



2024 CONNECTIONS

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in response to Christ's love,
out in service to each other, the community, and the world*

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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR MONTE

Everywhere I go, I hear people who are tired of the upcoming election and concerned about our country's future. Does our faith have anything to say to us in the midst of election stress? YES!

1. We are to pray for, work for, pray for and vote for the well-being of the places where we live, as Jeremiah 29:7 reminds us: "But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." **Voting is a privilege and a responsibility—make a plan for how you will vote!**
2. When we feel anxious about ANYTHING—elections, health, family or job stress—**we can bring it to God!** Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us: "Do not be anxious about *anything*, but in *everything* by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
3. How we treat each other matters—even those we disagree with vehemently. Jesus tells us to pray for our enemies (*Matthew 5:44-45*) and John reminds us that **Christians should be known by their love** (*John 13:35*). I continue to urge you to pray for the candidate you aren't voting for, and pray for their supporters too!

Blessings to you and to our entire country as we navigate these next weeks together,
Pastor Monte



The Caregiver Support Group had a great meeting in September with Ruth Busalacchi, of Synergy Home Care, leading the discussion on scams. We had 5 new people attend. The conversation led to more questions, so we have asked Richard Novell of Novell Consulting to speak about computer security.

Please note we will still meet at 4:30 in October but will change to 2:30 for our November through April meetings. We meet on the 2nd Monday of the month. All are welcome.



Greetings! Our Handbell Choir is coming back from summer break, and we are excited to start learning some selections to share with the congregation and lend to our worship experience. We will be rehearsing Mondays at 6:00-6:45 PM, and we start back up on Monday at the beginning of October. If you are interested in learning more about Bells, ringing with us, or subbing for us, reach out to Kate Braatz at musikate@gmail.com. See you in worship!

The Chosen Season 4 Adult Study

We will continue to study and discuss Season 4 of *The Chosen* in October. October 13 – Episode 4 and October 27 – Episode 5

Unconscious Bias Training: Knowing What You Don't Know

Thursday, October 24, 6pm, Lower Fellowship Hall

Presented by former Judge Derek Mosley, director of Maquette's Lubar Center.

Sponsored by Greendale's Community Alliance and open to the public.

For more information or to register for this event – use the QR Code below



Have You Noticed?

You may have noticed the beautiful new patio on the south side of the church, near the office doors. Josh Royce provided the labor and artistry, and it was constructed in memory and honor of Tom Sneed, who loved to gather outdoors with people. We are excited for the possibilities of outdoor worship, meals, conversations and bonfires!



Hephatha Winter Clothing Drive



It will be cold before we know it! We are once again partnering with Hephatha Lutheran Church this fall to provide coats, hats/gloves, underwear, diapers and socks for children in their congregation. There will be tags for individual items on the vine and a physical sign-up sheet available in the welcome space every Sunday morning beginning on Sunday October 6th. If you would like to sign-up for an item digitally, please contact Karen Feucht (karebair78@hotmail.com) or Pat Larsen (larsenbobpat@gmail.com) and they can let you know what items and sizes we are in need of.

All purchased items should be returned to church to the bins near the lower level entrance or in the welcome space on or before **Sunday, October 27th, 2024**. If you would like to contribute, but don't want to shop, you can also consider a monetary donation and we can do the shopping for you! Donations can be placed in the offering plate and marked for 'Hephatha Winter Clothing Drive'. Thank you for your consideration!

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

1:00 pm

Join us for scripture, prayer, and communion.

Help us spread the word! Wednesdays at 1:00pm. We come together in the Gathering Space by the stained-glass window.

ALL are welcome.





PUMPKIN CARVING FUN



Sunday School families & Middle/High School Youth mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6. During the Education Hour (10:15-11:00) we will be carving pumpkins in Lower Fellowship Hall. There will be a pumpkin carving competition (with prizes included) for those in grades 6-12. Adults – Come cheer them on and VOTE for your favorites.

CHILDREN SINGING

October 20

Sunday School Children will lead us in worship on October 20! Please make sure you come to Sunday school leading up to that date so you can learn the songs and the motions, and then bring your whole family on October 20. (And stay to make sandwiches afterwards!—See the announcement about the Guest House in this newsletter.)

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We will need some help with speaking parts, set design, and costumes. If you are able to assist with the program in any way, please contact Lynda VanDien (lvandien@gmail.com) or the Church Office.

**The Christmas Program will be during Worship on December 15th.
Let's fill the church with friends and family!**



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

**Friday, October 25th
6:00 pm Celebrants Dinner
Sunday, October 27th
9:00 am During Worship**



Congrats to all this year's Confirmands: Alexa Brand, James Spehert, Everett DeArmond and Owyn Bunzel! Please plan to join us in worship on October 27 (Reformation Sunday) to support them with your presence and prayers. And remember to wear RED as we celebrate the Holy Spirit's ongoing work and renewal in the church.

SYNERGY

Calling all High-Schoolers! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the Month for games, conversation, fun, service and prayer together. Upcoming Dates (note December dates are 1st and 3rd Wednesdays!) Invite your friends! All are welcome!

- Oct 6: Pumpkin Carving – come and share your skills in LFH
 - Oct 9: Faith Fires—we'll enjoy our new patio with a campfire, smores, and stories
 - Oct 23: Scavenger Hunt
 - Oct 27th: Packer Party, noon, High School youth will sit together and help out!
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Have you completed?

Have you completed your Sunday School or Confirmation forms? They are easy to get to and complete. Just type one of the following into your internet browser.

<https://www.slchurch.org/sunday-school> <https://www.slchurch.org/education/middle-school-forms>

Coming This Month

Be on the lookout for the KRINGLE FUNDRAISER

Caught Big-Hearted

- Thanks to Pat Larsen and Mary Van Ryzin who kept our plants watered during those long dry weeks! And thanks to Ken Orlikowski and Mark Ohlert who fix any number of maintenance issues around the church.
- ♥ Thanks to the Men's Breakfast crew for helping with Rally Day and hosting coffee hour once a month.
- Thanks to our many musicians who have stepped in to help lead worship during Carol's absence. We are blessed by your talents and willingness. Special thanks to Andrea Clark, Jackie Wajerski and Lindsay Banman.
- ♥ Thanks to everyone who is keeping children's and youth programs running—this church loves young people and it's obvious by all of you volunteers—too many to name!
- Thanks to Rudy Miller for delivering the LWR Quilts to the Ingathering this year, and thanks to our faithful quilters who turn scraps into beauty and warmth: Jean Starr, Vi Harens, Betty Gelhar, Joyce Hagen, Gail Stark, Mary Van Ryzin and Cheryl Ortzel.

Staffing Update

Many of you are aware that Lani Ziller has been filling the **office admin** role in an interim capacity. We would not have functioned nearly as well in this transition without her help. After a search with a number of competent candidates, we are thrilled to announce that Lani will continue this role on a permanent basis! We are confident that her steady presence and knowledge of St. Luke's will be an asset. Do stop by to introduce yourself if you have not yet met Lani, and welcome her to this new role.

We are developing a **digital media and communications** position, focusing on our social media and website. Once details are finalized, we are excited to share!

We will form a search committee to help us find our next **Youth and Family Minister**. First we will gather feedback from families and youth, as well as update the job description. Be on the lookout for opportunities to provide feedback, and if you are interested in serving on this committee, let Pastor or Nate Keller know.

Carol Peterson continues to heal, and hopefully by the time you read this, she is home from the hospital. We have substitute worship leaders to help us until she is ready to return, and as I always say to the worship helpers—no matter what we do, Jesus has a way of showing up! Please continue to hold her and Mark in your prayers.

It takes all of us to be the church, and I'm thankful to be in it with all of you!

SANDWICH MAKING FOR GUEST HOUSE

Sunday, October 20 following Worship

Come downstairs to make sandwiches for the Guest House of Milwaukee. The Guest House hands out between 400-500 sandwiches each day to Milwaukee's homeless. All ages and abilities can help—we need people to label and decorate bags, assemble sandwiches, and bag sandwiches. Let's see what we can do together! Donations of bread, meat, cheese, and individual mustard and mayo packets will be needed. Sign-ups available on Welcome Center.

What Can I Bring?

It's a natural question for many of us when extended an invitation.

We'll explore this question and how it applies to faith, our spiritual lives and stewardship as we kick off our stewardship campaign later in October.

What is God calling YOU to bring?

ST. LUKE'S PACKER PARTY

PACKERS VS. Jacksonville Jaguars
Sunday, October 27th
11:30 am (Game at noon)
Lower Fellowship Hall



Join us for a fun afternoon of Go Pack Go! Bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to pass. Brats and hotdogs will be served during half-time. Paper products, soda and water provided. *Adult beverages permitted (BYO)*. Special thanks to the Dordel Family for planning this event! **Sign-Up at the Gathering Space or on our website at slchurch.org**

HEPHATHA MISSION PARTNER APPRECIATION DAY

Saturday, November 2nd 1720 W. Locust Street

Service at 3:00 pm

Dinner following service

RSVP 414-264-0234 by October 25th if possible.

"We thank God for you! We are grateful for your serving in the Gospel with us and we hope you can join us for this special time of giving thanks to God and honoring you, our mission partners."

Hephatha100.com will contain a "one click" link to join the worship by ZOOM.



MINISTRY FAIR

Stay **after worship, November 10** for a chance to learn all about the ministries and opportunities at St. Luke's. *Follow the smells of coffee, spiced cider, popcorn and donut holes downstairs to the Lower Fellowship Hall. Make your way around the tables to learn about how to get connected and involved. **This is for all ages—there will be trivia questions to find the answers to and stickers to collect from each table.*** We'll see you there!

VETERAN SUPPORT

Veterans Day will be observed at St. Luke's on Sunday, November 10th with a flag presentation at the end of the service, as well as recognition of the veterans present at worship. We especially invite new members at St. Luke's to let Rev. Marcie know of your service or a family member's service. We can also send a copy of the ELCA "Prayer Book for the Armed Services" to those currently serving. Contact Ch., Lt. Col. Marcia Strahl, Civil Air Patrol prmarcie@msn.com



414-235-8477

2025 Flower Chart, Parament Care, and Communion Set up SIGN UPS will be posted October 20 on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Sanctuary. Make your plans to help decorate the church and serve for Worship!



Saturday, November 3, 2024

STAY IN TOUCH

Don't forget to notify the church office of any address, phone, or email changes!

NEED PASTORAL CARE?

Please remember to notify the church office if you are ill or hospitalized so that we can offer prayer and support. For a pastoral emergency during non-office hours, contact Pastor Monte directly at 262-631-9453.

Third Quarter Statements will be mailed out at the beginning of October. Please check your statement to make sure it is accurate. With staffing changes in the office and software changes for our accounting, we want to clear up any discrepancies before the end of the year. Thank you!

Giving Report

See Mark Ohlert, Rob Kegel or John Noggle with any questions

Month	Monthly Budgeted Amount	Monthly Actual Receipts	Monthly Analysis	Year-to-date Budgeted Amount	Year-to-Date Receipts	Year-to-Date Analysis
August 2024	\$35,000	\$30,258	Deficit \$4,742	\$280,000	\$262,687	Deficit \$17,313



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