

St. Luke Lutheran Church

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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 2025-January 2026

|                    |            |          |                     |
|--------------------|------------|----------|---------------------|
| Aaron Strassburger | President  | 207-1352 | Maintenance         |
| Pam Bogenschuetz   | Vice Pres. | 918-4741 | NOW                 |
| Lavonne Schroeder  | Secretary  | 207-7231 | NOW                 |
| Amy Buehler        | Treasurer  | 207-4101 | Finance             |
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| David Kohl         | Council    | 627-4944 | Worship/Maintenance |
| Roland Buss        | Council    | 627-6067 | Youth/Maintenance   |
| Becky Kuhlrow      | 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    Lucas Strassburger  
Randy Meyer    Jeff Parrish    Jack Parrish

# St. Luke's Bits & Preaches

August, September, October 2025



**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 [stlukeshbfalls.org](http://stlukeshbfalls.org) or contact Andrea in the office and she will get the St. Luke Prayer Chain started. **PRAYER WORKS!!!**



*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.*  
~Ecclesiastes 3:1

Barb and I lived outside Wisconsin for most of the 80's. We loved many things about moving back to our home state but two things we especially missed here was people's overall awareness of: the weather, and, our sports teams.

Weather. I mean, we loved living in metro New York and New Jersey, but people there don't know a watch from a warning to a wind chill to a weather vane. Heck, in Wisconsin, the longest single part of any newscast is typically the weather and they just don't give a vague forecast. The other night, one of the meteorologists displayed the difference in that day's forecast by the "European model" and the main US model and then talked in some detail, assuming the audience knew all about that. I mean, who doesn't, right? I exaggerate a little. Maybe you're not a weather nerd. But plenty of Wisconsites are.

Same with sports. I mean, people are sports fans everywhere, but in the case of say, the Packers and Badgers, the people of Wisconsin literally own the teams. With almost any sport you name, there's going to be an audience that's chiseling down to some deep details about personnel packages, rule changes, and the impact of a line-up change on fantasy teams, betting odds, and the upcoming draft.

We missed that degree of involvement, passion, and detail in both our sports fandom and our weather watching. BUT....it's also hard not to notice that it's hard for God, church, and faith to compete with such things!

The thing is they don't have to compete. They're not the same thing. If kept in their place, sports are entertainment, they're an escape, they're fun. We participate in them, watch them, and love the rare moment when you're with thousands of people and your team charges from behind to win! Bucks in 6, right?

Weather is similar. We all watch it and go out in it. If your work is related to agriculture, or outdoor installations, or sales of outdoor products, the weather impacts your livelihood every day. Of course, you're paying attention and ALL of us know the frustration of realizing it's dry, seeing the forecast for over an inch of rain and then it misses you entirely! Now I have to water my pots or garden after all!

God isn't part of a 24 hour news cycle. Parking at St. Luke is easier than at Lambeau. It's just different and because there's big money, especially in sports, they put it right in front of us all the time.

But the thing is, faith is as Big-Time as it gets. Healthy relationships, a calm inner self, perspective on failures, hope in the face of dying, joy in the arrival of new life, patience in passing on wisdom to others, defending those whose lives others undervalue...wow...those are all SO, SO much more important than the forecast or the standings. The huge challenge is realizing God doesn't force feed faith. We need to choose it again and again, and if we don't share it with others, it maybe just doesn't get shared.

Like the writer of Ecclesiastes says, there's a season and time for everything: the weather, report, your sports-fix of the day, and the time you carve out to pray, intentionally be a neighbor to others, and seek out wisdom from others who may know more. God is good that way. God is all about joy. God is also all about purpose and a passion for right-lived-life.

Do it all, this summer, people. Do it all. Not so that your schedule is more crammed! Do it all, so that your soul basks in the abundance of a God who delights in our passion, especially when faith is the spark for whatever fire burns brightest within us.

~John



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

**Baptism:** NONE

**Marriage:** NONE

**Death:** Lori Sucha      Born: 6/4/1969      Died: 6/2/2025

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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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**COMFY COFFEE HOURS-** Join us on any Sunday morning between 8:30 and 9:30 for something sweet and coffee/tea in the library-kitchen area. We've moved in a couch and some comfortable seating, so if you want a more casual place to sit and enjoy, we have it. If you're more of table person, we have those too. Come hang out with us.

If you would like to host (bring a treat, make coffee, clean up), there is a signup sheet in narthex. Questions, contact Andrea in the office.

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## Summer Bible Study



**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

Mondays, August 11, 18, and 25 we'll have our summer Bible study: *People Being Their Best: Stories Even a Cynic Will Appreciate*. This one focuses on examples of day-to-day common sense and goodness that you find in the Bible. Not the huge miracles, just people still being an inspiration all these years later. Offered at 11:00am in person, in the St. Luke library and 7:00pm via Zoom/Facebook. Watch your emails on Fridays for the link to join in on all the discussion and activities.

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**CALENDAR REMINDER-** We will be having OUTDOOR WORSHIP on Sunday August 10 in the prayer garden. Enjoy the outdoor weather, sounds, smells, and all of creation. Bring your own lawn chairs for comfort, or we have extras if you forget.



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## ENDOWMENT FUNDS

If you have a charity or worthy cause that is dear to your heart, please remember that the St. Luke Endowment Fund could possibly assist with funding. There are applications in the narthex and on our website: [stlukeshebfalls.org>about us>forms library>endowment request](http://stlukeshebfalls.org/about-us/forms-library/endowment-request).

Questions can be directed to Karl Nelson, Committee Chairperson.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL-** Sunday School classes will start up this fall- hopefully meeting weekly with volunteer teachers. Any interested individuals who would like to help fill these dates for the 2025-2026 school year can sign up in the narthex. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

### **Sunday School Events**

- Backpack Blessing – Sunday August 24
  - First Day of Sunday School – to be determined
  - Rally Sunday - to be determined
- As dates are set, updates will be in the bulletin, sent via email and also on our website calendar.*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be on Wednesday, August 20 and Thursday, August 21 from 6:00–8:00 pm in the evening! We need all of you to consider being a part of it! We need Pre-K through 6th grade kids to be here for learning and fun. We need grade 7–12 kids to help leader the younger ones in crafts and games and we need a few adults to help lead and work on food. Cost: \$10 per student, \$20 family max. Cash or Check (made out to St. Luke Lutheran Church, VBS in memo). Registrations/Payments can be given to Andrea Meyer by Monday, August 11.

Join us for an All-Are-Welcome Meal at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, August 20  
Join us for S'mores and bonfire at 8:00 pm on Thursday, August 21  
Sign-Up Now To Help Us Plan (Form is attached to this letter).

**Confirmation classes will resume on a date to be determined.**

**Classes are for students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older.**

Confirmation education 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. During Confirmation we also hope to provide fun fellowship events, worship, games and service opportunities. We will have more information coming soon.



**RIDERS, RUNNERS, WALKERS WANTED!** The OUTREACH for HOPE Family Ride Run Walk will take place on Saturday, September 27<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 to register.

### **Mt. Meru Coffee Project**

has been improving the standard of living in the Meru region for over 25 years. Tanzanian Premium Coffee from the small farms of Mt. Meru cupped (taste tested) regularly and has been rated higher than most coffees. Order your favorite flavor today at [www.mtmerucoffee.org](http://www.mtmerucoffee.org). Gift cards available! When ordering please note St. Luke's name and Sheboygan Falls in the instruction box while in *Thank you for supporting the farmers of Tanzania.*





**Calendar****August 2025**

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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>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                    | <b>4</b>                                   | <b>5</b>                           | <b>6</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                 | <b>7</b>                                 | <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>9:30a OUTDOOR Worship<br>w/HC                  | <b>11</b><br>11:00a Bible Study- In Person | <b>12</b><br>6:30p Council Meeting | <b>13</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                | <b>14</b>                                | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               |
| <b>17</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                   | <b>18</b><br>11:00a Bible Study- In Person | <b>19</b>                          | <b>20</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan<br>6:00p Vacation Bible School | <b>21</b><br>6:00p Vacation Bible School | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               |
| <b>24</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC-BACKPACK BLESSING | <b>25</b><br>11:00a Bible Study- In Person | <b>26</b>                          | <b>27</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                | <b>28</b>                                | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                               |
| <b>31</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC                   |                                            |                                    |                                                                            |                                          |           |                                                                           |

**August Birthdays**

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



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

**Calendar****September 2025**

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

**September Birthdays**

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-Keth Kuhlrow

23-Bev Rohde  
23-Corey Knutson  
25-Sara Stalzer  
27-Craig Parrish  
30-Becky Kuhlrow



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

**Calendar****October 2025**

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| <b>5</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                           | <b>8</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan<br>9:00a Meru Partnership Mtg.            |
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| <b>19</b><br>8:30a Coffee/Fellowship<br>9:30a Sunday Worship<br>w/HC | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                          | <b>22</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>8:00a Farmers Market-Sheboygan                                           |
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**October Birthdays**

2-Scott Theobald

3-Tom Hass

5-Jeremy Raml

8-Bryan Neeb

9-Amanda Roethel

9-Jordan Sucha

10-Russ Korff

10-Josh Sohn

14-Vicki Krause

15-Kaitlyn Meyer

16-Elizabeth Neeb

16-Blake Pedrin

21-Ryan Pedrin

26-Rita Lammers

28-Audrey Knutson

28-Marilyn Meyer

31-Becky Neeb

20-Zachary Ziegelbauer

**CONTACT  
information****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.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Submit one form for each student/helper but no need to repeat contact information on additional forms

Parent/Guardian First Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Student (Or Teen Helper) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Teen Helper Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Finished June 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Teen Helper T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth S, M L, or Adult S, M, L, XL)

Publicity Consent: I am okay with my child appearing in publicity which does not identify them by name. Check here to opt out \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (an additional contact if parent/guardian is not available  
Name, Phone, and Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

List food or other allergies of which we should be aware  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe any physical, medical, emotional or educational issues we should know about to help your child have the best possible experience  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family Situations (shared custody, siblings doing the driving, etc) that might impact pick-up/drop-off  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

*We're so excited you'll be a part of VBS 2025 at St. Luke!*