

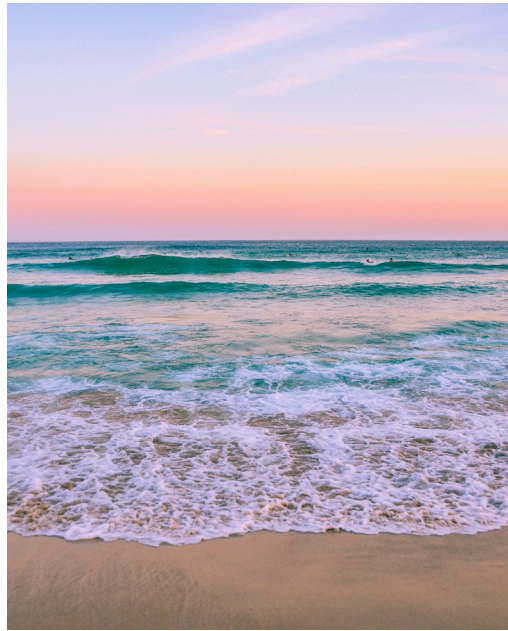


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JUNE 2026



“WE ARE A SPIRIT DRIVEN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF ENGAGED DISCIPLES, CALLED TO SERVE, LOVE AND FORGIVE.” WE ARE A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION.



Pastor's Note

FROM PASTOR MIKE



“For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. Christ, our Lord, to you we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.” ELW 879

Greetings, Siblings in Christ,

As spring rolls into summer we witness the growing gardens and the blooming flowers and are happy to get out without hats and coats. It is a wonderful season of the year. We are entering the Pentecost season. We highlight this season with the liturgical color green and hear the themes of spiritual growth and discipleship and the importance of ‘cultivating’ our faith.

The gardeners and farmers among us are well aware of the importance of aerating the soil. Master Gardeners tell us that “Aerating your soil

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relieves compaction, allowing vital oxygen, water, and nutrients to reach deep into the root zone."

Why not see this as a spiritual "aerating" season in your faith journey. As you travel to the beach, the park, the forest, the mountains and into your backyard, you can thank the Lord for the beauty of the earth. Put "worship" on your calendar every Sunday at 9:30 so that, no matter where you are, you can take time to sing, say and pray thanks to God for the beauty of the earth. Put a devotional booklet in your golf bag, beach bag, snack bag and enjoy the portability of your faith.

You can send pictures of your family in worship from various places during this summer season of spiritual depth and "aeration". You can tell others about your experiences. When you are visiting relatives or are at the hotel on Sunday morning, "tune in" to our live stream and participate in worship.

Cultivate your faith. Aerate your spiritual soil. "Feel" your Gospel roots sink deep into the Word of God. Then when asked "What did you do on your summer vacation?", you can happily tell of all your adventures, to include worship of God. What joy awaits us on this journey of faith.

Pastor Mike

In Christ,
Mike Lembke



Listen Here! →



"Tongue of Fire"

-Recording of Pastor Heidi at Studio B in
Hambach, Germany in August of 2002.

Presidential Notes

BY FAWN DEMELLO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT



At our last Celebrate Service, we were asked to write down the gifts that we can give to St. Luke as well as our community. Here are the gifts that members are providing:

Accepting, Art/Stained glass, Artistic abilities, Calming presence, Caring, Charitable donor, Communion bread, Compassion, Cooking/baking, Counseling, Creativity, Dedication, Drawing, Empathy, Encourager, Energetic, Enthusiasm, Excited to learn, Experience, Feed/food, Fellowship, Financial management, Flexible, Friendship, Furniture bank, Gap filler, Gardening, Generosity, Gifts for Jesus, Grant writing, Greeting, Hard work, Helping others in need/helpfulness, Hospitality, Hugs, Human resources, Humor, Ideas for inclusion/reaching more people, Imagination, Integrity, Intense passion for positive change, Interceder, Joy, Kindness, Knitting skill, Knowledge of the environment, Languages – other, Leadership/leading, Learning, Listening ear, Logic, Love, Loyalty, Meal center, Meal packaging, Member, Mentor, Money, Music, Open-mindedness, Organization, Patience, Peace, Planning, Praying/Praying for others, Proud, Public speaking, Read/reading, Scripture reading, Sensitive, Sermon – willing to give, Servant, Serving/serve others, Sharing stories, Singing/Singing voice, Smile, Sponsor, Steadfast, Strategic, Supporter, Taking care of others, Tag sale, Teaching/guiding children, Tech, Tell others what you learned, Trustful, Truth, VBS, Volunteer, Watercolor art, Wisdom, Writing, Yoga and Youth.

We at St. Luke we have an abundance of gifts that we share. Thank you to all who have shared. We are truly Blessed in all we do.

Peace
Fawn

Pass the Guitar Benefit Concert

Ministry News

COMMEMORATING 20 YEARS OF THE HOMELESS HOSPITALITY CENTER

Pass the Guitar

20 SONGS FOR 20 YEARS
+ GUITAR AUCTION AT INTERMISSION

Saturday June 6

6:00-8:00 PM
PIZZA BY DONATION & CASH BAR

Hygienic Art Park

NEW LONDON, CT

TICKETS: \$20 (FOR 20 YEARS!)
OR PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN AT: 

WITH:

- Steve Elci
- Dante Placenza
- Ponybird
- Nick Evento & Paul Catalan
- The Plovers
- Lauren Agnelli
- Woody
- Frank Critelli
- Bernadette Golden
- Jim Carpenter
- Sandy Allen
- Vince Tuckwood
- John Fries
- Anne Castellano
- Terri Lachance
- The Riverdogs
- Dogbite

+ GRAND FINALE!

GIVEBUTTER.COM/PTG

Join the New London Homeless Hospitality Center for Pass the Guitar, a special benefit concert commemorating 20 years of the New London Homeless Hospitality Center! The event will be Saturday, June 6th from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Hygienic Art Park at 79 Bank St, New London.

For nearly that same amount of time, Hugh Birdsall and a talented group of musician friends have been sharing their music in support of our community. This year's event brings that tradition back to the stage for an evening of live music, connection, and celebration. One guitar, passed from person to person, each adding their voice.

Pizza will be available by donation, along with a cash bar. Come be part of a night that brings people together through music, in support of a cause that matters!

Tickets/Donations: givebutter.com/ptg



God's Work, Our Hands
Sunday, September 13, 2026

Welcome home! What sweet words to hear! For our 2026 GWOH Sunday, we will be assembling "welcome home" kits for the New London Homeless Hospital Center (NLHHC). These baskets will be for clients who are transitioning from unhoused to housed, providing supplies for their new residences and helping to set them up for success. A sign-up sheet will be posted and we will begin collecting items in July.

Questions or concerns? Please see Leigh Sammons.

Lifelong Learning News

BY ERICA SULLIVAN

Kids Corner is looking for volunteers to run a class or assist with set up and organizing. There is a sign up sheet outside the kitchen. You can sign up to help one time or a few! If you are interested please see Erica Sullivan or Mark Larson with any questions.

Calling all Graduates! Preschool, 5th grade, HS, PHD! We would like to offer a blessing and prayer for the next phase in your journey on June 7th. If you have a graduate in your house please let Rachel, our parish administrator, Fawn our council President, or Erica Sullivan know so we can add you to our list.

Ever Too Early

Dear God,

So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, and I haven't been grumpy, unkind, or selfish. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and that is when I'm going to need a lot of help. Amen.



These guys would like to help, but they're small and kind of slimy.

The Furniture Bank Tag Sale is almost here. We're going to need lots of STUFF, and we're going to need lots of HELP organizing and selling it. Please bring us stuff to sell, come help us organize it, then come on June 5 (6 to 8 pm) and 6 (8 am to 2 pm) to buy stuff to fill up the space you gained by getting rid of stuff.

What we need...

Anything usually found at tag sales is welcome, but please note that it must be in good condition, and that we cannot accept items that are difficult to sell or dispose of, such as hazardous materials, paint, CRT (old style) TV sets, kitchen cabinets (yeah, we've gotten those!), large appliances (refrigerators, washing machines, etc.), tires, automobile batteries, or sets of encyclopedias. Stuff to sell can be brought to the church beginning on Sunday, May 31, after the service. If you have stuff that you've just gotta get rid of before then (like you're moving to Wisconsin), give us a call at the furniture bank number (860 381-9224) and we'll see if we can arrange something. Please note that we are no longer collecting used furniture for the Furniture Bank, and have very limited space for furniture at the tag sale. Furniture may be acceptable for the sale, but please do not bring it to the sale without checking with us first (can't stress this enough!). We may have to reject items that are too old, too large, in poor condition, or of limited utility.

We'll need lots of help!

It takes a whole week to set up and run the sale, and to clean up the church after the sale. It's a huge undertaking, but also a fun and rewarding way to reach out to the community. The more people who help out, the easier and more fun it becomes. Please consider joining us! We start setting up for the sale on May 31 right after church, and we'll need lots of help!

Come and get it!

After the sale, we will have to load all remaining merchandise into a dumpster. We don't like to throw stuff away, so please consider coming and taking away anything you'd like, either for yourself or to take to local charities. We will begin promptly at 2:00 pm June 6.

In case you didn't know:

The Furniture Bank, which began in 1982 as an outreach of St. Luke, gives new beds and cribs free of charge to people in financial need who are referred by social service agencies and churches. To date, we estimate that we have helped over 21,000 people. We have been running tag sales at St. Luke for 36 years (since 1990). The proceeds are used to supplement grant funds to purchase beds and cribs. Donations for the tag sale are tax-deductible. For further information, ask Karen or Mike Wuesthoff, or call the furniture bank at 860 381-9224.

Hallelujah for Handbells!

Presents

All Creatures Great and Small



**Featuring the handbell choirs of
St. Luke Lutheran Church with
special guest handbell choir, "EmBellish"**

Friday, June 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Luke Lutheran Church
1830 Rt. 12
Gales Ferry, CT

Handicapped accessible
AIR CONDITIONED



Grins & Giggles Preschool News

BY NANCY RUPERT

April showers bring May flowers! We made special frames blowing kisses to our moms and planted flowers to add to our Mother's Day gifts. We had a visit from Kat, who showed us her bugs under glass and our butterflies hatched and are ready to fly away. Pastor Mike came to our classes and played his guitar, taught us some songs and read us books. It was fun meeting him!

At the end of May we are marching in the Memorial Day parade, having our Parent Conferences and going on our field trip to Waterford Country School. We are also making tie-dye tee shirts and Father's Day gifts. Graduation will be Friday, June 12th at 11:00am. Please come and join in our celebration for the Class of 2026!

Minutes of the April Congregation Council Meeting

St. Luke Lutheran Church Minutes of the Congregation Council Meeting April 16, 2026

Councilors in attendance: Fawn DeMello, Pastor Heidi Johnston, Helmut Steinnagel, Leigh Sammons, Erica Sullivan, John Perkins

Excused: Alan Nordquist, Pat Robbins, Brad Dame, Janis Vajdos

Recording secretary: Mitchell Robinson

Council President Fawn DeMello called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

Devotions

- Leigh Sammons led devotions.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded to approve the agenda with the following changes. The motion carried.
 - Addition of Facilities action.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion: Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded to approve the March 18, 2026, Council minutes and to note the approval of Pastor Heidi Johnston's vacation days via eVote on March 21, 2026.
- Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded table approval the March 18, 2026, Council minutes because it was determined that all of the Council members did not receive the minutes for review. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- The Council noted the approval of Pastor Heidi Johnston's vacation days for April 14-15, 2026 via eVote on March 21, 2026.

President's Remarks

- Fawn DeMello discussed the Executive Report.
- Motion: Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded that the Congregation Council approve two vacation days for Pastor Heidi Johnston on Sunday, October 18 and Monday, October 19, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- Motion: Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded that the Congregation Council support and approve Pastor Heidi Johnston to serve as the Chaplain at the Women's Weekend at Camp Calumet on Sunday, November 15, 2026. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Minutes of the April Congregation Council Meeting

Church Members' Comments/Concerns

- None

Financial Reports

- Please refer to the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, and Consolidated Fund Activity Report documents.
- Audit is in process.
- Brad Dame reviewed the COMCAST contract and recommended that it be renewed.

Pastor's Report

- Please refer to the Pastor's Report document.
 - It was noted that Pastor Johnston received two grants and one donation rather than two grants and two donations for her sabbatical.
 - Pastor Johnston reported that she is visiting the shut-ins prior to her sabbatical.
 - Pastor Lembke participated in a planning meeting with the worship staff.
 - Pastor Lembke will serve as point of contact for all congregational matters and will contact Pastor Johnston if required.

Purpose Teams Reports

- Evangelism.
 - Fawn DeMello noted that there will be a WELCA gathering at Quincey
 - **Motion:** Pastor Johnston moved and it was seconded that the Congregation Council approve the following people for membership in St. Luke Lutheran Church:
 - Natalie Dannecker
 - Colleen Goodrich
 - Althea Koschmieder
 - Kristine Sonstrom Malowski and children Ava and Samuel
 - Jean Martin
 - The motion carried.
 - New members will be received on April 19, 2026.
- Fellowship
 - Nothing to report.
- Lifelong Learning
 - Please refer to the Lifelong Learning Report document.
 - Erica asked about an acknowledgment of graduates. Pastor Johnston said she will brief Pastor Lembke on what she had done in previous years.
 - **Motion:** Erica Sullivan moved and it was seconded that the Congregation Council approve a Car Wash fundraiser on Sunday, August 30, 2026 after worship to support youth and adults attending
 - the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering. The motion carried.

Minutes of the April Congregation Council Meeting

- Outreach Ministry
 - Please refer to the Outreach Report document.
 - God's Work, Our Hands will be on Sunday, September 13, 2026.
 - Next Tag Sale will be on June 5-6, 2026.
 - 113 meals were served at the New London Meal Center on Easter Sunday.
- Worship
 - Please refer to the Worship Team Activity Summary and Director of Music Council Report documents.
 - Motion: Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded that the Congregation Council approve that Ledyard Music be allowed to collect a good will offering at their concert on May 17, 2026. The motion carried.

Support Team Reports

- Communications
 - Please refer to the Communications Report document.
- Facilities
 - Please refer to the Facilities Report document.
 - John Perkins has met with U.S.A Mechanical about air handler.
 - John Perkins is coordinating repairs to the door frame with Rapid Locksmith.
 - Fawn DeMello asked John Perkins to acquire an "A" Key for Pastor Lembke.
 - Motion: John Perkins moved and it was seconded to allow Bonner Electric to purchase nine exit signs in the amount of \$2,000. John advised that the fire marshal recommended that lighted signs be provided to direct people to the exits. The motion carried.
- Parish
 - Please refer to the Church Office Report document.
- People
 - Helmut Steinnagel reported that he is preparing hiring letters for two new Grins & Giggles staff members.

Motion to Accept All Reports

- Motion: Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded to accept all reports. Any changes will be noted in subsequent reports. The motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Next meeting will be May 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm in person.

Devotions: Pat Robbins

Motion to Adjourn and Closing Prayer – Lord's Prayer

- Motion: Fawn DeMello moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion. The motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Robinson, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report for April 2026

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report for Month Ending
April 30, 2026

May 17, 2026

Income Summary

Pledged offerings for the month of April were \$6.5K below the monthly budget, resulting in pledged offerings for the year being almost exactly equal to the YTD budget. Grace Giving for the month of April was almost exactly equal to the monthly budget, resulting in YTD grace giving being \$4.3K above the YTD budget. With all offering sources combined, our YTD total offerings are approximately \$4.7K above the YTD budget.

Grins & Giggles income for the month of April was above the monthly budget by \$1188, resulting in YTD Grins & Giggles income as of the end of April being \$2.6K greater than the YTD budget.

We also earned \$388 in investment income in the month of April, primarily from our two Thrivent CD's.

With all budgeted income sources combined, our actual total budgeted income for the month of April was \$9.3K less than the monthly budget, making the YTD total budgeted income \$7.4K greater than the YTD budget. There is a (\$3866) (i.e., negative) income for the month of April under "Special Income" in the Structures Income category; this is actually a \$3866 expense for (donation to) ELCA Good Gifts from the chicks collection. This was booked under Structures income since the last time this account was used, which is believed to be several to many years ago, this was used for sanctuary improvements.

A summary of the YTD April 2026 budgeted income is provided in the table below:

Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Pledges	23,493.87	30,000.00	135,602.31	135,000.00	371,268.00	235,665.69
Grace Giving	2,995.00	3,000.00	17,346.62	13,000.00	37,700.00	20,353.38
Loose Cash Offering	258.00	333.00	1,211.00	1,332.00	4,000.00	2,789.00
Special Envelopes	240.00	400.00	774.00	900.00	1,700.00	926.00
Offerings	\$26,986.87	\$33,733.00	\$154,933.93	\$150,232.00	\$414,668.00	\$259,734.07
Building Use	425.63	283.00	1,312.52	1,132.00	3,400.00	2,087.48
Special Collections	(3,865.75)		0.00			
Structures Income	(\$3,440.12)	\$283.00	\$1,312.52	\$1,132.00	\$3,400.00	\$2,087.48
Investments Div/Interest	388.24	400.00	1,518.21	1,600.00	4,920.00	3,401.79
Other Income	\$388.24	\$400.00	\$1,518.21	\$1,600.00	\$4,920.00	\$3,401.79
Grins & Giggles Income - Donations	0.00		15.00			
Grins & Giggles Income-Tuition	9,730.00	8,600.00	37,060.00	34,400.00	94,579.00	57,519.00
Grins & Giggles Income-Registration fees	150.00	92.00	300.00	368.00	1,100.00	800.00
Total Grins and Giggles Income	\$9,880.00	\$8,692.00	\$37,375.00	\$34,768.00	\$95,679.00	\$58,319.00
Total Budgeted Income	\$33,814.99	\$43,108.00	\$195,139.66	\$187,732.00	\$518,667.00	\$323,542.34

Treasurer's Report for April 2026

In addition to budgeted income, there was also \$22,733 of unbudgeted income in the month of April. This included a \$1500 grant for Pr. Heidi's sabbatical from the New England Synod ELCA that was placed into the Sabbatical fund, a \$10,000 donation to the internship fund, a \$600 donation to the Good Samaritan fund, and multiple smaller donations and payments. There is also a \$10,000 Special Gifts Income in the Treasurer's report which comprises part of the total unbudgeted income for the month; however, this is not true income since it is just a transfer of the \$10,000 internship fund donation from the Church Windows donation module to the accounting module. There is a corresponding \$10,000 "expense" in the unbudgeted expenses. Since it is documented as both income and expense, it has no effect on the bottom-line delta between expense and income.

Expense Summary

Total Budgeted YTD Expenses of \$171,925.20 is less than the YTD budget of \$195,139.66 by \$23,214.46 as of the end of April. April budgeted expenses were less than the monthly budget by \$10,056.13.

Grins & Giggles YTD Expenses of \$30,040.54 is less than the budget of \$35,099.00 by \$5058.46.

Net Results: As of the end of April 2026 we have an Actual YTD Total Income of \$270,945.10, and Total Expenses of \$204,331.74, resulting in a difference of \$66,613.36. A high-level year to date summary is in the table below.

Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Total Budgeted Income	\$33,814.99	\$43,108.00	\$195,139.66	\$187,732.00	\$518,667.00	\$323,542.34
TOTAL Budgeted Expense	\$39,819.87	\$49,876.00	\$171,925.20	\$183,498.00	\$534,359.00	\$362,501.78
Budgeted Income/Expense Difference	(\$6,004.88)	(\$6,768.00)	\$23,214.46	\$4,234.00	(\$15,692.00)	(\$38,959.44)
Total Grins and Giggles Income	\$9,880.00	\$8,692.00	\$37,375.00	\$34,768.00	\$95,679.00	\$58,319.00
Total Grins & Giggles Expense	\$6,247.82	\$8,831.00	\$30,040.54	\$35,099.00	\$96,627.00	\$66,601.46
Grins & Giggles Income/Expense Difference	\$3,632.18	(\$139.00)	\$7,334.46	(\$331.00)	(\$948.00)	(\$8,282.46)
Total Income	\$56,547.77	\$43,108.00	\$270,945.10	\$187,732.00	\$534,361.00	\$339,236.34
Total Expense	\$66,393.45	\$49,876.00	\$204,331.74	\$183,498.00	\$534,359.00	\$362,501.78
Total Income/Expense Difference	(\$9,845.68)	(\$6,768.00)	\$66,613.36	\$4,234.00	\$2.00	(\$23,265.44)

Other Treasurer Activity:

- Reviewed bi-weekly payroll
- Reviewed April bank reconciliation
- Received the Audit Team report on 4/17/26

Respectfully Submitted,
 Alan Nordquist
 Treasurer

Consolidated Fund Activity Report April 2026

St Luke Lutheran Church - Gales Ferry CT Consolidated Fund Activity Report for April 2026

Monday, May 11, 2026

Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.1001.1001	General Operating Fund Balance	69,639.59	33,814.99	39,819.87	-	63,634.71
3.1050.1000	<i>Building Fund Balance</i>					
3.1050.1001	General Building Fund Balance	22,412.55	10.00	-	-	22,422.55
3.1050.1002	Sanctuary Renovations Balance	4,612.36	10.00	-	-	4,622.36
3.1060.1000	Memorial Fund Balance	6,548.27	-	-	-	6,548.27
3.1070.1000	Long Term Contingency Fund Balance	14,102.68	10.00	-	-	14,112.68
3.1080.1000	Unrestricted Gifts Fund Balance	129,502.90	-	9,082.66	-	120,420.24
3.2001.1000	<i>Worship-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2001.1001	Special Music Balance	2,544.61	-	-	-	2,544.61
3.2001.1003	Handbell Program Fund Balance	735.81	-	-	-	735.81
3.2001.2020	Embellish (Bells of Fire) Fund Balance	2,001.33	-	-	-	2,001.33
3.2002.1000	<i>Administrative-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2002.1004	Special Gifts Balance	180.04	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	180.04
3.2002.1006	Staff Development Balance	3,794.80	-	-	-	3,794.80
3.2002.1012	Sabbatical Fund Balance	17,895.00	1,500.00	7,143.25	-	12,251.75
3.2002.1100	Internship Program Balance	1,500.00	10,000.00	-	-	11,500.00
3.2002.1007	Flowers Balance	269.45	372.78	493.50	-	148.73
3.2004.1000	<i>Fellowship-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2004.1005	Fellowship Special Events Balance	2,111.96	-	-	-	2,111.96
3.2004.1010	Fellowship Furnishings Balance	6,021.56	-	-	-	6,021.56
3.2005.1000	<i>Special Programs Balance</i>					
3.2005.1002	Great Lakes Scrip Program Balance	3,145.25	-	155.72	-	2,989.53
3.2006.1000	<i>Youth-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2006.1003	ELCA Youth Gathering Balance	8,060.48	-	-	-	8,060.48
3.2006.1004	Youth Mission Trip Balance	522.15	-	-	-	522.15
3.2007.1000	<i>Family Ministry-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2007.1001	Family Ministry Activities Balance	208.00	-	-	-	208.00
3.2008.1000	<i>Life Long Learning-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2008.1001	Ecumenical VBS Balance	252.58	-	-	-	252.58
3.2008.1003	Women's Retreat Balance	236.12	-	-	-	236.12
3.2008.1010	Grins & Giggles Donations Balance	188.48	-	-	-	188.48
3.2009.1000	<i>Ministry-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2002.1005	Thrivent Choice Balance	534.00	62.00	-	-	596.00
3.2009.1001	Meal Center Balance	723.25	-	-	-	723.25
3.2010.1000	<i>Discretionary Gifts Balance</i>					
3.2010.1001	Pastors' Discretionary Balance	8,583.37	-	(301.55)	-	8,884.92
3.2010.1002	Good Samaritan Fund Balance	5,601.92	600.00	-	-	6,201.92
3.2010.1003	Council Discretionary Fund Balance	3,087.20	168.00	-	-	3,255.20
3.2010.1004	Camp Calumet Scholarships Balance	1,175.00	-	-	-	1,175.00
3.2011.1000	<i>Facilities Support-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2011.1001	Memorial Garden Balance	4,005.85	-	-	-	4,005.85
3.9000.1000	Net Fixed Asset Fund Balance	1,918,224.00	-	-	-	1,918,224.00
Total		<u>\$2,238,420.56</u>	<u>\$56,547.77</u>	<u>\$66,393.45</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,228,574.88</u>

- ANIMALS
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Noah and the Ark

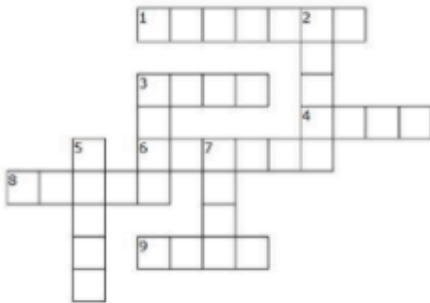


Remember To Pray



Wise or Foolish

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24 (NVI)
Based on Matthew 7:24-27



ACROSS

1. Lacking good sense
3. The natural movement of air
4. A large stone
6. A small river
8. A building where a family lives
9. Loose soil which is found on beaches

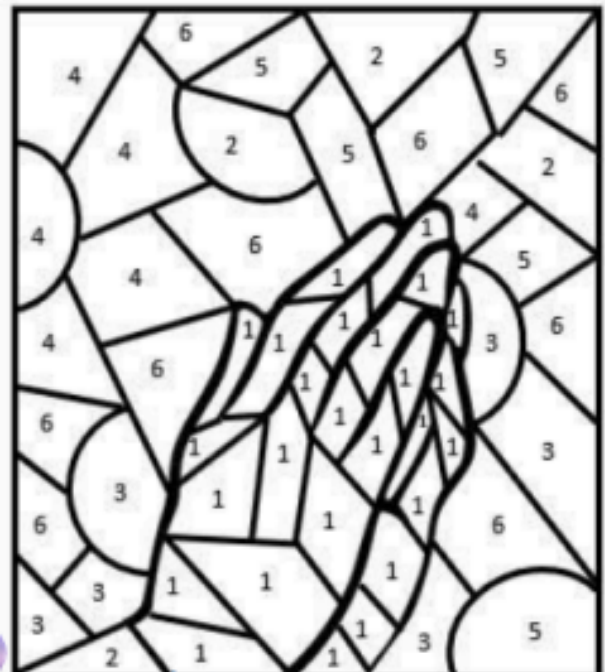
DOWN

2. A sudden or violent condition in nature
3. Someone who exercises good judgment in his daily life is _____
5. To make or form something such as a house
7. Water that falls from the sky

HOUSE	FOOLISH	BUILD	STORM	WIND
WISE	STREAM	RAIN	SAND	ROCK

Color-By-Number To Find The Praying Hands

1. your skin color
2. blue
3. green
4. yellow
5. red
6. orange



Prayer List

Pray for healing:

JeanneSteinnagel
Jason Francher (neighbor of Elaine Remondi-Simpson)
Sue (friend of the Finleys)
David Erickson (Son of Joanne Erickson)
Ernest Koschmieder (husband of Althea)
Cyndi Arnold
Lisa Burgess (family of Elaine Remondi-Simpson)
Carol Hurlbutt (sister of Mitch Robinson)
Richard Stanton (friend of the Tobiassens)
Stacey Stone (daughter-in-law of the Tobiassens)
Baby Eliana Marshall (friend of Lauren Brundage)
Chris Hansen (friend of the Lettieres)
Kathy West
Madysen Lent (friend of Elaine Lettiere)
Steve Roman (Brother of Sandy Wimmermark)

Pam Roman (sister-in-law of Sandy Wimmermark)
Daniel Miller (son of Kathy West)
Elaine Remondi-Simpson
Dawn Nienow (sister of Cathy Hanson)
Vicki Breuell (friend of the Nelsons)
Mandy Kelly (friend of the Wuesthoffs)
Dick Wimmermark
Kevin Ames (friend of the Steinnagels)
Livingston Carroll (brother of Patricia Carroll-French)
Travis Turner
Linda Lovewell (former member)
Doris Remondi (mother of Elaine Remondi-Simpson)
Kasey Peek
Claudia Sanchez (sister of Rut Sanchez)
Chip Moran
Donna (friend of Leigh Sammons)
Joy Elisabeth (daughter of Patricia Carroll-French)
Sandy (friend of Patricia Carroll-French)

Pray for those who are Grieving:

Pray for active duty military:

Christopher Bushy (nephew of Fawn DeMello)
Nicholas Tavernay (grandson of Althea)
Caleb
Henry Yanaway
Christian Conrad
Adrian Estrella
Martin Wuesthoff
Andy Sammons
Derek Raymond
Patrick Wimmermark

Pray for homebound, those receiving long-term care, & their caregivers:

Tony Lettiere (father of Dan Lettiere)
Sabina Moran (mother of Gina Donovan)
Ann Stanton (friend of the Tobiassens)
Nick Iario (relative of Kathleen Bartkowski)
Kathy Dame
Fred Launer
Pauline Wanner
Bob Chernansky
Jenny Waller
Lynn Minichino

Pray for those with other concerns:

MOSAIC
ELCA World Hunger



Scroll Deadline: Third Monday of the Month

The deadline for the Scroll is the third Monday of each month. Articles may be submitted as hard-copy or via e-mail to communications@stlukegf.org.



Add a Prayer

If you would like to add a prayer request to the Weekly, please complete the Prayer Request form on the reverse side of the yellow Connections form. Leave the form in the pew and the ushers will collect them and turn them in to the church office. You can also add a prayer request by calling the office at 860-464-7897

June Celebrations

Birthdays:

Quinn Aleshire 6/02
Susan Anderson 6/26
Kellie August 6/08
Susan Bibeau 6/12
Rayanne Chambers 6/03
Logan Dame 6/12
Charlotte Johnson 6/21
Steve Johnson 6/14
Oliver Johnston 6/04
Gwendolyn Leen 6/26
Jeanne Loomis 6/30
Norman Owsley 6/24
Tom Scott 6/23
Michael Steele 6/09
Helmut Steinnagel 6/04
Michael Wuesthoff 6/27

Wedding Anniversaries:

(# of Years Married)

Justin & Karen Aleshire 6/10 (8)
Charles & Susan Anderson Jr. 6/25 (60)
Phil & Lynn Minichino 6/12 (33)
Al & Tammy Nordquist 6/27 (28)
Robert Simpson &
Elaine Remondi-Simpson 6/26 (44)
Travis & Phyllis Turner 6/5 (61)

Baptismal Birthdays:

Kris Balinski 6/06/1982
Rayanne Chambers 6/??/1938
Camille Felty 6/03/2012
Penelope Howell-Heller 6/07/1953
Emily Miller 6/18/1987
Tom Nolan 6/05/1938
Mitchell Robinson 6/14/1953
Helmut Steinnagel 6/20/1951
Jeanne Steinnagel 6/04/1950
Jessica Vajdos 6/27/2004
Tyler Zitzkat 6/12/2005

DID WE MISS YOUR CELEBRATION?
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE,
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PARISHADMIN@STLUKEGF.ORG, SO WE CAN
BE SURE TO HONOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY.

ST. LUKE—SCHEDULE TO SERVE – June 2026

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lay Readers	Communion Deacons	Acolytes	Tech Team	Assisting Ministers
6/7								
9:30	Barb Candler	Ray Heller & John Perkins		Lay Readers	Pat Robbins & Leigh Sammons	Camille & Everett	Dave & Al	Katie Launer-Felty
6/14								
9:30	Sue Bibeau	Al Nordquist & Dennis Sindel		Lay Readers	Marty Wood & Nancy Rupert	Nate & Alexander	Jim & Dean	Felix
6/21								
9:30	Joanne Erickson	Mark & Louise Larson		Lay Readers	Camille Felty & Diane Hansen	Everett & Nate	Roni & Kristian	Fawn DeMello
6/28								
9:30	Joan Lambert	David Zitzkat and John Perkins		Lay Readers	Jerry Swope & Charlie Anderson	Camille & Alexander	Brad & Dave	Jacqueline

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Church Calendar of Events

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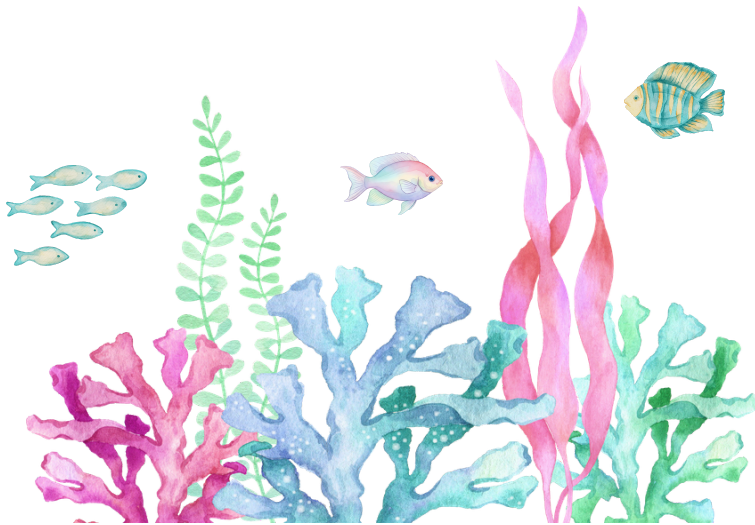
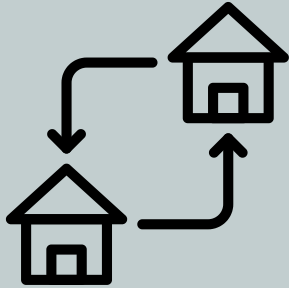
*Community Group

Music Rehearsals:

Monday 5:00pm - Grace Notes
 Tuesday 6:00pm - The Belles
 Wednesday 9:00am - EmBellish
 Wednesday 7:00pm - JuBELLation

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 9:00am Grins & Giggles 5:00pm Grace Notes 7:00pm AA* 7:00pm Thames River Big Band	2 9:00am Grins & Giggles 9:30am OA* 6:00pm The Belles 7:00pm Senior Choir	3 9:00am EmBellish 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Narthex 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	4 9:00am Grins & Giggles	5 Tag Sale 9:00am Grins & Giggles	6 Tag Sale 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
7 CELEBRATE 9:30am In-person & Livestream worship 2:30pm New London Meal Center 3:00pm Fellowship Hall Rental	8 9:00am Grins & Giggles 5:00pm Grace Notes 7:00pm AA* 7:00pm Thames River Big Band	9 9:00am Grins & Giggles 9:30am OA* 6:00pm The Belles 7:00pm Senior Choir	10 9:00am EmBellish 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Narthex 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	11 Grins & Giggles Grad Setup 9:00am Grins & Giggles	12 12:00pm Grins & Giggles Graduation 6:00pm Hallelujah for Handbells	13 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
14 Kids' Corner 9:30am In-person & Livestream worship 11:00am Lifelong Learning Meeting	15 Fellowship Team Meeting SCROLL DEADLINE 9:00am Grins & Giggles Camp 5:00pm Girls Scouts 5:00pm Grace Notes 7:00pm AA* 7:00pm Thames River Big Band	16 9:00am Grins & Giggles Camp 9:30am OA* 7:00pm Senior Choir	17 9:00am Grins & Giggles Camp 11:00am Picnic in the Park 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.* 5:00pm Janis Vajdos FH Rental	18 9:00am Grins & Giggles Camp 6:00pm CONGREGATION COUNCIL	19 LHS Small Ensemble Concert 9:00am Grins & Giggles Camp	20 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
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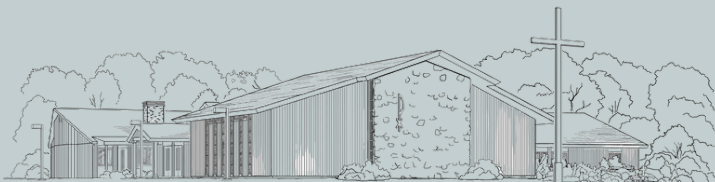
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