get to

PADS

Public Action to Deliver Shelter:
Here at St. Luke's we need volunteers to help feed, comfort, and watch over our homeless and needy neighbors.

Contact Patti Carter at:
scoobysnack59@sbcglobal.net

Psalm 86:11

Teach me, LORD, what you want me to do, and I will obey you faithfully;
teach me to serve you with complete devotion.

St. Luke's Christian Academy Teacher Opening

The following position is available:

- **Substitute teacher** for preschool through 8th grade. Qualified applicants must have a bachelor's degree.

Please submit applications and references to the St. Luke's Christian Academy office, email to the academy office at tamimcgraw@stlcschool.com. Contact the academy office at 630-892-9309 ext. 2 for more information.



"Basically, we're looking for an innovative pastor with a fresh vision who will inspire our church to remain exactly the same."

With Pastor Hoffman due to retire next spring, many of you are probably wondering about the status of the call process for the next pastor of St. Luke's. Members of the Leadership Council have been meeting with Pastor Keith Haney, Mission Facilitator for our Northern Illinois District, who will be helping us through this process.

According to Pastor Haney, the cartoon above sums up where so many congregations begin the call process. How can we call a pastor with tons of personality, who inspires us with great sermons and Bible studies, attracts lots of young families, and increases our numbers of people in the pews and dollars in the offering plate? Now find us a pastor who can do all of this without fundamentally changing anything about us. When churches enter this transitional phase in the life of the church, they do so with much fear, apprehension, and uncertainty. With all those emotions flowing through the congregation, it is no wonder they want to play it safe. They know things will be different from before, so the tendency is to find a Shepherd, who will lead them into this new reality but in a way that does not upset the apple cart too much. So how do we call a pastor that is right for what God will do in the congregation moving forward?

Jesus teaches us that preparation is essential in Luke 14:28 he says, "*Just imagine that you want to build a tower. Wouldn't you first sit down and estimate the cost to be sure you have enough to finish what you start?*"

St. Luke's is about to embark on a decision that will affect how God's mission is carried out among His people in this community. Therefore, wouldn't it make sense to consider prayerfully what God's will is for our community of believers? One method to accomplish this goal is through a congregational self-study that will give us a chance to examine St. Luke's ministry direction, programs, and address any problems needing to be addressed. It affords the leadership an opportunity to really ask the tough questions, and will help St. Luke's discover what type of shepherd this congregation will need to begin the next chapter in its ministry story in Boulder Hill, Montgomery, Oswego, and beyond.

With Pastor Haney's help, Leadership will be conducting a congregational self-study in January, following the holiday season. Leadership hopes and prays that as many members of this congregation as possible participate. Watch for more details and information that will be forthcoming as the time for the study approaches.

*Thanks to all of you, and God Bless,
St. Luke's Leadership Council*

Last Week's Attendance	
Weekly Worship January 9th & 13th	151
Communed	137
Sunday School	9
Sunday School Teachers	1
Adult Bible Study	14
Adult Bible Study Teachers	2

Scan here to make a contribution to St. Luke's from your mobile device.



Food with Friends

Food with Friends is THIS Sunday, **January 20th** at noon (after the 10:45 service) and will be hosted by Music Ministry. They will be serving pizza and accompaniments.

MEMBER DIRECTORY UPDATE

***If you have a change in your name, address, email, or phone number
Please update me at Carla.lawrence@stlcfamily.org by January 31st.***

Prayer Request Updates

We welcome your prayer requests to pray for your needs or the needs of others. Please remember to submit an update after two weeks so that we can pray more effectively, whether it be prayers of thanksgiving or to continue to pray as directed. Without these updates, the prayer request will be removed after two weeks as we will assume that these needs have been met.

"Pray for all people, asking God for what they need and being thankful to him."

Focus on the Family

Please pick up your **January Focus on the Family** Bulletin at the Information Desk in the Narthex. As always, great info on parenting and fun ideas for your family! This month—The Value of Human Life.