

ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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FORWARD: THE LORD'S BLESSINGS

"The estimate cost of our Phase 1 building project is \$4.4 million to \$5.3 million." This statement is from a document from our capital campaign for building a new church in spring 2012. I ran across it while cleaning out my desk a few weeks ago. Think about how amazing that is. A decade ago we were looking at a project with roughly the same cost as we are today. That is unheard of, considering inflation over 11 years. This is truly blessing. We have been able to tighten up the plan, get solid estimates, and compile a preliminary plan that keeps costs at a level we will be able to afford with the Lord's blessing. Thank the Lord for this great blessing.

Another blessing is the number of people who are supporting this effort. 70 donors (individuals, couples, or families) have either committed, donated, or both. We expect this number to grow as we continue to promote and encourage participate in the capital campaign. Beyond the commitments to the capital campaign, members have informed us of future donations to the building fund through their estate plans. These blessings will come in the future as we repay the loan for the building project. Thank the Lord for these great blessings.

We look forward to more blessings in the near future. Shortly we will pass the \$2 million mark in the building fund. Each week we draw closer to the day when we will be able to vote to put a shovel in the ground. That date has not been set, but we pray that it will be sooner rather than later. As we work together, as we give generously from the generosity we have received from our God, we can move the day when we worship in the new facility closer. Thank the Lord for this great blessing, too.

If you have not 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. The giving season for the campaign has started and will continue through March 2025. Simply place your check in a church building fund envelope, or donate online through our website. We pray that the Lord blesses all of us with the joy of giving cheerfully.

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

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School

News

The school is pretty quiet as we work to prepare the building and our plans for next school year. We are excited, though, to welcome new families to our school as well as a new teacher, Mrs. Deb Burt to teach our 4th and 5th graders. Mrs. Burt is returning to our area after teaching for 15 years in Florida. We praise and thank the Lord for his answer to our prayers with the addition of Mrs. Burt to our staff. We will schedule her installation soon. Look for announcements to come about the date of her installation, so you can join us to welcome Mrs. Burt to our ministry and our St. Lucas family.

Tom Stoffel has stepped down from his role as chairman of the ACE Team. Thank you, Tom, for your many years of service to the operation of the school. We also welcome Nathan Schepp as the new chairman, and we are looking for another member or two to complete our ACE Team. This is a good opportunity for parents who have children enrolled in our school to get involved with its operation. If you are interested in joining the ACE Team, please contact Nathan Schepp (champ2x75@yahoo.com) or Mr. Hesse (mhesse@stlucaswels.org).

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open online. If you know families who are still looking for a Christian education for next year, they can contact Mr. Hesse (mhesse@stlucaswels.org) for more information. We will host in-person registration on August 3rd. Here families can wrap up any necessary paperwork, purchase some supplies, and schedule visits with teachers. Then we will be ready for school to start on August 23rd!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SUMMER?

July 10-14 Vacation Bible School. Join us each day, 9:30 am -11:03 am to share A Little Bit o' Talent and learn more about your Savior Jesus. Children age 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to join us. Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer to make this a fun week. You may sign up both children and volunteers on our website.

August 1 National Night Out. We will be hosting the event from 5:30 pm until 8:00 pm on the green space north of the school. The West Bend Community Bandwill provide entertainment 6:30-7:30 pm. We will include activities for children of all ages and food service. Community organizations will be invited to provide information and activities as well. If you would like to help set up, provide games and activities, help with food service, or serve as a greeter or host for the evening, you may sign up on our website.

Monday, July 31-Thursday, August 3, 2023 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Convention. The convention will meet at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan. James Livingston will serve as a teacher delegate. If you would like the read what will be discussed at the convention, you can find the Book of Reports and Memorials at www.welsconvention.net/boram.

LEADERSHIP TEAM CHANGE

Tom Stoffel has stepped down after many years of serving on the ACE (Advancing Christian Eduation) Team and the Leadership Team. We thank Tom for his service on the ACE team, especially in these past few years in which our school has received accreditation and joined the Wisconsin Parental Choice program. We are also grateful for his work for the entire congregation on the Leadership Team.

Nathan Schepp will fill the position both as ACE Team chairman and Leadership Team member. We pray for the Lord's blessing on his efforts.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays:

Carson Bastian 1 Gabrielle Feucht 1 Janelle Kuhfuss 2 Cole Seyfert 3 Harlan Cuffel 3 Jesse Seyfert 3 Marilyn Backhaus 3 Morgan Belger 5 Waylon Dreher 7 William Olewinski 7 Albert Prost 8 Carol Fabitz 8 Anthony Marquardt 9 James Garvey 9 Hazel McCambridge 10 Carol Koth 11 Roger Groeschel 11 Gina Raether 12 Leah Koth 12 Justin Pesch 14 Chloe Koth 16 Hailee Koth 18 Jody Kertscher

Edward Klumb 19 **Tanner Lauters 19**

Glenn Dorn 22 **Butch Gengler 23**

Donna Bier 24 Daisy Herther 25

Joseph Busalacchi 29 Shelby Sarauer 29

July Anniversaries:

Wallace and Katherine Hennig 14 Gary and Elaine Hostettler 20 Lee and Lorraine Backus 23 John and Cindy Shaske 29

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.

Baptism

Tyson Patrick Douglas — June 20, 2023

With the Lord

Jeanette Cudnohoske - June 10, 2023 Betty Backhaus — June 16, 2023