

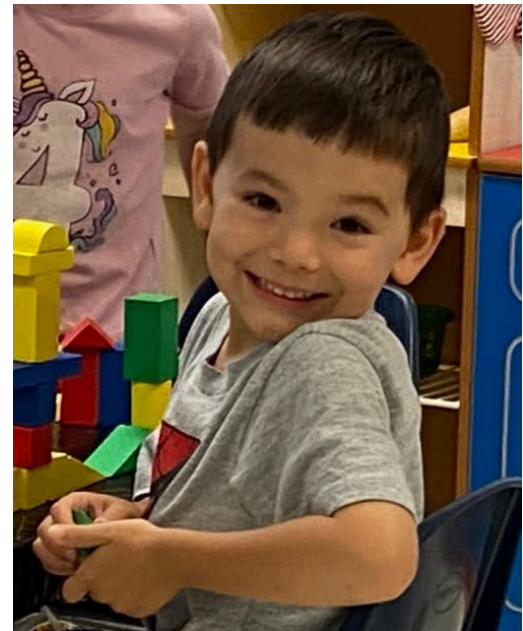


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OCTOBER 2025



"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 HEIDI

Blessed Fall, St. Luke Siblings in Christ!



In life together as members of the body of Christ, we have the great joy and responsibility of stewarding our gifts in ways that help bring about God's kin-dom. On Rally Day, St. Luke ministry teams hosted tables with information and sign up sheets, inviting folks to steward their time and talents in ways that support the work we do through this worshiping body, in the name of Jesus. We take encouragement from the Holy Spirit to steward our time faithfully, choosing to worship together, serve selflessly, and give listening ears and help to those struggling and in need.

We are also called upon to be generous in our financial giving, as God has first been generous with humans, giving the world diverse caches of natural resources, ingenuity, creativity, and wisdom.

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This month, we'll all be receiving an invitation to pledge generously, within our own means, as St. Luke makes a budget plan for ministry year 2026.

The theme for the Financial Stewardship drive this year is:

Rooted in Grace, Growing in Generosity

"Then the father said to him, 'You are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.'" (Luke 15:31)

We are always accompanied by our Father, our Creator God, and this can give us assurance that we are standing strong in God's grace and love, rooted down in faith, giving us great capacity to reach outwards, branching out into expansive generosity.

Look out for your letter in the mail, and listen for all the ways your financial generosity supports mission and ministry through St. Luke Lutheran Church, always to the glory of God. Many thanks for the continued giving in 2025, that we might be in meaningful mutual ministry together!

Rooted in God's grace,

Pastor Heidi Johnston



Presidential Notes

BY FAWN DEMELLO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT



I have been busy with a number of meetings through different groups this last month. The New England Synod scheduled another President Town Meeting and also invited Vice Presidents as well. These town meetings are with all the congregations that are part of the New England Synod. Scheduled meetings are going to happen each month with different topics that are being selected by the New England Synod.

Discussion for this last month was about Stewardship, Model Constitution, and Leadership Challenges and Opportunities. Casey Wilson who works at the Synod level was our host this

We learned that the Stewardship campaign this year is based off the theme "Rooted in God's Grace." There are a number of great resources that were discussed to let congregations know ideas that they can do their own campaign with. I really liked that they said:

*"Stewardship is every day, every year and is all of your life."
Stewardship means taking care of the gifts!*

We, the Executive Team, are looking into getting our Constitution approved with the New England Synod. We were shown a Model Constitution and will use this model in comparison to our own Constitution here at St. Luke Lutheran to make sure we are in compliance. Our Constitution will be given out prior to the Annual Meeting for the congregation to review and to be approved to send to the New England Synod.

There were small groups that we were put in, to discuss with other congregations of opportunities to bring in new members. One congregation is on the older side, so they are having difficulty in attracting new members. I did talk about how we just had a great celebration of new members coming to St. Luke Lutheran. We are still working together to bring in more members. One suggestion was to have short term projects to have more members involved and hopefully more to join us.

I am looking forward to what we here at St. Luke Lutheran can continue to grow in our ministries and our own faith journeys in the near future.

Peace
Fawn





A mouse helping with the Furniture Bank Tag Sale? We'll believe that when we see it!. Meanwhile, we're going to need lots of stuff, and lots of help organizing and selling it. Karen and Mike are going to need more help than ever, since they're both using canes to get around.

We love tag sales, and we hope you do too! **So please bring us stuff to sell, come help us organize it, then come to the tag sale on November 7 (6 to 8 pm) and 8 (8 am to 2 pm)** to buy stuff to fill up the space you gained by getting rid of stuff. Please start cleaning out your basements and garages and attics, and save the good stuff for the sale. You'll get rid of stuff you don't need, somebody else will love it, and the money we earn selling it will provide beds and cribs for people who otherwise could not afford them!

Look for pictures of superheroes around the church (most of them bigger than this guy), and see how many you can identify.

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, November 2, after the service. If you have stuff that you've just gotta get rid of before then (like you're moving to Montana), 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. 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 November 2 right after church, and we'll need lots of help!

In case you didn't know:

The Furniture Bank, which began in 1982 as an outreach of St. Luke, gives new beds free of charge to people in financial need who are referred by social service agencies, hospitals, and churches. To date, we estimate that we have helped over 21,000 people. We have been running tag sales at St. Luke for 35 years (since 1990). The proceeds are used to supplement grant funds to purchase beds and cribs.



Several years ago, it was decided to change the traditional title of "Christian Education" to "Lifelong Learning", to better encompass the idea that we never stop learning about Christ, God's love, and our lives as Christians.

Kids' Corner meets the second and fourth Sundays of each month. All children are welcomed to join us and teen/adult help is always needed and appreciated!

Middle School Youth Group is looking for adults to coordinate and supervise events and activities for our 5th through 8th graders. Activities could include Halloween trunk or treat, bowling, corn maze, game night, movie night, and so on.

This fall, Adult Forum, includes a book group discussion of *How to End Christian Nationalism* by Amanda Tyler and led by Pastor Heidi. Beginning in the new year, we are looking for people to lead adult forum learning opportunities. This could be a single-session on a topic or experience you'd like to share or a multi-week discussion group.

Nursery attendants are still needed. This is a paid position that can be job shared.

Please contact Leigh Sammons at lesammons@gmail.com for more information about lifelong learning opportunities at St.Luke.

Soctober

BY LEIGH SAMMONS

Ministry News

Socketober has been a hugely successful St.Luke outreach project for many years. Let's continue to generously support the need for warm socks in our community. New socks for children and adults are needed. Black socks for adults are preferred over white ones and all kinds and sizes for children. Place socks in the toe-tally awesome box, lovingly decorated by Kids'Corner, which is in the Narthex.



Thank You!

BY DIANE HANSEN

Ministry News

THANK YOU to everyone who participated on September 7, 2025 at our God's Work Our Hands Free Veggies action. GWOH t-shirts, purchased with a Thrivent grant, were given out. We had abundance of produce from the community garden and from St. Luke members. Kids Corner had planted flowers in the spring, Leigh Sammons harvested and tied them into bouquets, and our Kids handed them out to our guests. Rain prevented us from setting up outside, so Diane Hansen - with the help of five of our guests! - brought the tables inside and wiped them down, then - again with the help of our guests! - stocked them with the donated produce. We had around thirty guests from 10:45 to noon. Elaine Remondi-Simpson brought lots of leftovers to the Gemma Moran Food Center in New London. We had nine WEVERS, who braved the rain and waved soggy signs on the edge of Route 12, getting honks and attention for our outreach effort. There are photos on the Outreach Team bulletin board.

Sunday October 19, 2025 United Methodist Church
Register from 12:30-1:00 p.m.

We will be gathering at UMC, on Chapman Lane, 12:30-1:00 p.m. with our neighboring churches in the community. After brief remarks at 1:00 p.m., we will be stepping off together to raise awareness and funds to help feed hungry people. Ninety-nine participants in the 2024 walk raised a total of \$20,292.00. Seventy-five percent of the funds, \$15,239.00, funded mainly global disaster relief. The Gemma Moran Food Center received \$5,073.00, 25% of those funds. Our 2025 community goal is to raise \$21,000.00 and continue to address increasing needs.

What's changed since our last walk? Church World Services, our faith based sponsor established 79 years ago, was among the organizations that lost all funding from the federal government. Four hundred employees lost their jobs and their mission has been curtailed. Locally food insecurity for our county has risen 15.1% overall and 18.9% for children. Gemma Moran is providing 6.3% more food for 26,849 people a month visiting pantries, an increase of 14%. Increasing costs and less aid cause more people to find themselves in need of assistance.

Why do communities across the country participate in this annual event? Our mission is to bring awareness to local communities about the ongoing need for all people to have access to: nutritious food, clean water, healthy communities and opportunities to earn a living throughout the world. We raise funds for: direct feeding programs; clean water and hygiene projects; provide people with seeds, tools, animals, and training to help them to provide for their own needs. (75% of funds are dispersed by Church World Services overseas, 25% stays in SECT)

How can I help and join others in making a difference?

Visit the website: events.crophungerwalk.org/galesferryct. Sign up for the Gales Ferry/Ledyard walk online for the St. Luke team or pick-up an envelope at church in September. Share what you have learned with others in your circle. Encourage them to join you in donating funds for the mission. If you can't walk, make a donation to a walker on line, in cash, or by check payable to CWS/CROP. Join us in the ongoing fight to reduce hunger. We walk because they walk!

Let's step out and make a life changing difference together.

Elaine Remondi-Simpson


**Sign Up
Here**



**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Crop Walk funds feed the hungry
around the world!

Join the walk October 19th.
This is a family friendly event happening at
United Methodist Church of Gales Ferry at
10 Chapman Lane in Gales Ferry.



OCTOBER 19

As the seasons change, so does our liturgy, both spoken and sung. I definitely have my favorite sung liturgy and let's face it, change can be uncomfortable.

Our sung liturgy and hymns have been chosen from three different hymnals up until now - Evangelical Lutheran Worship ("red book") 2006; With One Voice 1995; and All Creation Sings 2020. Other sung liturgy has come from outside sources, both composed by Marty Haugen - Creation Setting, and Now the Feast and Celebration.

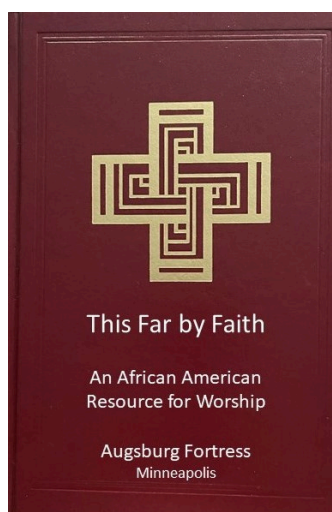
This Far by Faith (An African American Resource for Worship) first published in 1999, is a new hymnal for us. More and more of our hymns have been recommended from this hymnal.

"The dialog between culture and the Christian faith expressed in worship is as old as the faith itself. The church's basic pattern of liturgy itself has antecedents both in the synagogue service and the festive meal practices of the Jewish people and was further shaped by the cultures in which the first Christians lived.

The interplay between worship and culture is often a messy enterprise. Fortunately, the Lutheran heritage calls for unity in the common, evangelical core of worship and at the same time allowing for flexibility and freedom in the ways this is communicated and celebrated.

As the first African American worship supplement prepared for use among Lutherans, *This Far by Faith* makes available to the wider church some of the riches of African American liturgy and song." *This Far by Faith*

On September 14th we have begun the new sung liturgy from *This Far by Faith*.





Grins & Giggles Preschool News

BY NANCY RUPERT

Preschool began on September 2nd and two classes of ten children each happily bounded through our doors. The new Nap Mats have been a huge success and the children are so proud when they are able to roll them up by themselves and put them away. Our first two weeks have centered on learning the routines and making new friends. Learning the importance of hand washing was emphasized and practiced religiously.

Our Community Helpers week brought the Ledyard Fire Department to our classes to demonstrate fire safety measures and the children were able to climb into the firetruck to see what it felt like to be a firefighter. Our local police made an appearance as well helping us realize the impact the police have on our daily lives.

In October we will be taking our fall field trip to Scott Orchards to pick apples and learn a lesson about apples. Picked apples will be made into applesauce on our return from the field trip. We also will be visited by the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center. The center will be bringing their live animals for the children to see and touch while teaching the children how animals prepare for winter.

The final two weeks of October will be devoted to pumpkins, ghosts and usually 'superheros' like Spiderman as we celebrate with a 'Trick or Treat' party. Parents dress up and participate too!

Minutes of the August Congregation Council Meeting

St. Luke Lutheran Church Minutes of the Regular Congregation Council Meeting August 21, 2025

Councilors in attendance in person: Fawn DeMello, Mark Larson, John Perkins, Erica Sullivan, Brad Dame, Kellie August, Al Nordquist, Janis Vajdos

Congregation member in attendance: Felix Vajdos

Excused absence: Pastor Heidi Johnston, Pat Robbins

Recording secretary: Liese Zitzkat

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Council President Fawn DeMello.

Devotions

- John Perkins led devotions.
- September devotions will be led by Pat Robbins, October by Kellie August.

Approval of Agenda

- Motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to have the Congregation Council accept the agenda for tonight. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Approval of June 19, 2025 Minutes

- Motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to accept the approval of the June 19, 2025 Council minutes. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

President's Remarks

- There is an opportunity for St. Luke to host an intern from United Lutheran Seminary from August 2026 to July 2027.
- Fawn will be following up to obtain more information about the Employee Retention Tax Credit that St. Luke may be receiving.
- The Ad-hoc Tech Team is looking for a local company to service our computer server.

Church Members' Comments/Concerns

- On behalf of the Ad-Hoc HVAC Team, Felix Vajdos presented an update on the St. Luke lighting upgrade.
 - The original lighting proposal (approved by the Congregation at the 2025 Annual Meeting) has been updated in response to concerns about lumen output and staff comfort levels. The new proposal increases the cost to St. Luke by approximately \$16,000. The HVAC Team recommends declining this proposal and postponing the lighting upgrade in order to focus on other concerns.
 - The Council discussed this recommendation.
 - Motion was made (Janis Vajdos) and seconded to authorize Felix Vajdos to decline the updated offer from Artis Energy in regard to the lighting for St. Luke. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August Congregation Council Meeting

- Motion was made (Mark Larson) and seconded to ask Felix Vajdos to draft a letter to the Congregation explaining the reasons we are declining the Artis project. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

- Please refer to the Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheet, and Consolidated Fund Activity Report documents.
- Al Nordquist opened a second CD with Thrivent Bank with \$50,000, as approved at the May 2025 Council meeting.

New Business

- None

Other New Business

- None

Pastor's Report

- Please refer to the Pastor's Report document.
- Motion was made (Fawn DeMello) to accept Pastor Heidi's vacation request for November 24-26, 2025 and November 30, 2025 and in addition for December 30-31, 2025. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Purpose Teams Reports

- Evangelism
 - Please refer to the separate Evangelism Report.
- Fellowship
 - Please refer to the Fellowship Team Report document.
- Lifelong Learning
 - Please refer to the Lifelong Learning Report document.
- Outreach Ministry
 - Please refer to the Outreach Ministry Report document.
 - Motion was made (Kellie August) and seconded to accept donations during the month of November 2025 for Ledyard Social Services.
 - Following discussion, the motion was amended (Kellie August) to accept donations in special marked envelopes during the month of November 2025 to donate to Ledyard Social Services. The amended motion was seconded. There was no further discussion. Amended motion carried.
 - Future events: October – sock collection, December – Gifts for Jesus.
 - The Card Ministry will use postage to send cards to those on our prayer list and members who have not attended in a while.
 - Motion was made (Kellie August) and seconded to approve the Card Ministry of postage stamps to be paid for by St. Luke through Outreach Ministry. Motion was withdrawn.
 - Motion was made (Janis Vajdos) and seconded to allow the Card Ministry to pay for postage through the Office Supplies budget. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August Congregation Council Meeting

- Worship
 - Please refer to the Worship Team Activity Summary and Director of Music Council Report documents.

Support Team Reports

- Communications
 - Please refer to the Communications Report document.
- Facilities
 - Please refer to the Facilities Report document.
- Parish
 - Please refer to the Church Office Report document.
- People
 - Please refer to the People Support Report document.
 - Motion was made (Mark Larson) and seconded to accept revisions to the Employee Handbook as noted with recommended edits in the section on staff holidays. Following discussion, the motion carried.

Motion to Accept All Reports

- Motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to accept all reports. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Old Business

- None

Items for Follow-Up Prior to Next Meeting

- Next Council meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2025.
- Fawn DeMello will send Diane Hansen the bylaws and CRs for Outreach electronically.
- The Council will be discussing the Advent Festival shortened service.

Motion to Adjourn and Closing Prayer - Lord's Prayer

- Motion was made (Fawn DeMello) and seconded to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion. Motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Liese M. Zitzkat, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report for August, 2025

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report for Month Ending
August 31, 2025

September 14, 2025

Income Summary

Pledged offerings for the month of August were almost exactly equal to the monthly budget, resulting in pledged offerings for the year being approximately \$12K above the YTD budget. Grace Giving for the month of August was below the monthly budget by approximately \$800, but generally consistent with previous months, except for the month of January, indicating that we were perhaps too optimistic with our annual budget for grace giving. With all offering sources combined, our YTD total offerings are approximately \$5.2K above the YTD budget.

Grins & Giggles income for the month of August was \$540 less than the monthly budget, resulting in YTD Grins & Giggles income as of the end of August being \$6326 greater than the YTD budget.

We also earned \$296 in investment income in the month of August from our first Thrivent CD (opened in March). With the second Thrivent CD opened in August, our monthly interest/dividend income will increase for the remainder of the year.

With all budgeted income sources combined, our actual total budgeted income for the month of August was \$1190 less than the monthly budget, making the YTD total budgeted income approximately \$12.5K greater than the YTD budget.

A summary of the YTD August 2025 budgeted income is provided in the table below:

Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Pledges	19,970.60	20,000.00	237,375.93	225,000.00	338,147.00	100,771.07
Grace Giving	3,179.39	4,000.00	28,742.67	36,000.00	54,000.00	25,257.33
Loose Cash Offering	411.25	300.00	2,993.55	2,400.00	3,600.00	606.45
Special Envelopes	0.00	0.00	520.00	1,000.00	2,600.00	2,080.00
Offerings	\$23,561.24	\$24,300.00	\$269,632.15	\$264,400.00	\$398,347.00	\$128,714.85
Building Use	225.63	208.00	2,291.26	1,664.00	2,500.00	208.74
Structures Income	\$225.63	\$208.00	\$2,291.26	\$1,664.00	\$2,500.00	\$208.74
Investments Div/Interest	295.99	225.00	1,461.91	1,100.00	2,000.00	538.09
Other Income	\$295.99	\$225.00	\$1,461.91	\$1,100.00	\$2,000.00	\$538.09
Grins & Giggles Income - Donations	0.00		391.20			
Grins & Giggles Income-Tuition	7,660.00	8,100.00	59,150.00	53,450.00	85,850.00	26,700.00
Grins & Giggles Income-Registration fees	0.00	100.00	785.00	550.00	700.00	(85.00)
Total Grins and Giggles Income	\$7,660.00	\$8,200.00	\$60,326.20	\$54,000.00	\$86,550.00	\$26,615.00
Total Budgeted Income	\$31,742.86	\$32,933.00	\$333,711.52	\$321,164.00	\$489,397.00	\$156,076.68

In addition to budgeted income, there was also \$1342 of unbudgeted income in the month of August, primarily from \$1125 in donations to the Good Samaritan Fund, and several other small donations.

Treasurer's Report for August, 2025

Total Budgeted YTD Expenses of \$339,440.73 is greater than the YTD budget of \$336,319.00 by \$3121.73 as of the end of August. August expenses were less than the monthly budget by \$4985.15.

Grins & Giggles YTD Expenses of \$58,885.39 is greater than the budget of \$57,515.00 by \$1370.39, mostly due to teacher salaries.

Net Results: As of the end of August 2025 we have an Actual YTD Total Income of \$429,719.50, and Total Expenses of \$364,812.28, resulting in a difference of \$64,907.22. A high-level year to date summary is in the tables below.

Account Name	Period Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Total Budgeted Income	\$31,742.86	\$32,933.00	\$333,711.52	\$321,164.00	\$489,397.00	\$156,076.68
Total Budgeted Expense	\$40,148.85	\$45,134.00	\$339,440.73	\$336,319.00	\$506,779.00	\$167,469.45
Budgeted Income/Expense Difference	(\$8,405.99)	(\$12,201.00)	(\$5,729.21)	(\$15,155.00)	(\$17,382.00)	(\$11,392.77)
Total Grins and Giggles Income	\$7,660.00	\$8,200.00	\$60,326.20	\$54,000.00	\$86,550.00	\$26,615.00
Total Grins & Giggles Expense	\$2,015.12	\$7,844.00	\$58,885.39	\$57,515.00	\$87,130.00	\$28,362.80
Grins & Giggles Income/Expense Difference	\$5,644.88	\$356.00	\$1,440.81	(\$3,515.00)	(\$580.00)	(\$1,747.80)
Total Income	\$33,085.29	\$32,933.00	\$429,719.50	\$321,164.00	\$505,255.00	\$171,934.68
Total Expense	\$42,482.99	\$45,134.00	\$364,812.28	\$336,319.00	\$506,779.00	\$167,469.45
Total Income/Expense Difference	(\$9,397.70)	(\$12,201.00)	\$64,907.22	(\$15,155.00)	(\$1,524.00)	\$4,465.23

Other Treasurer Activity:

- Reviewed bi-weekly payroll
- Reviewed monthly bank reconciliation
- Received last part of the audit report from the audit team on 9/7/25

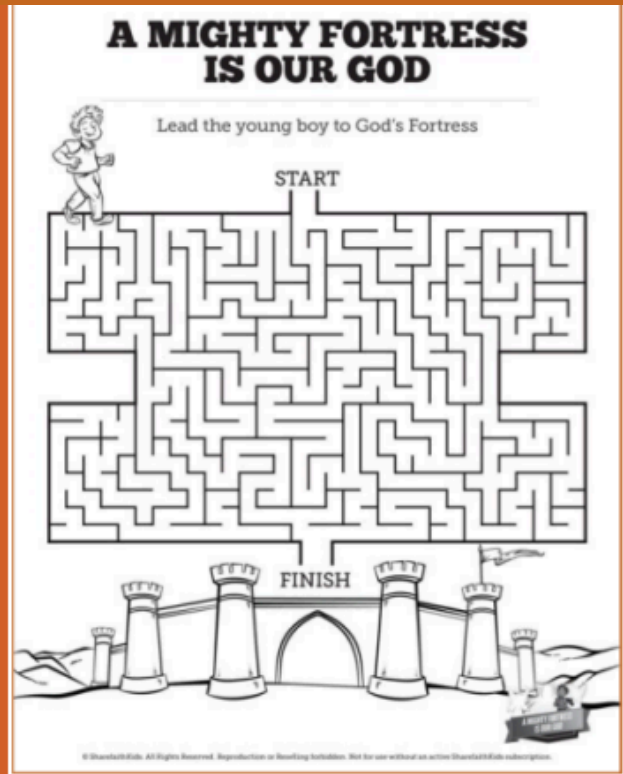
Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Nordquist
Treasurer

Consolidated Fund Activity Report August 2025

St Luke Lutheran Church - Gales Ferry CT Consolidated Fund Activity Report for August 2025

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.1001.1001	General Operating Fund Balance	50,854.48	31,742.86	40,148.85	-	42,448.49
3.1050.1000	<i>Building Fund Balance</i>					
3.1050.1001	General Building Fund Balance	23,506.16	10.00	780.39	-	22,735.77
3.1050.1002	Sanctuary Renovations Balance	4,532.36	10.00	-	-	4,542.36
3.1060.1000	Memorial Fund Balance	6,951.81	-	450.50	-	6,501.31
3.1070.1000	Long Term Contingency Fund Balance	4,022.68	10.00	-	-	4,032.68
3.1080.1000	Unrestricted Gifts Fund Balance	93,987.99	-	-	-	93,987.99
3.2001.1000	<i>Worship-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2001.1001	Special Music Balance	2,068.15	-	-	450.50	2,518.65
3.2001.1003	Handbell Program Fund Balance	1,720.78	-	246.87	-	1,473.91
3.2001.2020	Embellish (Bells of Fire) Fund Balance	2,311.07	-	700.40	-	1,610.67
3.2002.1000	<i>Administrative-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2002.1001	Purchase reimbursement Balance	-	31.68	31.68	-	-
3.2002.1004	Special Gifts Balance	240.00	-	-	-14.99	225.01
3.2002.1006	Staff Development Balance	3,886.15	-	-	-	3,886.15
3.2002.1012	Sabbatical Fund Balance	9,750.00	-	-	-	9,750.00
3.2002.1007	Flowers Balance	(290.36)	55.75	33.49	-	(268.10)
3.2004.1000	<i>Fellowship-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2004.1005	Fellowship Special Events Balance	2,534.64	-	-	-	2,534.64
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	2,347.06	-	79.00	-	2,268.06
3.2006.1000	<i>Youth-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2006.1003	ELCA Youth Gathering Balance	5,960.48	-	-	-	5,960.48
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	264.39	-	11.81	-	252.58
3.2008.1003	Women's Retreat Balance	236.12	-	-	-	236.12
3.2008.1010	Grins & Giggles Donations Balance	386.71	-	-	(121.24)	265.47
3.2009.1000	<i>Ministry-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2009.1001	Meal Center Balance	1,260.00	-	-	-	1,260.00
3.2011.1005	Community Garden Fund Balance	56.31	-	-	-	56.31
3.2010.1000	<i>Discretionary Gifts Balance</i>					
3.2010.1001	Pastors' Discretionary Balance	13,251.99	-	-	-	13,251.99
3.2010.1002	Good Samaritan Fund Balance	4,510.42	1,125.00	-	-	5,635.42
3.2010.1003	Council Discretionary Fund Balance	3,107.20	-	-	-	3,107.20
3.2010.1004	Camp Calumet Scholarships Balance	700.00	-	-	-	700.00
3.2011.1000	<i>Facilities Support-Dedicated Balance</i>					
3.2011.1001	Memorial Garden Balance	3,649.68	100.00	-	-	3,749.68
3.9000.1000	Net Fixed Asset Fund Balance	1,918,224.00	-	-	-	1,918,224.00
Total		<u>\$2,166,781.98</u>	<u>\$33,085.29</u>	<u>\$42,482.99</u>	<u>\$314.27</u>	<u>\$2,157,698.55</u>



Prayer List

Pray for healing:

Joe Rock (friend of Roy Belhumeur)
Raymond Howard (uncle of Roy Belhumeur)
Roxanne (daughter-in-law of The Parsons)
Gina Donovan
Mandy Kelly (friend of the Wuesthoffs)
Matthew (step brother of Laura Parsons)
Dick Wimmermark
Suzanne Etris
Aimee Belhumeur (Wife of Roy Belhumeur)
Linda Snarski (friend of Elaine Remondi-Simpson)
Billy Johnson (friend of The Steinnagels)
Kevin Ames (friend of The Steinnagels)
Livingston Carroll (brother of Patricia Carroll-French)

Travis Turner
Linda Lovewell (former member)
Sue DeCosta-Crawford (friend of Jill & James Ragland)
Doris Remondi (mother of Elaine Remondi-Simpson)
Kasey Peek
Michele Clements
Claudia Sanchez (sister of Rut Sanchez)
Chip Moran
Donna (friend of Leigh Sammons)
Julia Side
Linda Wilkinson
Marie Link
Stephanie Lucas
Joy Elisabeth (daughter of Patricia Carroll-French)
Sandy (friend of Patricia Carroll-French)

Pray for those who are Grieving:

Pray for active duty military:

Nicholas Tavernay (friend of Janeese Watson)
Caleb
Brady Moorehead
Henry Yanaway
Christian Conrad
Adrian Estrella
Martin Wuesthoff
Andy Sammons
Derek Raymond
Patrick Wimmermark

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

Nick Iario (relative of Kathleen Bartkowski)
Joseph
Kathy Dame
Fred Launer
Pauline Wanner
Bob Chernansky
Jenny Waller
Lynn Minichino

Pray for those with other concerns:

Chikumbuso Project
Leaders & Ministry of Camp Calumet



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.

DEADLINE

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

October Celebrations

Birthdays:

Alice Carter	10/01
Mark Goddette	10/02
Nathaniel Dame	10/03
Stephen Loomis	10/03
Justin Aleshire	10/05
John Robbins	10/06
Bob Erickson	10/07
Clara Miller	10/11
Kaitlynn Czyzewski	10/13
David Goodrich	10/18
Kari Hammen	10/21
John Felty	10/24
Pamela Suplicki	10/30

Wedding Anniversaries: (# of Years Married)

Bradley & Crystal Dame
10/09 (26)
Charles & Bonnie Fear
10/29 (59)
Mark & Louise Larson
10/11 (22)
Stephen & Jeanne Loomis
10/18 (45)
John & Pat Robbins
10/09 (43)
Felix & Janis Vajdos
10/16 (26)

Baptismal Birthdays:

Charles Anderson Jr.	10/17/1943
Trevin Correia	10/04/2003
Fawn DeMello	10/15/1961
Joanne Erickson	10/27/1935
Charles Fear	10/??/1965
Mark Goddette	10/14/1962
Cathy Hanson	10/24/1948
Peter Keefe	10/29/1989
Cedar Nelson	10/23/1994
Kathleen Swope	10/17/1943

DID WE MISS YOUR CELEBRATION?
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE,
860-464-7897, OR E-MAIL
PARISHADMIN@STLUKEGF.ORG, SO WE CAN
BE SURE TO HONOR YOUR SPECIAL DAY.

ST. LUKE—SCHEDULE TO SERVE – October 2025								
Date	Greeters	Ushers	Altar Guild	Lay Readers	Communion Deacons	Acolytes	Tech Team	Assisting Ministers
10/5								
9:30	Barb Candler	Louise & Mark Larson	Cathy Hanson	Liese Zitzkat	Marty Wood & Robin Nelson		Roni & Al	Cyndi Arnold
10/12								
9:30	Elaine Remondi-Simpson	Al Nordquist & Dennis Sindel	Linda Martin	Bonnie Fear	Camille Felty & Cyndi Arnold		Dave & Brad	Katie Launer-Felty
10/19								
9:30	Cyndi Arnold	Dave Goodrich & John Robbins	Deb Eld	Fawn DeMello	Pat Robbins & Kari Hammen		Jim & Kristian	Jackie Leone
10/26								
9:30	Leigh Sammons	Dennis Sindel & Ray Heller	Penny Heller	Bonnie Fear	Nancy Rupert & Charlie Anderson		Brad & Al	Mike Arnold

This schedule compiled as of 9/23/2025; Please check the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall for updates.

Church Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2025

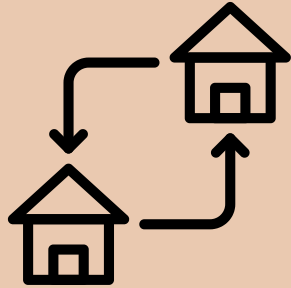
*Community Group

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
28	29	30	1 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Park 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	2 9:00am Grins & Giggles 1:30pm Blood Drive 4:00pm Celebrate Rehearsal	3 9:00am Grins & Giggles 4:00pm Ledyard HS Chamber Choir	4 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
5 CELEBRATE Socktober 9:30am In-person Worship & Livestream worship 11:00am Evangelism Team Meeting 2:30pm New London Meal Center	6 9:00am Grins & Giggles 7:00pm AA*	7 9:00am Grins & Giggles 9:30am OA* 7:00pm Senior Choir	8 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Park 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	9 9:00am Grins & Giggles	10 9:00am Grins & Giggles	11 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
12 Kids' Corner 9:30am In-person & Livestream worship	13 9:00am Grins & Giggles 6:30pm Fellowship Team Meeting 7:00pm AA*	14 9:00am Grins & Giggles 9:30am OA* 7:00pm Senior Choir	15 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Park 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	16 9:00am Grins & Giggles 6:00pm CONGREGATION COUNCIL	17 9:00am Grins & Giggles	18 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
19 Calumet Lunch Calumet Sunday 9:30am In-person Worship & Livestream worship 1:00pm CROP Walk	20 SCROLL DEADLINE 9:00am Grins & Giggles 5:00pm Girls Scouts 5:00pm Grace Notes 7:00pm AA*	21 9:00am Grins & Giggles 9:30am OA* 2:15pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Girl Scout Leader Meeting* 7:00pm Senior Choir	22 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Park 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	23 9:00am Grins & Giggles	24 9:00am Grins & Giggles	25 10:00am OA* 7:00pm AA*
26 Kids' Corner Reformation Sunday 9:30am In-person & Livestream worship	27 9:00am Grins & Giggles 7:00pm AA*	28 9:00am Grins & Giggles 9:30am OA* 7:00pm Senior Choir	29 9:00am Grins & Giggles 11:00am Picnic in the Park 12:15pm KIDSTEPS Sarah Inc.*	30 9:00am Grins & Giggles	31 9:00am Grins & Giggles	4

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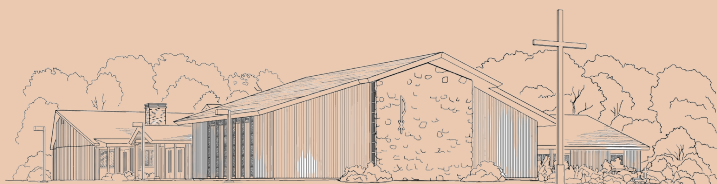


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