



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Newsletter for The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany,

February 3, 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, February 3

LHM WEEKEND
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 February 4

6:00 Boy Scouts/Small Gym
6:00 Mentoring Group III/Library
6:30 Cub Scouts/FLC/Kitchen
6:30 Girl Scouts/classrooms

Tuesday February 5

1:00 Senior Bible Study/Library
7:00 Choir/Balcony
8:00 Men's Basketball/FLC

Wednesday, February 6

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

Friday February 8

5:00-10:00 Pinewood Derby Set-up/FLC, gathering area, kitchen

Saturday February 9

7:30 Mentoring Group/Library
9am-4pm Pack 316 Pinewood Derby/FLC, gathering area/Kitchen
6:00 PADS/FLC, Kitchen, sm 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 4:31-44

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 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.

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 February:

In **February**, we will be collecting **RAZORS**. 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 10

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/ Todd Ruch

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

8:00 Finnegan Murray

Alyssa Schiber

10:45 Anna Boness

Sarah Boness

Chancel

8:00 TBD

10:45 TBD

Children's Message

8:00 Ruth Henning

Fellowship

TBD

Finance Assistant

Suzette Rizzi & Briana Rizzi

Friendly Callers

Nancy Vargo & Nancy Abbattista

Greeters

8:00 Bernadette O. Schmidt

& Carol Steinwart

10:45 Kim & Chloe Pearce

Information Desk

TBD

Organist/Pianist

8:00 Ralph Gabrielson, Jr.

Readers

8:00 Bob Toepper

10:45 Todd Ruch

Sound & Video

8:00 Dave Hester

10:45 Praise Team

Ushers

8:00 Andrew Auersch & Howard Springborn

10:45 Greg & Bonnie Randa

Worship Assistants

Todd Ruch/Tim Scott

63 Fernwood Road
Montgomery, IL 60538-2009
Church Phone: 630-892-9309
Fax: 630-892-0166
Email: churchoffice@stlcfamily.org

Planning Ahead

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

Feb 12: Senior Bible Study, Choir

Feb 13: Worship, Prayer Meeting

Feb 14: Owl's Luncheon, School
Board Meeting

Servants for Wednesday February 6

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/Fred Steftz

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

Xander Oliver

Chancel

TBD

Greeters

Kevin & Barb Cuyler

Organist/Pianist

TBD

Readers

Barb Cuyler

Sound & Video

Lisa Steinwart

Ushers

Tim Scott & Chuck Granholm

Worship Assistants

Fred Treftz

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. 8 Pam**



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 Information Desk!

**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.



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.

PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

Our church has entered into a time of discernment during which we are gathering information to guide our search for our next Pastor. Recently, you have heard about one aspect of this process: *The Church Assessment Tool (CAT)*. This tool will provide a clearer picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future. **Your response is very important to us.**

Why was it necessary to survey the congregation?

It is always important for leaders to know the perspectives, experiences, and aspirations of the people they lead. This is especially true when major decisions will be made regarding the future of the church.

Don't leaders know what members are thinking through their regular interactions with them?

Research shows that leaders do not have a broad enough level of interaction with members to accurately gauge the perspectives of the entire church. Their natural tendency to relate to a relatively small percentage of the congregation results in a view of the entire congregation that is skewed.

We ask that you take the on-line assessment as soon as possible, but before February 11th. A paper copy, for those without on-line options, can be made available.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. The assessment will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Please set aside enough time to complete the survey all at one time. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

When you are ready, click on this link and begin. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StLukesMontgomery>

This marks a significant step in the calling of our next Pastor. A presentation of the results will be made, for those interested, at a future congregational meeting. A call committee is being formed as the next step after the assessment.

If you have questions, please contact Tom Hoffmann or the church office or email with questions or for the link to StLukesAssessment@gmail.com

Many thanks,

Leadership Council

2018/19 Budget & Income (#s reported are as of 1/31/19)		Last Week's Attendance and Contributions	
Monthly Need	\$76,715	Contributions Jan 23, 27	\$7,152
Weekly Need	\$17,703	Weekly Worship January 27th	178
January Tithe	\$4,088	Communed	129
Accounts Payable	\$6,386	Sunday School	13
Concordia Plan Services (CPS) past due	\$46,229	Sunday School Teachers	2
Mortgage Payments past due	\$42,956	Adult Bible Study	10
Monthly Anticipated Offering Income for February	\$70,999	Adult Bible Study Teachers	2
Current Month's To Date Offering Income Contributions to General Fund	\$30,308		
Current Month's To Date Income Received from School to General Fund	\$25,000		
Current Month To Date Contribution Total to General Fund	\$47,784		
Previous Month's Contribution Total to General Fund	\$41,483		

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 **February 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—Are you Honoring Your Marriage?