



ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND
SCHOOL

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PRESCRIPTION NOTES

FORWARD: MOVING FORWARD

It's been a long road. The first conceptual drawings for our new church building were produced in 2011. Much has happened in our world and in our congregation since then. The drawings have evolved over that time too, to fit our needs and our resources. Now it looks like the time to build is drawing near.

During the summer, the church building fund has received unexpected major gifts totaling around \$850,000. Additionally, a donor has pledged to cover the costs of the pews and chairs for the church sanctuary. Offerings of various amounts have been donated to the church building fund. Thanks be to God for all the gifts, no matter how big or how small, to enable us to move *Forward* in the building process.

The church building fund now has \$3.1 million in cash on hand. The Church Building Coordinating Task Force is pursuing a loan of \$1.7 million. The Forward capital campaign is projected to receive another \$200,000 in funds. This makes the total budget for the building \$5 million.

Some aspects of the plan will need to be delayed until funding is available. The Task Force will share more information with the congregation after the details are worked out with the architect and builder. Much will depend on how close the actual bids are to the builder's estimates. The Task Force will present new opportunities for gifts to enable us to included items above and beyond the building budget.

Once loan is approved by the bank, the congregation will hold a vote to approve any borrowing before it takes place. Watch the weekly church service folder for announcements concerning the date and time of the congregational meeting.

Volunteer forms are available in the back of church and in the school office. There will be many opportunities for skilled and unskilled workers to contribute to this project. The form also includes a section for companies which would like to bid on the project. If you or your employer is interested, the information will be passed on to Catalyst Construction.

The Task Force will be meeting with the architects from Groth Design and the builders from Catalyst Construction on October 10 to receive an update on plans. The plans are scheduled to be presented to the Kewaskum Plan Commission on October 22. With approval from the commission, and from our lender, the bidding process will begin. If all goes well with the Lord's blessing, ground breaking for the new building could take place in December.

Keep the building project in your prayers. Praise the Lord for his amazing blessings!

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School News

School has been back in session for over a month already, and our students are hard at work. We are proud of their diligent academic progress, and we're proud of their excitement for their Savior. Our students have had the opportunity to beautify our church services with song once in September with more to come on October 6th and 12th.

Our fall sports are off to a good start. Our volleyball team is growing stronger and more confident with several wins so far. We have 7 runners in cross country. One of our runners, Alaina Pickering, took 3rd place at the Peace, Hartford meet, and all of our runners are consistently improving their times. Both seasons will wrap up in October, and we are proud that however our athletes do, they do it all to the glory of God!

We are also excited to host Grandparents Day on October 4th. We invite all of our grandparents to join their grandchildren for school for a morning and a nice lunch together. Our students are also looking forward to a few different field trips, including a trip to the Little Farmer, the firestation, and KML's production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Then at the end of the month, our students have off for a couple of days while our teachers attend the WELS State Teachers Conference. We are also hoping to bring back the Fall Festival on November 1st. Friends and family of St. Lucas are invited to join us for a fun night of fall fellowship. We will have more details coming soon!

FALL BIBLE STUDY LINEUP

Sundays, 9:15-10:15 am: The Sing to the Lord To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal, this Bible study considers various hymns from the years since that first hymnal was published. Gather in the meeting room at school starting September 8.

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, or Thursdays, 10:00 am: The Holy Spirit. This Bible study examines the Scripture texts that introduce us to the Holy Spirit--his person, his names, and the work he does for us Christians. Meet in the school meeting room starting September 10 or September 12.

Sunday School for children age 3 through 5th grade begins on September 8, 9:15 am in the school building.

Wednesday Catechism Class for students in grades 6-8 starts September 11 at 3:30 pm in the school meeting room.

September 7 & 8 Worship changes back to school year schedule. Services will be Saturday at 6 pm and Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Bible Hour and Sunday School between services.

Meditations daily devotions, is available in the church entry on the north side. Each edition includes three months of devotions written by WELS pastors.

Membership Updates

With the Lord:

Virginia Backhaus, September 11, 2024

Christian Marriage:

Bryan Becht and Harlequin Robles, September 21, 2024

Baptism:

Wylder Eugene Edwards, September 22, 2024

October Birthdays

Sadie Homuth 1
Debra Backhaus 2
Nolan Shaske 4
Teagan Buslaff 5
Steve Wolter 8
Wendi Dreher 10
Caden Harris 11
Judith Groeschel 11
Erik Kral 12
Diane Schacht 15
Asher Peters 16
Joshua Dreher 16
Nathan Reisig 16
Tysen Enright 17
Mika Ullrich 18
Piper Scheunemann 18
Amy Pesch 21
Elaine Prost 21
Robert Belger 23
Dennis Backhaus 24
Arya Paulus 26
Pastor Tim Henning 26
Alice Furlong 28
Elaine Hostettler 28
Mason Shambeau 29
Shary Witte 29
Jody Krueger 30
Sandra Survis 31

October Anniversaries

BJ & Amanda Prost 1
Justin & Amy Pesch 3
Paige & Joseph Ballard 9
Scott & Debra Ebert 15
Mark & Julianna Hesse 16
Jason & Tina Eggert 17
Joseph & Saphirre Symicek 24

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from the list above or is incorrect please contact the office so we can correct our records. incorrect please contact the office so we can correct our records.