



ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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PRESCRIPTION NOTES

FORWARD: THE TIME IS COMING

It's been two years since the Church Building Coordinating Task Force was formed. Their first order of business was to engage a firm to help us in conducting a capital campaign. They chose Generis from Atlanta, a company that has received good reviews from other WELS congregations. Generis brought more to the table than simply raising funds. Generis' Brad Leeper also advised the Task Force as they began the process of planning for construction. A year and a half ago they engaged Groth Design Group, the same group the congregation used more than ten years ago, as the architect for our building project. Todd Dvorak, a WELS member from Appleton, was assigned as the lead architect from Groth. The Task Force at that time began to work with Catalyst Construction as the construction manager. Catalyst was founded by a WELS member. Groth and Catalyst have worked with other WELS congregations in our area on projects similar to ours. The Lord has blessed St. Lucas Lutheran to work with a team that understands congregations like ours.

At the end of March we will be halfway through the Forward capital campaign. At this 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 from National Exchange Bank and Trust. We will hear where we stand after the bank loan committee meets the first week of March on our application for a loan of \$2.5 million. Pray that the Lord blesses this process.

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. The plan takes into account aspects that will be planned for now, but built later as funding becomes available; and items that need to be done now because they cannot be done later (moving stained glass windows and organ, paving the parking lot south of the school building). Volunteer work, along with donated labor and materials, would lower is this total cost.

Depending on how the loan application goes, look for a congregational meeting in the near future to review the plans for the new church building, and to approve moving forward with the building process. An exciting time for our congregation is just around the corner.

The Church Building Coordinating Task Force is serving the soup supper between services Wednesday, February 28. You may ask them questions there. Their emails are also included in the right column on this page.

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School News

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.

We hope that by utilizing the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, we can make the high quality Christian education of St. Lucas Lutheran School available to all the families in our congregation even if they were previously deterred by the cost of tuition. Even beyond the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program, we have other financial assistance available. Please don't hesitate to stop in or contact us to discuss options for your family.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES: *GOD ON TRIAL*

Wednesday Services 3:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Soup Supper between services (4:30 pm—6:00 pm)

February 28 — *Accusations*, Pastor Mike Woldt, David's Star, Jackson

March 6 — *Restraint*, Vicar Christopher Gorr, David's Star, Jackson

March 13 — *Testimony*, Pastor Kurt Loescher, David's Star, Jackson

March 20 — *Misconceptions*, Pastor Steven Bode, Zion, Kohlsville

Holy Week

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

(If you would like to help or donate food,
sign up in the church entryway. Thanks.)

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy March birthdays to...

Garret Hanke	1
Gabriel Schultz	1
Cynthia Eggert	2
Kenneth Koth	2
Isabel Prost	3
Jason Eggert	4
Rosemary Kempf	5
Joan Bielaga	6
Daniel Schmidt	6
Paige Ballard	7
Daniel Schmidt	7
Violet Brazeau	9
Dennis Garvey	10
Joseph Herther	10
Susan Olewinski	10
Colt Rhodes	10
Kelsi Cochran	11
Betty Backhaus	12
Elliot Shaske	12
Mark Justman	12
Samuel Raether	13
Tiffany Laubach	15
Lilly Prost	15
Eisley Enright	18
Mason Fochs	18
Ronald Stange	18
Michel Yttri	18
Kayla Wolter	18
Betty Ebert	19
Ethan Seefeldt	19
Jonathan Koch	21
Richard Thiemer	22
Pam Jeserig	24
Joshua Kertscher	24
Axel Hesse	28
Karen Scheunemann	28
Arthur Buss	29
Kolten Lauters	29
Joyce Kral	31
Marilyn Pagano	31
Holly Seyfert	31

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