

St. Luke Lutheran Church

N6193 Hwy 32 Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

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## MISSION STATEMENT FOR ST. LUKE CONGREGATION

***Because we are all children of God and members of His family, we are called daily to spread God's word and reflect His love throughout our congregation, community, country and universe.***

## OFFICER AND COUNCIL LIST

January 2023-January 2024

|                    |             |                 |                                  |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Aaron Strassburger | President   | 207-1352        | Maintenance                      |
| Laura Meyer        | Vice Pres.  | 400-9462        | NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) |
| Kathy Nelson       | Secretary   | 452-8280        | Worship                          |
| Debbie Meyer       | Treasurer   | 918-0331        | Finance                          |
| Lavonne Schroeder  | Council     | 207-7231        | Arts & Environment               |
| Tammie Perman      | Council     | 254-9841        |                                  |
| Jarvis Klassy      | Council     | 694-1422        | Youth                            |
| Carol Frederick    | Council     | 918-8118        | NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) |
| Andrea Meyer       | Church Sec. | 918-8352 (cell) |                                  |
| Kristin Madson     | Custodian   | 980-9012        |                                  |

Head Ushers: Tom Hass      Aaron Strassburger      Jeremy Raml      Paul Schroeder  
Randy Meyer      Jarvis Klassy      Jeff Parrish      Jack Parrish

# St. Luke's Bits & Preaches

## August, September, October 2023



**PRAYER** is the practice of the presence of God. It is the place where pride is abandoned, hope is lifted, and supplication is made. Prayer is the needful practice of all peoples from all over the world. Prayer is a privilege of touching the heart of the eternal. If you know of someone that could use an extra prayer for whatever their need, desire or thanks- click on the link on the home page of our website [stlukeshebfalls.org](http://stlukeshebfalls.org) or contact Andrea in the office and she will get the St. Luke Prayer Chain started. **PRAYER WORKS!!!**



IN OUR ST. LUKE FAMILY (Since our last printing)

**Baptism:** None

**Marriage:** Alex Bernstein & Marie Gentil (non-member) July 16, 2023

**Death:** None

**New books in St. Luke's library:** *NONE*

Anyone can check books out of the church library. It's on the honor system and there aren't any fees or dues. Something for ALL ages!

**New books in St. Luke's Children's library:** *NONE*



**SCRIP CARDS ARE STILL WORKING!!!** If you still haven't tried the scrip program, or you don't know how it works, contact Betty Neeb 467-4998 or the church office. You shop with the purchased scrip cards and St. Luke gets a % (retailers vary from 3%-18%) for our general fund. NO FEES! NO HASSLE! Orders go in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month and you receive your cards the following Sunday, or you can make pick up arrangements with Andrea in the office. The more people that participate, the more we make! The RaiseRight™ mobile app makes ordering easier. Shop more than 750 top brands using gift cards—right from your phone. Download it today from the App Store or Google Play.



**RIDERS, RUNNERS, WALKERS WANTED!** The OUTREACH for HOPE Family Ride Run Walk will take place on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod! Four different sites to bike or walk- Waukesha County, Ozaukee County, Milwaukee County, and Racine/Kenosha County. Visit [OFHRRW.org](http://OFHRRW.org) to register.

A Summer Outdoor Worship Service is scheduled for August 20 at 9:30 AM. Songs and hymns will be led by Pastor Dave on the guitar. Some chairs will be available, but people are encouraged to bring chairs, and perhaps bug spray. No liturgy is planned. The Tanzania Confession of Faith will be in the bulletin. No microphones. If weather is bad, we will hold the service inside. Pastor Dave will tape his sermon ahead of time, and it will be made available on the St. Luke website. The service will include communion and last no longer than forty-five minutes.



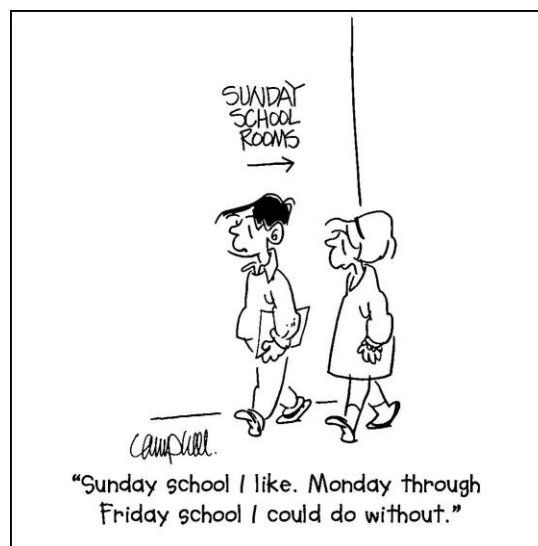
**On-line Summer Vacation Bible Study-** Pastor Dave has prepared three Bible Studies for the summer months. All are on St. Luke's website, and they can be watched at your convenience. The June Bible Study looks at "God's Word for Older Adults". The July Bible Study will focus on "A Time for Peace, and a Time for War". The August Bible Study will help participants become "More Friendly and Caring like Jesus". Each study lasts about a half hour and includes a hymn or two.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL-** Becky Kuhlow (920-207-2515) is continuing to be our Sunday School coordinator. Sunday School is planned to start on September 10 at 8:30am in the upstairs classrooms. Parents should be signing their child in and out each Sunday on the sheet at the top of the stairs. If you have suggestions or questions, please contact Becky at [sundayschool@stlukeshebfalls.org](mailto:sundayschool@stlukeshebfalls.org).



### Sunday School Events

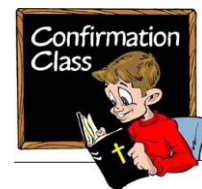
- Backpack Blessing - Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> during worship
- First Day of Sunday School - Sunday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - 9:15am
- Rally Sunday - Sunday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>
- Trunk-or-Treat - Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> (time to be determined)
- Main Street Memories parade - Saturday, December 2nd
- Children's Christmas program - Sunday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> during worship



### Confirmation classes will start September 10 for students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

Confirmation Instruction is a partnership between the church and family meant to help young people learn the basic teachings of faith - the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Holy Sacraments, so that they can affirm their baptisms, and claim the eternal blessings that God bestowed upon them through the water and the Word.

During Confirmation we also provide fun fellowship events, worship, games and service opportunities. The weekly lessons follow Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Pastor Dave will lead the class on Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 9:15 AM. The program typically is two years. In addition to St. Luke's Seventh and Eighth Graders, if you know of a young person, perhaps a nephew, niece, a grandchild, a neighbor's and/or co-workers child, who does not need to be a member of St. Luke, who could benefit from Confirmation Instruction, please call the church office at (920) 467-6149 . The Sunday School Superintendent, Becky Kuhlow and/or Pastor Dave will follow up with the parents. Please keep our young people in your prayers, so that as St Paul said to young Timothy: "From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15



**Calendar****August 2023**

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| Sunday                                                                                      | Monday                                  | Tuesday                                                          | Wednesday                                                                 | Thursday                                                                  | Friday    | Saturday                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                             |                                         | <b>1</b>                                                         | <b>2</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                | <b>3</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth                                 | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                 |
| <b>6</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                         | <b>7</b><br>6:30p Vacation Bible School | <b>8</b><br>6:30p Council Meeting<br>6:30p Vacation Bible School | <b>9</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan<br>6:30p Vacation Bible School | <b>10</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth<br>6:30p Vacation Bible School | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan<br>9:00a Meru Partnership Mtg. |
| <b>13</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                        | <b>14</b>                               | <b>15</b>                                                        | <b>16</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               | <b>17</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth                                | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                |
| <b>20</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                        | <b>21</b>                               | <b>22</b>                                                        | <b>23</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               | <b>24</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth                                | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                |
| <b>27</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC & BACKPACK<br>BLESSING | <b>28</b>                               | <b>29</b>                                                        | <b>30</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               | <b>31</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth                                |           |                                                                            |

**August Birthdays**

|                      |                    |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 4-Aaron Schlichting  | 13-Judi Gunderson  | 24-AJ Nytes        |
| 4-Alyssa Schlichting | 13- Hudson Kuhlow  | 26-Kyle Kohl       |
| 6-Chad Larson        | 14-Joy Larson      | 26-Brad Schroeder  |
| 9-Kasey Meyer        | 19-Jordan Westrick | 27-Bill Schlicke   |
| 9-Miles Sohn         | 19- Amalia Foster  | 28-Tony Krause     |
| 10-Betty Neeb        | 21-Cheryl Kohl     | 28-Bev Koeppen     |
| 11-Florence Popp     | 21-Lori McGlade    | 30-Dan Schlichting |
| 12-Jill Madson       | 23-Michael Klassy  |                    |



Go to our website [stlukeshebfalls.org](http://stlukeshebfalls.org) for more details of items listed on the calendars.



**Calendar****September 2023**

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| Sunday                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                     | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                                   | Friday    | Saturday                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                        |                                            |                                    |                                             |                                            | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                |
| <b>3</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                                                                    | <b>4</b><br>Labor Day                      | <b>5</b>                           | <b>6</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan  | <b>7</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan<br>9:00a Meru Partnership Mtg. |
| <b>10</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                | <b>11</b><br>10:30a Worship Committee Mtg. | <b>12</b><br>6:30p Council Meeting | <b>13</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan | <b>14</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               |
| <b>17</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC & RALLY SUNDAY | <b>18</b>                                  | <b>19</b>                          | <b>20</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan | <b>21</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               |
| <b>24</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                | <b>25</b>                                  | <b>26</b>                          | <b>27</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan | <b>28</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-Plymouth | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               |

**September Birthdays**

2-Julie Wicklund

3-Steve Meyer

7-Samuel Madson

9-Ashley Hattula

9-Steven Neeb

9-Bryce Pedrin

12-Bill Hamer

14-Miranda Sucha

20-Hunter Neeb

21-Jeris Suckow

23-Keith Kuhlow

23-Bev Rohde

23-Corey Knutson

27-Craig Parrish

30-Becky Kuhlow



If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact Andrea in the church office.

**Calendar****October 2023**

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| Sunday                                                                                                                  | Monday    | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                                       | Thursday                                       | Friday    | Saturday                                                                                        |
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| <b>1</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                           | <b>4</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan  | <b>5</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-<br>Plymouth  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan                                                  |
| <b>8</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>6:30p Council Meeting | <b>11</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan | <b>12</b><br>3:00p Farmers Market-<br>Plymouth | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan<br>9:00a Meru Partnership<br>Mtg.               |
| <b>15</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                          | <b>18</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan | <b>19</b>                                      | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan<br>1:00p Trunk or Treat<br>4:00p Love, INC Gala |
| <b>22</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                          | <b>25</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan | <b>26</b>                                      | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-<br>Sheboygan                                                 |
| <b>29</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b>                          |                                                 |                                                |           |                                                                                                 |

**October Birthdays**

|                  |                        |                   |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 2-Scott Theobald | 10-Josh Sohn           | 20-Chris Fenner   |
| 3-Tom Hass       | 13-Brian Westrick      | 21-Ryan Pedrin    |
| 5-Jeremy Raml    | 15-Kaitlyn Meyer       | 26-Rita Lammers   |
| 8-Bryan Neeb     | 15-Sarah Servais       | 28-Audrey Knutson |
| 9-Amanda Roethel | 16-Elizabeth Neeb      | 28-Marilyn Meyer  |
| 9-Jordan Sucha   | 16-Blake Pedrin        | 30-Norman Fenner  |
| 10-Russ Korff    | 20-Zachary Ziegelbauer | 31-Becky Neeb     |



**St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA**  
**N6193 State Hwy 32, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085**  
**Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting**  
**July 16, 2023 / 10:30 a.m.**



**Call to Order:** President Aaron Strassburger called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A quorum (9 members) was declared. 32 members were present. No additional agenda items were added.

**Devotions:** Interim Pastor Dave Patterson led us in devotions and prayer based on the hymn, “O God Our Help in Ages Past”.

**Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting:**

**A.** Debbie Meyer moved and Carol Wedepohl seconded that the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting, Sunday, April 23, 2023 be approved. (See attached minutes.) Adopted.

**Reports:**

**A. Interim Pastor:** See attached report.

**B. Treasurer:** Debbie Meyer reported on the General Fund, Capital Fund, Endowment Fund, and the Summary of actual costs vs. the budgeted costs of our church. See attached reports. Dave Lammers moved and Florence Popp seconded that the Treasurer’s report be approved. Adopted

**C. Committee Reports:**

- 1. Call Committee:** Becky Kuhlow reported that the executive committee of our church council and the call committee chairperson from our church have held several meetings to discuss having a shared Pastor with members of the church council of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, New Holstein. Pastor Kristin Nielsen from the Greater Milwaukee Synod staff has asked for a meeting with both church councils and call committees to keep up with the conversations between the churches on the shared Pastor possibility. Becky also reported that there are no pastoral candidates for us to interview at this time.
- 2. Worship:** Kathy Nelson reported that a recap of the last six months of worship committee is found in the attached report.
- 3. Education:** Becky Kuhlow reported that Vacation Bible School will be held August 7-10, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the church. The theme is Twists and Turns, a boardgame theme centered on following Jesus as a gamechanger. A family night will be held on August 10. There are 14 children pre-enrolled. There will be a back pack blessing on August 27 and rally day will be September 17. Sunday Church School classes and confirmation class will begin on September 10 at 8:30 a.m. Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Oct. 21 and will include a brat fry this year. Dec. 2 is the Main Street Memories Parade in Sheboygan Falls and Becky would like to have the Sunday School children march in the parade. The Christmas Sunday Church School program is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17.
- 4. Maintenance:** Aaron Strassburger reported that the air conditioning had a small issue this morning. He has also been working on lighting in the church. Aaron has one estimate for landscaping at the parsonage. He will obtain one or more bids before a decision is made on this project. Landscaping the parsonage will help with the water issue in the parsonage basement. Long term maintenance issues are the north parking lot and the church roof.
- 5. NOW:** Laura Meyer reported that the NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) overview plan is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Volunteers are needed for the following fall projects: Helping Kids – September; God’s Work, Our Hands – September 10; Trunk or Treat brat fry – October 21; and Love Lights – December. See attached report.
- 6. Arts and Environment:** Lavonne Schroeder thanked Paul Schroeder, Nancy Hass, and Tom Hass for their help with this committee.

**D. Endowment Fund:** Pastor Karl Nelson reported that two gifts have been given so far this year. See attached report.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:**

**A. Renewal of Operating Line of Credit:** Debbie Meyer, church Treasurer, reported on the need for and the use of the line of credit. Andrea Meyer moved and Pastor Karl Nelson seconded that the line of credit be renewed. Adopted.

**Adjournment:** Norm Fenner moved and Judy Schroeder seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Dave led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Nelson, Recording Secretary, St. Luke Church Council

**Committees:** The Council continues to encourage all members of St. Luke to be active, bring ideas, and volunteer to continue to grow our church and serve others. If you have something you would like to see St. Luke participate in or implement, please work directly with the Chair of the appropriate committee. Not sure who that is? Feel free to contact anyone on Council, they will be happy to help direct you.

**NOW:** Council has approved a plan for 2023 (posted near the choir stairs). This plan begins to showcase how we as a church family come together and profess our faith through nurturing and reaching out to others, highlighting ministries for awareness and stewardship – it takes many helping hands and hearts!

Approved upcoming events include *God's Work. Our Hands.* where we will be asking for volunteers to help with fall cemetery clean up and church needs, Operation Christmas collection for the nursing homes, Project Angel Hugs gift wrapping event, and a hat/scarves donation collection for Salvation Army and Outreach for Hope.

In addition to these events, we have approved events that **we are looking for volunteers** to lead a fall school supply drive for Helping Kids, a Chili Luncheon/Dinner in September for *God's Work. Our Hands.*, a Christmas capital fund collection, and a Brat Fry/Bake Sale on October 21<sup>st</sup> in partnership with the Trunk or Treat event.

Our social media and marketing continue to reach many each week. Thank you to Becky Kuhlow for maintaining our front sign messaging throughout the year!

If you have ideas for community support, outreach and/or stewardship, please contact Laura Meyer or Carol Frederick to discuss and bring to Council for approval.

The link to watch the Semi-Annual Meeting: <https://youtube.com/live/DTOCQHo9sgM?feature=share>



### UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please remember to let the office know if you change phone numbers, mailing address, email address or any other personal information so we can keep our records current and accurate.