



# ST. LUCAS

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## PRESCRIPTION NOTES

### FORWARD: HITTING THE TARGET

The Church Building Coordinating Task Force is entering one of the most challenging phases of the planning process. After gathering information from many sources, they have a relatively accurate estimate of what the building will cost. They also have an estimate of available funding with which they are fairly comfortable. As is the case with most every building project, the numbers do not exactly match. As one advisor observed, “We have hit the target, but now we have to get to the center.”

During January the Task Force will meet to discuss where they can adjust the plan to get to the center of the target. These will be difficult decisions as we decide which aspects of the plan need to be done right away, what parts of the plan could be done at a later date, or eliminated altogether. This will be a difficult discussion because the Task Force sees the value in everything that is included in the plans as they stand now.

Besides considering what to delay or cut from the plans, the Task Force would like members of the congregation to think about increasing the funding aspect of the building plan. Would you be able to increase your commitment if you have already made one? Would you consider making a commitment if you have not done so already? Would you be willing to give an above and beyond gift for a specific item in the plan? The Task Force will present these opportunities as they are clarified.

Above all, keep the planning process in your prayers. As a congregation we are getting close to the time when we will be able to build this new worship facility that what glorify God, support the preaching of the good news about Jesus, and help us reach out to the community around us. Trust that the Lord will answer those prayers and bless our efforts to his glory.

If you haven't done so already, please return a commitment card outlining your gift to the Lord for the purpose of building his house. That gift is one way of thanking the Lord for all he has given you. Commitment forms are available online, in the back of church, and outside the school office. They may be placed in the red box in the back of church or dropped off at the office during the week. Simply place your check in a church building fund envelope, or donate online through our website.

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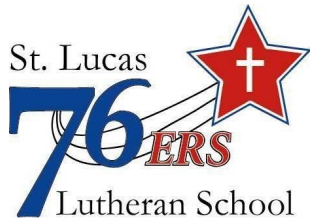
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## School News

The PTO for our Lutheran grade school is excited to announce they will be hosting a Gala, "Pearl of the Sea", this spring to raise money for much needed upgrades to the school's security system. The event will take place on March 7th, 2024, at Foundry 45, and will be an enchanting evening full of fantastic food provided by Crave Catering, live music by Whole Yachta Love, and fellowship. In addition to the food, fun, and fellowship there will be a silent auction as well as a raffle.

The PTO would like to reach out for assistance in making this an enjoyable and successful evening. They are in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks, donations of any size, silent auction items, and gift baskets for the raffle. The PTO will provide a donation receipt for any donations made that will include the PTO's tax-exempt number for your records.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, providing a donation, or have any questions, please contact Liz Dreher at (262) 923-0241 or Jenell Enright at (608) 669-3190 or [jenellenright@gmail.com](mailto:jenellenright@gmail.com).

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY TOPIC

New Bible Study Topic in the New Year: Starting Sunday, January 7, we will discuss the topic "Burden Bearing."

Paul wrote, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). The Burden Bearing Bible study provides encouragement, instruction, and practical examples to help Christians bear one another's burdens.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Happy January birthdays to...*

Emmett Homuth	1
Samuel Rudzitis	1
Wren Becht	3
Derek Schulz	4
Eugene Ebert	4
Patrick Marquardt	5
Aalee Buslaff	7
Richard Kuehl	8
Robert Wilson	8
Danielle Dreher	9
Keith Belger	9
Brody Kral	10
Cooper Schmidt	10
Coralee Henning	11
Paul Becht II	12
Sidalee Wendt	12
Austin Ksioszk	14
Austin Nagel	14
Cassie Wolter	14
Audra Beyer	18
Gary Hostetler	18
Lucas Peters	21
Anna Ebert	23
Lorraine Backus	23
Conrad Cuffel	25
Lucas Peters	26
Jackie Marquardt	30

*Happy January Anniversary to:*

Tom & Maureen Stoffel	7
Scott & Patti Derge	13

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list or we have a wrong date, please contact the office.*

### With the Lord

Thomas Fabitz —  
November 30