



St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Newsletter for The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany,

February 10, 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 10

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

Monday February 11

CULVER'S NIGHT
6:00 Mentoring Group III/Library
6:30 Stewardship Ministry Team
6:30 Boy Scouts/small gym

Tuesday February 12

1:00 Senior Bible Study/Library
6:30 Girl Scout SU Meeting/classrooms
7:00 Choir/Balcony
8:00 Men's Basketball/FLC

Wednesday, February 13

2:00-Newsletter Deadline
6:30PM Wednesday Worship
7:45 Prayer Meeting

Thursday February 14

11:30 OWLS Luncheon/Mothers, Aurora
7:00 School Board/Library
7:15 Prayer Team Meeting/IHOP

Friday February 15

8-10 Girl Scout/ Journey in a Day Set-up

Saturday February 16

8-5 Girl Scout Journey in a Day
6:00 PADS
7:30-8:30 Saturday Nighters

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 5:1-11

Upcoming Special Service

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



**COFFEE
AND DONUTS**

**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 17

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/ Chuck Snyder

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

8:00 Sophia Ludwig

Raven Biebel

10:45 Hailey Harris

Hailey Scuito

Chancel

8:00 Eleanor Kothera/Nancy Nelson

10:45 Debby and Howard Springborn

Children's Message

8:00 Leslie Barron

Fellowship

Bruce and Helen Twedt

Finance Assistant

Eleanor Kothera and Irene Pappa

Friendly Callers

Tim Scott and Shirley Anderson

Greeters

8:00 Dave & Missy Hester

10:45 Tim & Jeri Moran

Information Desk

TBD

Organist/Pianist

8:00 Ralph Gabrielson, Jr.

Readers

8:00 Sheila Treftz

10:45 Eileen Wendorf

Sound & Video

8:00 Steve Steinwart

10:45 Praise Team

Ushers

8:00 Dan & Shirley Anderson

10:45 Michael & Kelly Biebel

Worship Assistants

Chuck Snyder/ Steve Claxton

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Planning Ahead

February:

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

Feb 16: PADS

Feb 16: Saturday Nighter's

Feb 17: Food With Friends

Feb 18: No School

Feb 19: Choir

Feb 21: Leadership Meeting

Servants for Wednesday February 13

Preacher/Liturgist

Pastor Peter Hoffman/Tim Scott

Acolytes & Cross Bearers

Xander Mosher

Chancel

Michelle Steinwart

Greeters

Mark & Leslie Barron

Organist/Pianist

TBD

Readers

Amy Mosher

Sound & Video

Doug Treftz

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.

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.



FOOD WITH FRIENDS

MARCH 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!

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THIS MINISTRY!



SCHEDULE:

FEB. 15: Lisa

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.

Invest in the Children

Helps us grow St. Luke's Christian Academy!

Fellow Member of St. Luke's,

We have started our initiative to reach out to the community and invite parents to enroll their children in St. Luke's Christian Academy. Our goal is not only to provide an excellent learning experience, but of equal importance, to also provide them a solid spiritual foundation. We ask that you pray for the Holy Spirit to send us children so that we might help make them the future disciples for His church.

Also, you can help us to reach out to families in our community in several ways:

If you are on facebook, post on your wall or any other facebook groups to which you belong, the attached "poster"

If you subscribe to "nextdoor.com", or any other social media outlets, please post the attached "poster" on those sites as well.

If you do not participate in social media outlets, you can post a hard copy of the "poster" on bulletin boards at places of business that you frequent that allow that practice. Copies available in the narthex.

You can provide families that you know with school age children, with our new trifold brochure which is available in the narthex.

Any questions please contact Bob Cano at 630-881-5954 or

bobcano@stlcschool.com. We appreciate your help in reaching out to the families of our community.

PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER!

To be honest, we don't know if you have completed the CAT (Church Assessment Tool), or not because each person's answers are anonymous. BUT, if you haven't already, please shed some light on your experiences here at St. Luke's. For your convenience, the link to your CAT is provided again below.

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.

We will have computers available after worship on Sunday, February 10, for those who need access online.

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>

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 Feb 3	\$8,055
Weekly Need	\$17,703	Weekly Worship January	126
January Tithe	\$4,088	Communed	115
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	\$12,812		
Previous Month's Contribution Total to General Fund	\$47,784		

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?