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Children's bulletins are available for children ages 3+. ~Ask an usher~  
*Sound enhancement devices are available from the ushers*

**SEASON OF PENTECOST**  
8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**August 3, 2025 9:30am**

Congregation Announcements

### **Sharing the Peace**

#### **Call to Worship** *(based on today's gospel)*

One: "I did it myself!"

**Many: When we're little kids and we say that...**

One: ...everyone smiles... proud of the growing mastery of a small one.

**Many: "I did it myself!"**

One: In a world of teams at work and specialized skills, wise people rarely say those words. We all do pieces, but the full puzzle is assembled by the whole.

**Many: "I did it myself!"**

One: When the farmer in today's gospel assumes it to be so, God's response is to say:

**Many: "You fool!"**

One: For not only was the farmer planning to live a life of luxury...

**Many: He'd forgotten that it was the land that had produced the grains.**

One: And his workers who'd done the tasks...

**Many: And God who was the source of it all.**

One: O God... keep me grounded and connected and alive in you.

**Many: Give me confidence in all I can do... because of you... with others... and in your name.**

One: When I lose sight of the goal, refocus my soul beyond myself.

**Many: We live not to be served but to serve.**

One: For it is in giving that we receive...

**Many: and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**  
**Amen!**

Opening Hymn **ELW #659 vs. 1-4** "*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*"

### **Children's Message**

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

One: Let us pray. Truth-full God...

**Many: You are great and good because you persist in pointing us to our own sin more than our neighbors'... and our neighbors' need more than our own. In this way you guide us away from judging others, and from becoming absorbed in ourselves. Thank you for that gift, as hard as it sometimes is to live in your truth. Give us a Spirit that not only recognizes the blessing, but prays to receive it... as we now do... in your Holy Name we humbly ask it. Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation **Page #142**

### **Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 Bulletin Insert**

*Jesus is in the middle of speaking to a crowd of thousands about the importance of living with integrity, when someone in the crowd interrupts him with an untimely and inappropriate question. Jesus responds with one of most searing parables about the dangers of material wealth.*

*Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.  
Response after the conclusion: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**MESSAGE “A Sermon About Greed and Generosity”  
Pr. Muriel Otto**

Hymn of the Day **ELW #726** “*Light Dawns on a Weary World*”

**APOSTLES’ CREED** Blue Bookmark in Hymnal

**Prayers**

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

One: Let us pray,

**Many: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

P. The Lord be with you

**C. And also with you**

P. Lift up your hearts

**C. We lift them to the Lord**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C. It is right to give our thanks and praise**

**Words of Institution**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*Any and all are welcome at Christ’s table. Please join us!*

**Communion Distribution**

*An usher will come to let you know when to come forward to receive communion. Please hold your hand out so the Pastor can drop the wafer in your hand. Then the usher will hand you a cup of either wine (purple) or grape juice (white), please let them know your preference.*

*Baskets are available for your empty cup.*

*If walking is difficult for you, please tell an usher that you would like to be served where you are seated.*

Distribution Hymn **ELW #660** “*Lift High the Cross*”

**Communion Blessing**

**Post Communion Prayer**

One: We thank you, generous God,

**Many: for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction**

Closing Hymn **ELW #817** “*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*”

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*In person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.*



Members celebrating a birthday this week:

Alyssa Schlichting August 4

Aaron Schlichting August 4

Kasey Meyer August 9

Miles Sohn August 9

Members celebrating Wedding  
Anniversaries in August:

Kevin & Joshua Brinkerhoff Kohl August 5

Bryan & Becky Neeb August 9

Dennis & Donna Schlichting August 14

Doug & Sarah Goble August 29

Karl & Kathy Nelson August 29



Karen Bruinooge, organist 920-457-4285 Kristin Madson, custodian 980-9012

Good morning, and **WELCOME** to St. Luke Lutheran Church! God has invited us here; we are at home in his presence. Let us worship.

Those serving the Lord:

**Today**

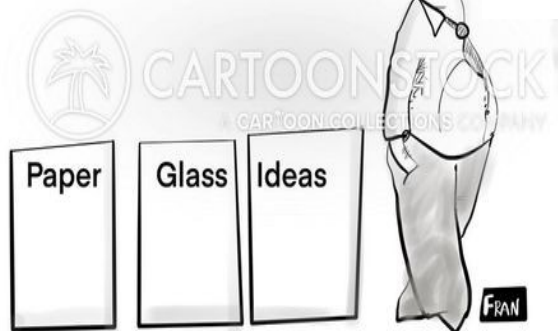
**Greeters:** Carol Frederick  
**Ushers:** Aaron Strassburger  
Lucas Strassburger  
**Reader:** Samantha Goble  
**Communion:** Brenda Strassburger  
**AV Tech:** Sarah Goble  
**Bread Baker:** Pam Bogenschuetz

**August 10, 9:30am**

Warren & Judi Gunderson  
Randy Meyer  
Jack Parrish  
Keith Kuhlow  
Pam Bogenschuetz  
Pam Bogenschuetz (if needed)  
Ginny Kapelanski

Sunday, July 27

52 Communed 51



## **St. Luke** **Recycling** **Programs**

\*\*\***Aluminum cans** can be put in the marked barrel in the narthex. (Money donated to the capital fund)  
\*\*\***Pull tabs from aluminum cans** can be put in the collection box in the

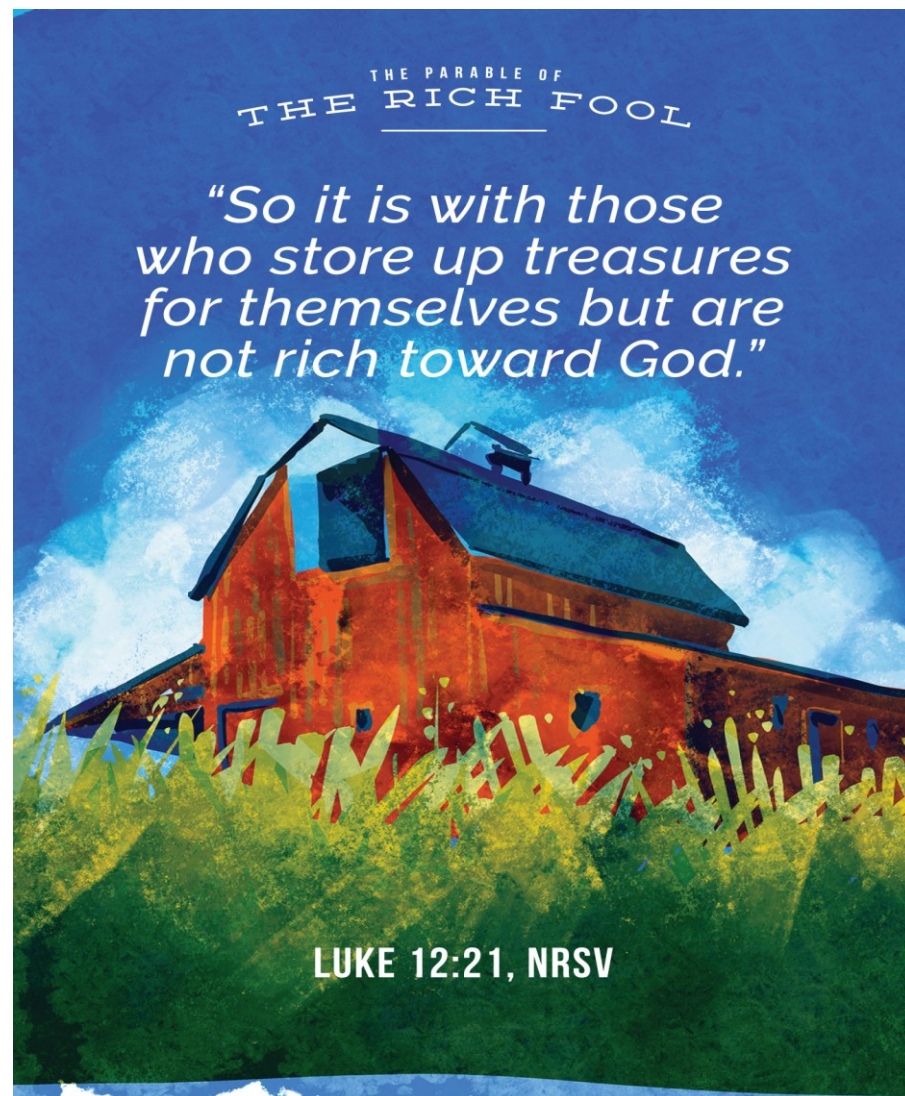
narthex. (Given to the Ronald McDonald House)

\*\*\***Empty computer ink cartridges or toner tubes** can be put in container by Andrea's office. (Recycled for \$2 each and used for church office supplies)

\*\*\***Any hotel soaps, lotions, or shampoos/conditioners** can be put in container by Andrea's office. (Given to Salvation Army)

\*\*\***Any yarn** can put in container by Andrea's office.  
(Used for making hats & scarves for area shelters & schools)

# ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



August 3, 2025 9:30am



## Announcements:

**Pastor FYI**-John H-I is on vacation through August 6. Thank you to Pastors John Throop and Muriel Otto for filling in for him. John H-I remains available for emergencies within the congregation or community. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact Andrea in the office.

**CALENDAR REMINDER**- We will be having **OUTDOOR WORSHIP** on August 10, NEXT SUNDAY in the prayer garden. Please bring your own lawn chairs for your comfort.



**BIRTHDAY CARD**- Please sign the birthday card in the narthex for Florence Popp (August 11). We remember our church family members on their special day.



EVERYONE is invited to celebrate Florence's birthday on Saturday, August 9 from 1-3pm with cake and ice cream at Pine Haven (Haven Drive campus). Can't make it Saturday? Stop by Sunday after church. She's turning 91!!!

**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. Come hang out with us. If you would like to host, there are August and September dates open. Signup sheets are in the narthex.



**COUNCIL MEETING** will be held in the library on Tuesday August 12 starting at 6:30pm. Agenda/Minutes are on the bulletin board by the balcony staircase.

**FOOD PANTRY ITEMS** - August suggested donations are *pastas and sauces*. There is a list on the collection can for recommended ideas. Also accepting recycled **PLASTIC BAGS** (Walmart, Target, Piggly Wiggly, etc.). The Sheboygan Falls Food Pantry is open the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month from 9-11am, in addition to every Thurs. from 9-11am, located at 529 Giddings Ave. in Sheb. Falls.



**THE WORD IN SEASON** *July-September 2025* booklets are available in the narthex. Please take or share compliments of St. Luke.

There are **MANY EVENTS** and **ACTIVITIES** happening in our community to attend and/or support. Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for things that might appeal to you. ☺

**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. Registration forms are in the narthex and library. **Registration deadline is August 11.**

Our synod **MERU PARTNERSHIP MEETING** will be held via Zoom on Saturday August 9 at 9:00am. If you would like to attend, please contact Andrea in the office for the Zoom link. For more information about our Meru partnership visit [partnerswithmeru.org](http://partnerswithmeru.org) or like on Facebook: *Partners with Meru (Tanzania, Africa)*



**SUMMER STUDIES Continue:** Starting Mondays, August 11, 18, and 25 we'll have our summer 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 at St. Luke in our basement library and 7:00pm via ZOOM/Facebook.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SIGN-UP:** We need a few more people to teach Sunday School for the 2025-26 school year. Sunday School starts at 8:30 and runs until about 9:20am. We offer lots of support and all the materials needed. Currently we are running a "one-room-schoolhouse" for kids ages 4-6th grade. That might change based on how many kids we have and how the ages break out. We need 4 teachers signed up so that you can rotate weeks, have 2 people there on big weeks (think Christmas program), and bring different styles and gifts to our kids. Teachers have traditionally been moms, but we'd like to expand that by having at least 1 man, 1 person over age 65 and then anyone confirmed age (say 15) and up, who wants to give it a try. Sign-up is in the narthex!



**SUMMER FARMERS MARKET** is held at Fountain Park in Sheboygan from 8am-1pm every Wednesday and Saturday until the end of October. Also, Food Trucks on Saturdays!

HJ

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## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Light Dawns on a Weary World

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1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*  
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
 the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!  
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,  
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.



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## Lift High the Cross [H]

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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COMMITMENT, DISCIPLESHIP

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You Have Come Down  
to the Lakeshore  
*Tú has venido a la orilla*

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the

ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
treas - ure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing

quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
fish nets and will for work - ing.  
will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
Friend, you have come to call me.

*Refrain / Estribillo*

Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,

has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my

bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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