



ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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PRESCRIPTION NOTES

FORWARD: PLANNING WHAT GOES ON INSIDE

Recap of the Church Building Progress

At the end of March we will be halfway through the Forward capital campaign. At this time almost 50% of pledges have come in. Pledges totaled \$315,924, of which \$157,332 has been given. Beyond that, over \$80,000 of unpledged offerings have been given, bringing the total given since March 1, 2023 to \$239,275. The Task Force has also been informed that a large bequest, which will be in the hundreds of thousands, will be donated to the building fund in the coming months. More information on that will be shared when the numbers are finalized. The Task Force is confident that, with the Lord's blessing, with the commitments to the capital campaign fulfilled by the end of March 2025, we will have a building fund total of \$2.8 million. This is over half of the anticipated cost of building. If unpledged funds continue to come in, as we pray they will, the total would be more. In addition to all this, an anonymous donor has pledged \$360,000 to be given in monthly increments when the payments for the mortgage begin. Other congregation members have informed the Task Force of generous bequests included in their wills and trusts. The Lord has blessed us through the generosity of his people.

The Task Force, on behalf of the congregation, is pursuing a loan of \$2.5 million from National Exchange Bank and Trust. The loan officer has requested more documentation to accompany our application, and that information is being secured. The Task Force, along with Groth Design and Catalyst Construction, are working on a plan that will give us a move in ready (including furnishings) church building for \$5.3 million.

At the soup supper served by the Task Force, a congregation member asked about the possibility of adding solar panels to the building. After discussing this idea with the architect, and considering the cost and whether energy savings would balance the cost, it was decided not to pursue this option. The Task Force is thankful for the suggestion, and any others brought to them by congregation members.

Future Plans for Ministry

As much of a blessing that the new building will be for our congregation, even more is a renewed ministry within those walls. This will include many opportunities for members to serve. Prayerfully consider how you might be able to serve in the following areas:

- Visitation Work Group: Inreach to the members of the congregation and outreach to the community. Contact Mike Baumann (information in right column of this page).
- Vacation Bible School: July 8-12 Help with Bible stories, snacks, games, crafts or music. Contact Pastor Henning.
- National Night Out: Tuesday, August 6 Help with food, games, set up and take down. Contact Pastor Henning.
- Lutheran Military Support Group: We could use a leader to facilitate this group that works not only with active military and their families, but also supports veterans in our congregation and community. Contact Pastor Henning
- Your ideas for new ways to serve the congregation and community are always welcome. Contact a member of the Leadership Team with your ideas.

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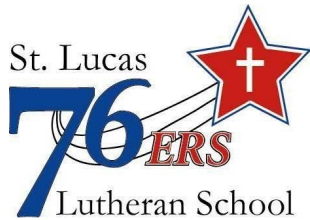
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School News

Our students have successfully navigated 3 quarters of the school year, and they're hard at work on the final quarter. Throughout April, we will prepare for our Family Night performances. Grades K-3 will perform the play "Don't Rock the Ark," and grades 4-8 will present a living history. If you would like to join us, you can save the date for Family Night on May 10th.

We also have 4 8th-graders preparing for Confirmation on May 5th. We appreciate all your prayers and support as they finish their instruction and look forward to this milestone in their faith lives.

Dear St. Lucas Family,

On March 7th, 2024, I received a divine call from the Federation of Manitowoc Lutheran High School to teach in the Communication Arts and Social Studies departments.

I appreciate all of your encouragement and prayers as I deliberate between my call here to St. Lucas and this new call to Manitowoc Lutheran High School. May our Lord bless me with his guidance and wisdom and lead me to a decision that glorifies him and benefits his kingdom.

I am confident that no matter where I continue my ministry, God will bless both the ministry of St. Lucas and Manitowoc Lutheran. As God says in Isaiah 55:11, "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Yours in Christ, Mr. Mark A. Hesse

The open enrollment period for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program is now open. This program completely covers tuition and fees for St. Lucas students who qualify. This is a great benefit for families who are looking for a Christian education even if finances are tight. It is also a great benefit for the school and the kingdom of God, allowing us to reach more souls with his Word. For detailed information and to apply, visit <https://dpi.wi.gov/parental-education-options/choice-programs/student-applications>.



If you are interested or if you know someone interested in enrolling in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program in order to attend St. Lucas Lutheran School, you will need to apply via the website above, then verify both your income and your address. For help with that process, you can stop in the school office and talk with Jana Baumann, call at (262) 626-2680, or email church@stlucaswels.org.

Open Enrollment for this program runs from February 1st through April 18th, but applying early is recommended in order that all information is verified before the deadline. Even if the applicant is just considering, but not yet committed to attending St. Lucas in the fall, they may apply early and list more than one school that they are considering. There's no penalty for changing their mind.

LUTHERAN MEMORIAL PARK SPRING CLEANUP

Please remove all Fall and Winter decorations by April 15th. The grounds crew will begin spring cleanup at the Cemetery. Any Fall or Winter items that are salvageable will be removed and placed next to the shed for the next couple weeks. Then they will be discarded. There is list of Rules and Regulations as it relates to what is allowed on the Cemetery, posted at the entrance to the Cemetery as well as on the side of the shed. These guidelines are enforced by the Cemetery Board, Sexton, and Grounds Staff. We thank everyone for beautifying the Cemetery, and for our grounds maintenance staff who keep it looking it's very best. And a reminder there is no water or trash cans at the Cemeteries.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy April birthdays to...

Greta Herther	1
Veda Koth	1
Kaitlyn Miller	1
Rijeana Hatch	3
Samuel Koth	4
Shelley Wilson	4
Grace Lang	6
Richard Laubach	6
Debra Nigh	7
Malachi Yttri	8
Mark Drewitz	9
Masen McCambridge	9
Gail Homuth	10
Evelyn Thiemer 101st!!!	12
Rosann Millonzi	14
Bernice Stange	14
Lindsey Landvatter	15
Mark Kral	17
Harry Krueger	20
Briana Raether	21
Ralph Raether	23
Izabela Butzke	24
Ann Schneider	24
Kimberly Ehardt	25
Amanda Paulus	25
Lianne Becht	27
Greg Sarauer	28
William Seefeldt	28
Jadelyn Stoltzmann	28
John Witte	28
Lynn Garvey	29
Kevin Kempf	29
Arianna Krueger	29
Holly Reindl	29

Happy April Anniversary to:

Butch and Barbara Gengler	7
Erik and Tammy Kral	8
Paul and Nicki Stoltzmann	21
Paul & Diane Lemke	22
William and Irene Seefeldt	25
David and Cindy Butzke	29

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from the list above or is incorrect please contact the office

With the Lord

Carol Koth—February 24

Holy Week Services

March 28 — Holy Thursday 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm
 March 29 — Good Friday 1:00 pm, Tenebrae (Darkness) 6:30 pm
 March 31 — Easter 6:00 am Sunrise, 8:30 am & 10:30 am Festival 7:00-8:15 am Easter Breakfast