

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Newsletter for The Third Sunday after the Epiphany,

January 27, 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 27

8:00-Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
9:30-Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
9:30-7/8th Confirmation/Mosher classroom
10:45-Contemporary Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday January 28

6:30 Girl Scouts/Classrooms
7:00 Boy Scouts/Small Gym/library
7:00 Mentoring Group III/Library

Tuesday January 29

7:00 Choir/Balcony
8:00 Men's Basketball/FLC

Wednesday, January 30

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

Friday February 1

NO PRESCHOOL
Noon Dismissal/NLSW-VIP Day
6:00 Youth Lock-in

Saturday February 2

8:00 Youth Lock -in Ends
8:30 LWML/Library
Noon-4 Girl Scout World Thinking Day/FLC, Small Gym & Kitchen
6:00 PADS/FLC, kitchen, gym

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

Luke 4:16-30

Upcoming Special Service

*Save the Date
Prayer and Healing Service
Wednesday Night Service
February 20th*

THANK YOU

*from Donna, Chastity, and Crystal
Thank you for all your prayers and
cards for our mother
and grandmother Rose Chaplin*

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 Wurmbrand, 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.

OWLS January Luncheon

The OWLS luncheon will be Thursday, **February 14th** at Mother's Restaurant in Aurora at noon.

Don't forget to sign-up on the OWLS board! OWLS (Older Wiser Loving Seniors) is fellowship for all people ages 60 + or younger if you want to! Please sign up on the OWLS board! Any questions, please contact Judy Bakalar, 630-554-2687

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.

Servants for Sunday, February 3

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/ Henry Treftz

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

8:00 Sophie Ludwig

Kristin Frank

10:45 Logan Odean

Hailey Scuito

Chancel

8:00 Debby and Howard Springborn

10:45 Shelly Izzo

Children's Message

8:00 Christine Benda

Fellowship

Kim & Chloe Pearce

Finance Assistant

Ray Weeks

Friendly Callers

Nancy & Tony Abbattista

Greeters

8:00 Mariann and Christine Benda

10:45 Greg & Bonnie Randa

Information Desk

TBD

Organist/Pianist

8:00 Ralph Gabrielson, Jr.

Readers

8:00 Debby Springborn

10:45 Jan Hoffman

Sound & Video

8:00 Fin Murray

10:45 Praise Team

Ushers

8:00 Carla Lawrence & Nancy Vargo

10:45 John & Ethan Odean

Worship Assistants

Henry Treftz/Fred Treftz

Planning Ahead

Jan 27-7/8th Confirmation
Jan 28-1st Communion Class
Jan 29- Financial Peace University

February:

Feb 3: LHM Weekend
Feb 4: Mentoring Group III,
Stewardship Ministry Team
Feb 5: Bible Study, Choir
Feb 9: Pack 316 Pinewood Derby
Feb 9: PADS
Feb 10: 7/8th Confirmation
Feb 11: Culver's Night
Feb 11: Chancel Meeting
Feb 11: Stewardship Meeting

Servants for Wednesday February 6

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/Fred Steftz

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

Xander Oliver

Chancel

Michelle Steinwart

Greeters

Kevin & Barb Cuyler

Organist/Pianist

TBD

Readers

Barb Cuyler

Sound & Video

Lisa Steinwart

Ushers

Tim Scott & Chuck Granholm

Worship Assistants

Fred Treftz

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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 contacting me: Carla.lawrence@stlcfamily.org 630-892-9309 x 115

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THIS MINISTRY!
SCHEDULE:
FEB. 1 Ruth/Nancy



Food with Friends

Mark your calendars!

The next Food with Friends will be Sunday, **February 17th** at noon (after the 10:45 service) and will be hosted by the Leadership team. More news will be coming so don't forget to sign up in the binder at the Infor-

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.

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!*
- * *Expect Results!*

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



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



St. Luke's youth group is having a lock-in FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1st, at 6PM. All youth from 5th grade thru 12th grade are invited. Bring all your friends and neighbors!

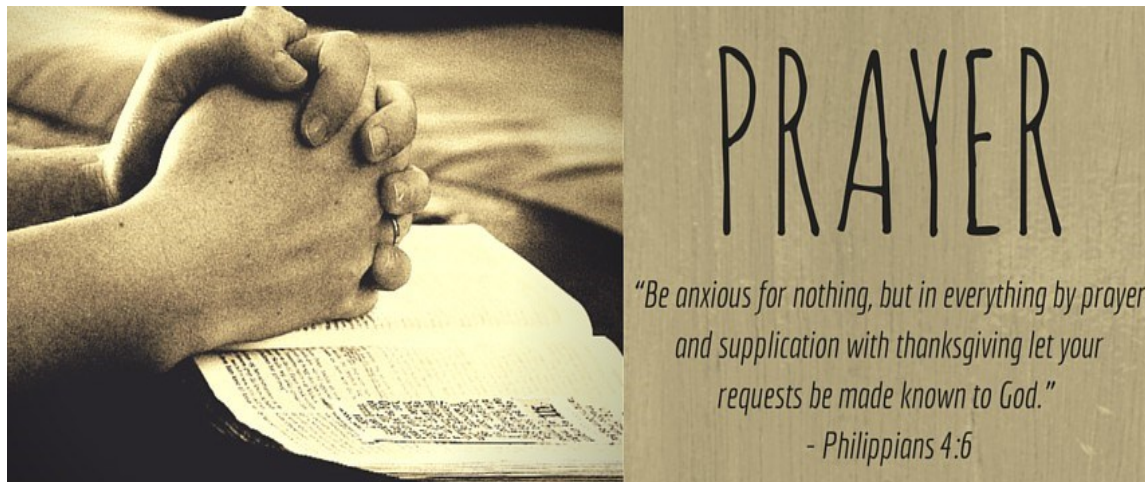
Parents and siblings are invited from 6-7 pm for pizza. We ask that anyone attending the lock-in bring one 2 liter of drink to share and one snack item (bag of chips, box of cookies..). We will have rooms set up for those who want to sleep so bring sleeping bags and pillows. Pick up will be 8am on Saturday morning. Please contact Steve Drolema (Coach) @call/text 630-738-4532 or email Drolema@sbcglobal.net. Please let him know how many will be attending so that there will be enough pizza and salad.

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.



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.

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 the congregation will receive joyfully. So how do we call a pastor that is right for what God will do in the congregation moving forward?

All members are encouraged to pray daily for God to provide the church with a pastor He has chosen to lead his people.

Proverbs 3:5-6: Pray for the church wo wholeheartedly trust the Lord while searching for a pastor. Pray for the search committee to trust the Holy Spirit's leadership.

Revelation 2: 1-7: Pray for the church to return to her first love, Jesus Christ. Pray for the church and search committee to hear the Spirit clearly throughout the pastor search process.

Ephesian 4:1-6: Pray for unity and peace in the church while searching for a pastor. Pray for a strong sense of unity among the search committee as they review and discuss potential pastoral candidates.

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 access 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 coming soon. Leadership hopes and prays that as many members of this congregation as possible participate. More details coming very soon!

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

2018/19 Budget & Income (#s reported are as of 1/27/19)		Last Week's Attendance and Contributions	
Monthly Need	\$76,715	Contributions Jan 20, 23	
Weekly Need	\$17,703	Weekly Worship January 20th	
December Tithe	\$4,088		151
Accounts Payable	\$6,386	Communed	
Concordia Plan Services (CPS) past due	\$46,229		137
Mortgage Payments past due	\$42,956	Sunday School	
Monthly Anticipated Offering Income for January	\$70,999		9
Current Month's To Date Offering Income Contributions to General Fund	\$30,308	Sunday School Teachers	
			1
Current Month's To Date Income Received from School to General Fund	\$18,000	Adult Bible Study	
			10
Current Month To Date Contribution Total to General Fund	\$20,294	Adult Bible Study Teachers	
			2
Previous Month's Contribution Total to General Fund	\$36,308		

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.