



# ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND  
SCHOOL

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## PRESCRIPTION NOTES

### FORWARD: SUMMER BLESSINGS

You know that the Lord answers your prayers. He has promised he will do so in the way that is best for you. He assures you that he is able to do even more than you ask or even imagine (see Ephesians 3:20). The Lord demonstrated this truth this past summer in how he has blessed the church building project.

It was disappointing for the Church Building Task Force to realize that borrowing \$2.5 million was not doable at this time. Several factors, including higher interest rates, made this clear. The banks indicated that borrowing even \$2 million would have been a big challenge for our congregation at this time. It appeared that we might have to make some major changes to the building plan, such as removing the basement, which the Task Force did not want to do. The space provided in the basement will be valuable for the future. The lower level will be a beautiful space, with windows overlooking the river. That was one of the appealing aspects of the original plan.

Members of the congregation have been praying for the Lord's blessing on the church building planning. The Lord has answered those prayers in a powerful way. During the course of the summer, the church building fund has received unexpected major gifts totaling around \$850,000. \$350,000 was announced at the June congregational meeting, and \$500,000 has been received in just the past two weeks. Additionally, a donor has pledged to cover the costs of the pews and chairs for the church sanctuary. Thanks be to the Lord for doing more than we ask or imagine. Thanks be to God for the major gifts, and all the other 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 The funds that were invested in WELS investments have been withdrawn, so any downturn in the markets will not affect them. The task force is pursuing a loan of \$1.7 million. The goal for the cost of the building is \$4.8 million at this point. That means some aspects of the plan, which previously totaled \$5.3 million, will be delayed until funding becomes available. The Forward capital campaign commitments yet to be received amount to over \$125,000.

The Task Force will share more information at a congregational meeting after the details are worked out with the architect, builder, and lender. 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.

Praise the Lord for his amazing blessings!

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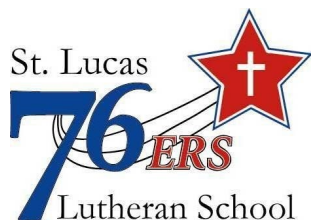
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## School News

Our students will be “All In” school after Labor Day when the preschoolers join us. It is great to see our students back in the classroom learning about their Savior each day. In September, our students will dust off the academic cobwebs from their minds and get back into the school routine with our first five-day week on September 9. We will begin volleyball games and cross country meets in September and get pictures taken near the end of the month.

Mrs. Derge announced that she will retire at the end of this school year. We are not sure yet how we will celebrate with Mrs. Derge, but whenever you have the opportunity, we encourage you to show your appreciation for her and her 25 years of service at St. Lucas Lutheran School. The ACE Team will meet in October to make their recommendation about issuing a call for preschool for next year.

### 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.

### Leadership Team Change

Jim Garvey has announced that he is leaving the Leadership Team. We thank him for his many years of service, not only on the Leadership Team, but in other positions of leadership previous to that. The Leadership Team will announce a new member of the team when a candidate accepts the position.

### Membership Changes

*Transfer to fellow WELS churches:*

Ryan and Aubrey Polesch, daughter Raylee, to Bethlehem Lutheran, Germantown

Katelyn Toth to Christ Alone Lutheran, Mequon

*Transfer from fellow WELS church:*

Aaron and Jennifer Trimmer, daughters Alexandra and Elizabeth, from Our Savior Lutheran, Grafton

*Baptism:*

Walter Yttri, August 4, 2024

### September Birthdays:

Carole Heberer 1  
Paul Lemke 1  
Lux Krueger 1  
Jennifer Peters 2  
John Dreher 2  
Kayla Edwards 2  
Barbara Knorr 6  
Abby Shambeau 7  
Lilly Shambeau 7  
Alec Nagel 9  
Eden Reindl 9  
Kathy Wesenberg 9  
Devon Berndt 10  
Emily Douglas 11  
Henry Stoffel 11  
Ronald Kuhfuss 11  
Tammy Kral 12  
Elliot Shambeau 13  
Phyllis Schmidt 13  
Logan Landvatter 14  
Nancy Dreher 16  
Irene Seefeldt 18  
Micah Yttri 22  
Charles Boegel 24  
Micah Peck 24  
Gertrude Backus 25  
Brett Lauters 26  
Thomas Olewinski 27  
Kirstin Gloede 29

### September Anniversaries:

Roger & Cordell Strack 4  
Thomas & Susan Olewinski 8  
Howard & Cindy Hackbarth 13  
Lucas & Holly Reindl 15  
Russell & Linda Warneke 18  
Kevin & Sandra Kempf 21  
Harry & Jody Krueger 23  
Josh & Whitney Maxwell 23  
Dennis and Pam Jeserig 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.*