

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

N6193 Hwy 32 Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085

*Interim Pastor, Rev. David Patterson*

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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 2024-January 2025

|                    |            |          |                                  |
|--------------------|------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Aaron Strassburger | President  | 207-1352 | Maintenance                      |
| Laura Meyer        | Vice Pres. | 400-9462 | NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) |
| Kathy Nelson       | Secretary  | 452-8280 | Worship                          |
| Amy Buehler        | Treasurer  | 207-4101 | Finance                          |
| Lavonne Schroeder  | Council    | 207-7231 | Arts & Environment               |
| Tammi Perman       | Council    | 254-9841 |                                  |
| Jarvis Klassy      | Council    | 207-8860 | Youth                            |
| Becky Kuhlow       | Council    | 207-2515 | Education/Youth                  |

|                |             |                 |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Andrea Meyer   | Church Sec. | 918-8352 (cell) |
| Kristin Madson | Custodian   | 980-9012        |

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

Lucas Strassburger  
Jack Parrish

# St. Luke's Bits & Preaches

February, March, April 2024



**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!!!**



## 2023 Year End Annual Report of Interim Pastor Dave Patterson –

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Colossians 3:15-17

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

It has been a privilege to serve as the Interim Pastor at St. Luke since July of 2022. St. Luke is blessed to have Pastor Karl Nelson serve as Sunday worship leader when I am away. A special word of thanks to our organists Karen Bruinooge and Kathy Nelson; our Office Administrator Andrea Meyer; the church custodian Kristin Madson; the dedicated Church Council members, and the many volunteers who joyfully give their time and talents as partners in the Gospel.

Thanks to Becky Kuhlrow's leadership, the Sunday School Staff, and the partnership of parents, Confirmation Instruction, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School were offered this past year. Miranda Sucha and Carter Perman completed their catechetical instruction and affirmed their baptisms in May. The Quilters keep making beautiful quilts which are sent to the poor and needy throughout the world. I officiated at three funerals this year, and I am impressed how Jeff and Donna Parrish help families with gravesite arrangements, and how the congregation supports the grieving families. Throughout my months with you, I have provided hospital and home/facility visits, pastoral emails, and phone calls to members. I officiated at one wedding during the summer, as did Pastor Karl, and I baptized my Great Niece, Lainey Flo.

During 2023, St. Luke was blessed to receive six adults and five children as new members.

Bishop Paul and Pastor Kristin from the Greater Milwaukee Synod have been working with the congregation, most recently through the Church Council, in making arrangements for a contract Pastor to begin serving here. (As I write this report finalization of the details for the contract position are still in process.) I am grateful to the Mission Exploration Team and members of the Call Committee whose faithful work early in the Interim laid the foundation for the Contract Position.

In closing, St. Luke is growing in unity, grace, wisdom and faith. Unchurched people are looking for a church that will help them and their children come to know God. The fields are ripe for the harvest! I am grateful to our gracious Lord for the opportunity to have served with you in the ministries of outreach, worship, service, pastoral support, fellowship, visitation, and education which St. Luke continues to offer. I will always hold you with fondness in my heart.

“Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus unto Thee.”

Interim Pastor Dave Patterson



**St. Luke Lutheran Church ELCA**  
**N6193 State Hwy 32, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**January 21, 2024 / 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. 33 members were present. Andrea Meyer and Carol Frederick were appointed ballot clerks. No additional agenda items were added.

**Devotions:** Interim Pastor Dave Patterson led us in devotions and prayer based on the Bible passage: Colossians 3:15-17 emphasizing being thankful for the blessings bestowed upon St. Luke Church.

**Minutes of the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 7/16/2023 and of the Special Congregational Meeting 8/27/2023.**

**A.** Andrea Meyer moved and Paul Schroeder seconded that the minutes of the Semi-annual Congregational meeting of 7/16/2023 and the Special Congregational Meeting of 8/27/2023 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. We have a strong cash balance and are positioned well for a new Pastor. We are ending the year with a favorable balance. See attached reports. Laura Meyer moved and Dave Lammers seconded that the Treasurer's report be approved. Adopted

**C. Committee Reports:**

- 1. Audit:** Pam Bogenschuetz reported that the audit committee met with Renee Oldenburg and Debbie Meyer and reviewed all accounts. All accounts were in order.
- 2. Worship:** Kathy Nelson reported that a recap of the last six months of worship committee is found in the attached report. She thanked all volunteers to help make our worship time run smoothly.
- 3. Education:** Becky Kuhlow reported that Hot Dog Sunday will be February 18. Bingo will follow lunch. Donations of Bingo prizes will be appreciated. The last day of Sunday Church School will be May 19. Sunday School will sponsor a coffee hour with Bingo following on May 19. Weekly attendance at Sunday School has been 5. Becky is looking for volunteers to head up Vacation Bible School this summer.
- 4. Maintenance:** Aaron Strassburger reported that the parsonage landscaping is complete. He continues to work on the parsonage flooring.
- 5. NOW:** Laura Meyer reported that the NOW (Nurture, Outreach, Witness) 2024 plan is now available. In our annual meeting packet is a page devoted to NOW ideas for the 2024 year. All items marked with a heart can be chosen by volunteers as projects. Volunteers can include children and grandchildren. See attached report.
- 6. Arts and Environment:** Lavonne Schroeder thanked Paul Schroeder, Laura Meyer, Randy Meyer and everyone who helped with Christmas decorations. She is working on a puzzle station in the library and would welcome a donation of a puzzle cabinet. Lavonne thanked the church council for working well together and for everyone who helps beautify our church.

**D. Endowment Fund:** Pastor Karl reported that all distribution money is now in one money market fund. Each year 80% of the growth of the Endowment Fund is deposited in the money market fund for possible distribution. See attached report.

**Voting members to the Synod Assembly, May 17 and 18:** There were no volunteers for this item. The church council will revisit this.

**Old Business:** There wasn't any old business.

**Nominations:** There were no additional nominations.

**Elections:** The following elections were held.

Moved by Dave Kohl and seconded by Debbie Meyer that Kathy Nelson be elected to a 2 year term as Church Council Secretary. Adopted.

Moved by Andrea Meyer and seconded by Lavonne Schroeder that Amy Buehler be elected to a 2 year term as Church Treasurer. Adopted.

Moved by Karl Nelson and seconded by Paul Schroeder that Lavonne Schroeder and Becky Kuhlow be elected to 2 year terms on the Church Council. Adopted.

Moved by Andrea Meyer and seconded by Pam Bogenschuetz that Randy Meyer, Jack Parrish, Jeff Parrish, and Jarvis Klassy, be elected to 2 year terms as Head Ushers. Adopted.

Moved by Andrea Meyer and seconded by Pam Bogenschuetz that Lucas Strassburger be elected to a 1 year term as Head Usher. Adopted.

Moved by Karl Nelson and seconded by Jarvis Klassy that Debbie Meyer, Carol Frederick, David Kohl, Paul Schroeder, and Brenda Strassburger be elected to 1 year terms as Nominating Committee members. Adopted.

Moved by Andrea Meyer and seconded by Pam Bogenschuetz that Debbie Meyer be elected to a 3 year term on the Audit Committee. Adopted.

Moved by Andrea Meyer and seconded by Lavonne Schroeder that Carol Frederick be elected to a 1 year terms on the Audit Committee. Adopted.

Moved by Karl Nelson and seconded by Jarvis Klassy that Judy Schroeder be elected to a 3 year term on the Endowment Committee. Adopted.

Moved by Pam Bogenschuetz and seconded by Jeff Parrish that Rodney Van Engen be elected to a 1 year term on the Endowment Committee. Adopted.

There weren't any ballots to be destroyed. Installation of Church Council members, Head Ushers, and Church Committee members will be Sunday, January 28, 2024.

**Adjournment:** Debbie Meyer moved and Pam Bogenschuetz seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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

**Next meeting:** The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, July 21, 2024.

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

***ANNUAL REPORT PACKETS** are available by request. Please contact Andrea in the office.*

For anyone who missed the last meetings, they are on our YouTube page. For your convenience, a new page has been created on our website: go to **Connect** in the top selection bar, then select **Congregation Meetings** from the menu. Recent meeting links are available at <https://stlukeshebfalls.360unite.com/congregation-meetings> (click to go directly to the meeting listing).



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

Baptism:  
NONE

Marriages:  
NONE

New Members:  
NONE

Deaths: Allen Rohde

Born: 2/7/1933

Died: 12/22/2023

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**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*



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**Ash Wednesday**  
Worship Service  
February 14- 6:30pm with  
Holy Communion



**Maundy Thursday**  
Worship Service  
March 28- 6:30pm  
with Holy  
Communion



**Palm Sunday**  
Worship Service  
March 24-9:30am with  
Holy Communion



**Easter Worship Service**  
March 31- 9:30am with  
Holy Communion

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## Daylight Savings

Daylight saving time, also known as daylight savings time or daylight time, and summer time, is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months so that darkness falls at a later

clock time. Set your clocks AHEAD on March 9!



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### 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, 920-467-6149 or [office@stlukeshebfalls.org](mailto:office@stlukeshebfalls.org).

**Calendar****February 2024**

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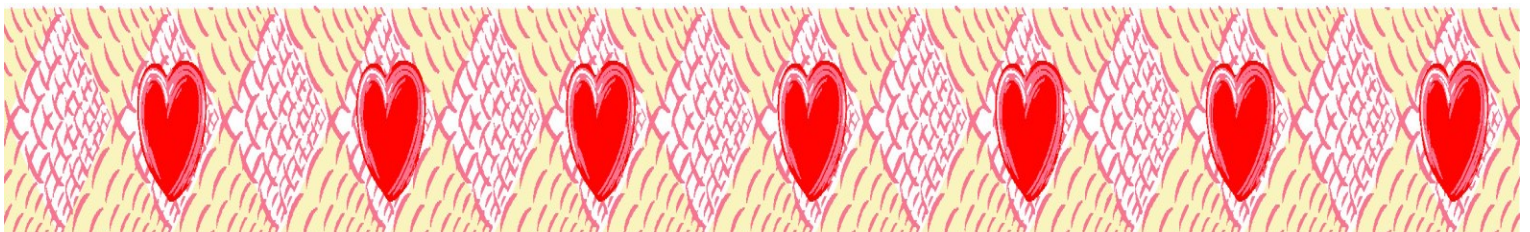
| Sunday                                                                                                                                        | Monday                       | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                                                      | Thursday                                           | Friday    | Saturday                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                    |                                                                | <b>1</b><br>7:15p Dartball @St. Paul Eagles        | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>9:00a SCIO WINTER FARMERS MARKET<br>9:00a Dartball Tournament @Immanuel |
| <b>4</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship w/HC                           | <b>5</b>                     | <b>6</b>                           | <b>7</b>                                                       | <b>8</b><br>7:15p Dartball @Trinity Tigers         | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                                                           |
| <b>11</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship w/HC                          | <b>12</b>                    | <b>13</b><br>6:30p Council Meeting | <b>14</b><br>Ash Wednesday<br>6:30p Ash Wednesday Worship w/HC | <b>15</b><br>7:15p Panthers vs. Colts              | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>9:00a Meru Partnership Mtg.<br>9:00a SCIO WINTER FARMERS MARKET        |
| <b>18</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship w/HC<br>10:30a Hot Dog Sunday | <b>19</b><br>Presidents' Day | <b>20</b>                          | <b>21</b>                                                      | <b>22</b><br>7:15p Dartball @Good Shepherd Falcons | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                                                                           |
| <b>25</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship w/HC                          | <b>26</b>                    | <b>27</b>                          | <b>28</b>                                                      | <b>29</b>                                          |           |                                                                                     |

**February Birthdays**

1-Laura Meyer  
 3-Nancy Theobald  
 3-Karen Hattula  
 3-Jessica Leicht  
 3-Samantha Leicht  
 7-Karl Nelson  
 7-Andrew Vorpahl  
 8-Collin Mueller

8-Debbie Neeb  
 8-Darin Larson  
 9-Warren Gunderson  
 12- Chad Suckow  
 13-Jack Parrish  
 13-Michelle Schommer  
 18-Mariana Gomez

18-Mary Perman  
 23-Virginia Stauber  
 24-Jamis Suckow  
 26-Tyler Hass  
 26-Jenny Meyer  
 27-Sarah Wieberdink  
 29-Samantha Meyer



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**March 2024**

| Sunday                                                                                                                           | Monday    | Tuesday                            | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                    | Friday                | Saturday                                                                     |
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|                                                                                                                                  |           |                                    |           |                                                                             | <b>1</b>              | <b>2</b><br>9:00a SCIO WINTER FARMERS MARKET                                 |
| <b>3</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship w/HC              | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                           | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                                                    | <b>8</b>              | <b>9</b><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 w/HC             | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br>6:30p Council Meeting | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                                                   | <b>15</b>             | <b>16</b><br>6:00a National Quilting Day<br>9:00a SCIO WINTER FARMERS MARKET |
| <b>17</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship w/HC             | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                          | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                                                   | <b>22</b>             | <b>23</b>                                                                    |
| <b>24</b> Palm Sunday<br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>8:30a Confirmation Class<br>8:30a Sunday School<br>9:30a Sunday Worship w/HC | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                          | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> Maundy Thursday<br>6:30p Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion | <b>29</b> Good Friday | <b>30</b>                                                                    |
| <b>31</b> Easter<br>9:30a Easter Worship w/Holy Communion                                                                        |           |                                    |           |                                                                             |                       |                                                                              |

**March Birthdays**

1-Julia Sohn  
5-Kris Madson  
7-Tera Ziegelbauer  
8-Rebecca Schlicke

8-Mackenzie Karstaedt  
13- MariAnn Kohl-Miller  
16-Penny Arndt  
17-Colleen Schoen

19-Catelyn Goble  
24-Rodney VanEngen  
25-Andrea Meyer  
28-Dennis Schlichting



**If we missed a member's birthday or it is incorrectly listed, please contact the church office at [office@stlukeshebfalls.org](mailto:office@stlukeshebfalls.org) or 467-6149.**

**Calendar****April 2024**

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| Sunday                                                                                                               | Monday    | Tuesday                           | Wednesday | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday                                      |
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**April Birthdays**

4-Gerald Meyer  
4-Jon Strassburger  
5-Damian Kline  
7-Tyler Fenner

8-Laura Leicht  
8-Carolyn Rotsted  
10-Carol Frederick

19-Nicholas Larson  
22-Jarvis Klassy  
27-Randy Popp

