

Happy New Year!

I look forward to the beginnings of the new year. I love to pack away the Christmas decorations and organize the house for the coming year.

Especially our ceramic nativity scene made by my mother in law and unpacked each year by little hands excited to see which person or animal they got to place in the nativity. Each little boy hoping he got the baby Jesus. If they were unfortunate enough to get a donkey, camel or even a wisemen it was flung half hearted into the manger scene, eager and hopeful for the next piece that MIGHT be Jesus. After over 2 decades of this abuse our nativity looks a bit ragged, chipped ears and tails and missing limbs. Which is probably a fair representation of what this family would have looked like by the time they reached Bethlehem. Except the baby Jesus! He is in pristine condition and looks like he was just laid in that manger full of hope and joy and all the promises only He holds for the future and a new beginning.

This year we will be begin the long-awaited sanctuary build! It has been decades in the planning. But as the pay off of the MPR was coming closer to reality a vision team was formed to look with fresh eyes at the needs of the church. Gathered together was a wide reach of our church members- long time members to new, families with children currently in the youth program to empty nesters, young and young at heart! The needs for the growth of our church were many and our estimated 3-million-dollar budget if we reached our stretch goal of 1.5 million in capital campaign pledges left some items off the list "for now." Some additional paved parking, the Sunday school area remodel, a new nursery upstairs would all have to wait.

But.. Praise God the MPR is now paid off and the generous giving of the congregation in the capital campaign has surpassed our original goal, raising an amazing 1.76 million dollars which may enable us to borrow more money to complete all those items at one time. But it will come at a cost of closer to 4 million in total. Financial and building committees are working hard to get all those final numbers together so they can be presented to the church at the February 10, 2019 congregational meeting.

Ultimately, it will be this church family's decision on what steps we take moving forward.

I don't think I am going to pack away my baby Jesus this year but instead leave him out as a reminder, full of hope and joy and all the promises only He holds for the future and a new beginning!

Your sister in Christ,
Heidi Bollum

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MISSION

At St. Luke we --

**Worship God, Walk in the Spirit and
Witness to Christ.**

VISION

We are --

**Revitalizing the Lutheran Church
and
Celebrating our Lutheran faith in Christ
in the community.**

PURPOSE

To accomplish this we --

**Build Community
by
Being passionate about
the message of grace,
Bringing Jesus to all ages,
Connecting people to God
and one another.**

St. Luke Church Council:

Pastor:	<i>Jim Johnson</i>
President:	<i>Heidi Bollum</i>
Vice-President:	<i>Tim Engh</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Tom Kuhn</i>
Secretary:	<i>Allison Brier</i>

Congregational Representatives:

*Lori Fritz
Paul Buchmann
Tammi Peterson
Rod Minarik*

Voice, but no vote:

Church Administrator: *Sandy Randolph*



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Church Administrator:	<i>Sandy Randolph</i>
Kids' Ministries Coordinator:	<i>Stefanie Reinke</i>
Youth Ministries Coordinator:	<i>Taran Denning</i>
Youth Leaders:	<i>Angelina Engelson Leif Erickson Anna McKinney</i>
Worship Coordinator:	<i>Sally Fullmer</i>
Congregational Care Coordinator:	<i>Nikki Cerenzia</i>
Administrative Assistant:	<i>Suzie Buell</i>
Chancel Choir Director:	<i>Sally Strauch</i>
Chancel Choir Accomp.:	<i>Jeb McGlinchy</i>
Bell Choir Director:	<i>Sally Strauch</i>
Modern Worship Leader:	<i>April Thompson</i>
Worship Pianist:	<i>Sally Fullmer</i>

**Worship with us each Sunday
8:30, 10:00 & 11:05 am.**

An attended nursery is available for
children up to age 4.

**For Prayer requests call:
Nikki Cerenzia, 467-5256**

**Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. ~ 5:30 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.**

Worship & Music

St. Luke Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 & 10:00 am Traditional Worship
11:05 am Modern Worship

Wednesdays

6:30 pm Connection Service

We will **not have the 11:05 am
worship service on
December 23 or 30.

Special Services

Sundays, December 23 & 30

8:30 & 10:00 am worship only

Monday, December 24

Candle Light Christmas Services

3:30, 5:00, 7:00 & 8:30 pm



Sunday Readings

December 30

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

January 6-Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 13

Isaiah 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20

Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 27

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Worship & Music Ministry

Worship & Music Ministry invites both new and seasoned volunteers to use their gifts and talents to encourage the congregation at St. Luke!

All who love to sing are welcome to join the St. Luke **Chancel Choir**, directed by Sally Strauch. Choir rehearses on **Thursday evenings at 7:15 pm**. For more information, contact Sally Strauch, at sallystrauch@comcast.net.

If you are interested in joining the **Modern Worship Team**, please contact Sally Fullmer at sfullmersllc@gmail.com. They rehearse on **Wednesday nights at 7:15 pm**, and play each Sunday for the Modern Worship Service at 11:05. Guitarists, vocalists, drummers, sound techs, and keyboardists who are skilled, have a heart for worship, and are willing to make a commitment are encouraged to apply!

Our five-octave **Bell Choir - Heavenly Metal**, adds to our worship in the traditional services once a month and on festival Sundays. They practice weekly on **Thursdays at 6:00 pm**. Contact director Sally Strauch (sallystrauch@comcast.net) if you have questions or want to join.

To be involved in worship as a **Liturgist, reader, communion assistant, usher, altar guild member, greeter or fellowship contributor (coffee & cookies)**, please contact Nikki Cerenzia at ncerenziasllc@gmail.com.

ST. LUKE FINANCES

January thru mid-December 2018



**LIFT HIGH
THE CROSS**

OPERATING FUND

- ♦ At mid-December, with month-end bills and payroll to pay and income from Sunday, 12/23 and 12/30 still to be recorded, **the balance in the Operating Fund was approximately \$11,900.** We began 2018 with \$28,631.



PLEASE NOTE: To be recorded for 2018, contributions must be:

- **Dated for 2018.**
- **Postmarked in 2018, if mailed.**
- **Received on-site by 12/30/2018, if delivered in person.**

2019 Offering Envelope Packets are available for you to pick-up in the Fellowship Hall. Retrieving your envelope packet saves the church about \$3.25 in postage per packet. **Even if you participate in Simply Giving, you have an offering packet.** If you have any questions regarding contributions, please contact Sandy Randolph at the church office. Thank you!

Lift High the Cross Capital Campaign

Thank you to all who have made their pledge for our capital campaign. We are very excited to report that, as of Wednesday, December 19 a total of 211 households have given \$1,764,970 in first fruits gifts and three year pledges. We also anticipate many more pledges will be made in the coming weeks.

If you haven't already, please mail, or drop off your pledge this week. If you have any questions on how to complete your card, please contact Sandy Randolph.

My prayer for St. Luke Lutheran Church and this campaign is that we are able to bring even more families to the love of God and inspire more folks to take an active role in our church community.

—Congregation Member

Your offering can be contributed in the following ways...

Personal check placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church.

Cash placed in the offering plate.

Direct Deposit through your bank's bill pay system.

Text dollar amount (e.g. "\$10") to 1-509-822-2207 (omit the dashes). If this is your first time giving this way, you will be asked to fill out a short form with your billing information. After this initial set-up, giving is as easy as sending a text message.

Online giving through the St. Luke website at slcspokane.org. Select the "Donate Now" link and follow the prompts.

Simply Giving ACH deposits. If you have utilized *Simply Giving*, we will be contacting you in the near future to transition your *Simply Giving* direct deposits to our new platform, *Elexio*.

Thank you for your generous support to St. Luke ministry!

SEMINARY STUDENT SUPPORT FUND

Our Seminary Student Support Fund at St. Luke has been reactivated with your generosity and we thank you for your ongoing contributions to this fund. We have been able to support Taran Denning, our Youth Ministries Coordinator in his seminary studies through Luther Seminary. We have added support for a second seminarian and St. Luke member, Eric Brewer, as he attends Duke Divinity School. Eric, his wife, Mayumi and young son, Wesley, left for the east coast earlier this summer.

There was a time when the national church was able to pay for schooling costs for our seminarians, but this has not been the case since the mid-1950s. In part due to the high cost of seminary education, the resulting debt and the serious challenge it is to pay off that debt, numbers of seminarians have decreased. At St. Luke, we appreciate the ability to help defray some of this debt by contributing regularly toward Taran's and Eric's tuition expenses.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please indicate on your check or offering envelope "Seminary Fund". Thank you.

THE LOFT

ST. LUKE YOUTH MINISTRY

January 9th, 6:30 pm – The connections services resume at 6:30 pm! This will be followed by youth group for high school youth and small groups for our confirmation youth!

January 13th, 10:00 am – Sunday School resumes! As usual, our middle and high school youth will meet in the Loft for our regularly scheduled Sunday school.

January 16th, 6:30 pm – There will not be Connection Service or Youth Group this Wednesday, January 16th. Both Pr. Jim and Taran will be doing continuing education this week. We will resume the following Wednesday (the 23rd).

January 27th, 12:05 – 4:00 pm – We love Ice Skating! Sunday after worshipping at the 11:05, we will have pizza in the Loft before going to Ice Skate at the RIVERFRONT PARK ICE RIBBON! Parent Drivers will be needed and they are more than welcome to skate with us! Cost for this activity is \$5. Open to Middle and Highschool students. If your youth would like snacks, please bring a few extra bucks as the Riverfront location has some fun concessions. Dress Warm!! Please **RSVP** to TDenningSLLC@gmail.com by Thursday, January 24th, so we can ensure enough drivers are rounded up. Thank you!

February 3rd, 7-9:00 pm – Café Night! Come join us for our High School only night to play games, shoot hoops, do homework or just hang out. See you there!



Mission



Our Crosswalk Mission....

Crosswalk is a shelter for homeless teens located in downtown Spokane. The congregation of St. Luke faithfully and generously supplies and delivers the ingredients for a complete meal for these kids on the fourth Sunday of every month.

The Crosswalk menu for **January 27** will be **Sloppy Joes**. We will include salad, baby carrots with Ranch dressing, ice cream sandwiches for dessert and milk. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board on the west wall in the Fellowship hall and includes a complete list of items needed for the January dinner, plus a space to sign up to deliver the food to Crosswalk.

The requested items for the month of January are **Kleenex & Chapstick**.

Food and other items for Crosswalk are taken to the kitchen in the Multi-Purpose Room, where perishable items need to be placed in the refrigerator or freezer labeled "Crosswalk". Nonperishable food items are put on the shelving unit just inside the pantry, labeled "Crosswalk". There is also a box on the shelf for your donation of items of the month.

Scarves for the Homeless

If you crochet or knit, please consider making a scarves for the homeless and those in need in Spokane. The gold bucket is in the Fellowship Hall for your donations. Thank you!



Share Sunday for the Mead Foodbank

Bags for the donation of food for the **Mead Food Bank** will be handed out on **January 6**. There will be a list on each bag with examples of food items they are requesting. Donations can be delivered to the church anytime during business hours or on Sunday mornings. Please place items in the red barrel, located at the back entrance. **We are in need of paper grocery sacks!**

Meal Ministry at All Saints

Pastor Alan Eschenbacher and members of All Saints Lutheran Church (314 S. Spruce Street, 838-4409) have embraced the opportunity to provide ministry and meals to the homeless people in need in the Browne's Addition area of southwest Spokane. Hot meals are provided throughout the month. St. Luke sends volunteers on the **second, third and fifth** Tuesdays of the month. From 1:00 to 2:00 pm, two people are needed to cut up ingredients for the coming dinner. Then, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, about ten St. Luke people are needed to help serve dinner. Clean-up happens toward the end of this time period. **The dates for this month: Tuesdays, January 8, 15 & 29, but you are welcome to help any Tuesday.**

Synod Staff Meet & Greet

All are invited to a Meet & Greet with the new Synod staff and presentation of the ELCA's future directions through 2025 here at St. Luke on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 9:30 to noon. This is an all-Cluster event.

Labor of Love Circle

Labor of Love meets in the Conference Room the **1st Monday of the month at 12:30 pm** for fellowship and Bible study. Call Sherry Burgess at 220-3689 if you have questions. The next meeting is **January 7th**.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study. Karen Stall is in the middle of a 6-week DVD-based study called, "In the Middle of the Mess" by Sheila Walsh. This study occurs weekly **from 10:00-11:30 am**. Contact Nikki if you have questions or to find out what they will be studying next.

Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study meets at St. Luke from **6:30-7:30 am**. They will begin studying the book, *Everybody, Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People* by Bob Goff. Breakfast is enjoyed during their time together! All men are welcome anytime during the year. Books will be available in the church office after December 3rd.

Women's Wednesday evening Bible Study.

Alright ladies the New Year is almost here, you know what that means.... New year's resolutions and a new Wednesday evening Bible Study. What better way to kick off the year than with the 6-week study "5 Habits of a Woman Who Doesn't Quit" by Nicki Koziarz. The study will begin on **Jan. 2nd** (do you really want to quit your new year's resolution on the 2nd day of January?) **at 7:00 pm** in the Genesis Room. If you would like to be a part of this study please let Nikki Cerenzia know.

Martha Circle

Martha Circle meets on the **2nd Sunday of the month (Jan. 13)** in the church library at **6:30pm** for Bible Study from the *Gather* magazine. Contact Chris Dudley, Susan Minarik, or Judy McMillian with questions. All women are welcome!

Patchwork Quilters

The quilters meet weekly on Tuesday at the home of Yvonne Midtlyng at **9:00 am**. All are welcome to join. Contact Yvonne for her address along with any questions at 466-8830.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild meets at **11:30 am** on the third Tuesday of the month, **January 15**. Contact Lori Fritz with questions. They welcome anyone interested in joining.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This group's next meeting will be **January 31 at 12:30 pm** in the church library. If you would like to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, please make it 18-20" wide by 60" long. Or you can make a triangular shawl that is 60-70" wide at the long edge. Contact Judy McMillian with questions.

Memorial Committee

This committee meets on the third Tuesday every 3rd month. The next meeting will be **March 19 at 12:30 for lunch (place is tbd)**.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Paul's letter to the Romans is the subject of the Thursday morning Bible Study at **10:00 am**. Duane Ulleland leads and shares relative background information which is followed by open discussion about what the text means for us today. All are invited.

Worship Volunteers

Date	Time	Ushers	Liturgist	Readers	Acolytes	Communion	Altar Guild
January 6	8:30	Roger & Beth Barnes Phil Randolph Byron Brownlee	Bev Schoen	David Ekenberg	Jillian Buchmann	Norm & Virginia Warren	Allison Brier Beth Barnes Carol Sullivan
	10:00	Eric Johnson Joyce Skovran Dan & Michelle Cummens	Bev Schoen	Eric Johnson	Ryder Secrest	Dale Fitch Janis Smith	Jan Franz Marilyn Erovick
	11:05	Tammi Peterson Joyce Skovran		Lori Johnson		Youth Members	Lori Fritz Tammi Peterson
January 13	8:30	Brent & Heather Klinke Butch & Trudy Rux	Karen Craig	Marianne Aamold	Melia Cerenzia	Chuck & Jane Chaffee	Phyllis Brownlee Susan Gentry
	10:00	Bill & Marilyn Erovick Judy Ottoson Carolyn Poirier	Karen Craig	Carolyn Poirier	Kalize Gil	Jan Buell Bill Baker	Gay Baker Judy LaMont
	11:05	Torree Stein Sandy Brown		Noah Buchmann		Youth Members	Tammi Peterson
January 20	8:30	Denny & Genia Denholm Debbie Harvey Tony Burke	Bill Wenke	Judy Senf	Hadley Henrickson	Holly Fernalld Pat Tregellas	Mary Ziegler Jane Bonogofski
	10:00	Terry & Heidi Bollum Bill Baker Steve LaMont	Bill Wenke	Kathy Perry	Zae Apele	Mark & Kristina Anderson	Heidi Bollum Denise Banich
	11:05	Kari Sand Jody Holmes		Dean Lenz		Youth Members	Tammi Peterson
January 27	8:30	Rod & Fran Decker Skip Blodnick Scott Garske	Dave Ekenberg	Joyce Sonnabend	Shawn McManigal	Dan & Karen Stall	Allison Brier Carol Sullivan
	10:00	Mike & Sheryl Terris Jessie Horner Rebecca Prince	Dave Ekenberg	Maclynn Gentry	Kalize Gil	Marty & Lori Fritz	Jeanne Ekenberg Diane Blodnick
	11:05	Tammi Peterson Joyce Skovran		Calen Wiechert		Youth Members	Tammi Peterson
February 3	8:30	Bill & Joyce Sonnabend Gordy Morse Homer Midtlyng	Duane Ulleland	Phyllis Adams	Hannah Engh	Roger & Beth Barnes	Fern Roark Beth Barnes
	10:00	Bill & Marilyn Erovick Richard & Nancy Bunker	Duane Ulleland	Paul Ojennus	Brayden Apele	Pam Ames Maclynn Gentry	Marilyn Erovick Jan Franz
	11:05	Kari Sand Jody Holmes		Lori Johnson		Youth Members	Tammi Peterson

Sunday Hospitality Volunteers

Date	Time	Greeters	Welcome Center	Counters	Fellowship Coffee/Cookies
January 6	8:30	Sharon Larson	Mary Erickson	Byron & Phyllis Brownlee Diane Kurth	Make Coffee Jerry & Linda Stomps Clean Up Arlette Patrow
	10:00	Nikki Cerenzia	Susan Minarik		Cookies (5 doz. each) Bev Morse Sunni Sgtrand Marilyn Erovick
January 13	8:30	Dick & Fern Roark	Linda Stime	Skip & Diane Blodnick Yvonne Midtlyg	Make Coffee Bev & Gordy Morse Clean Up Nancy Burke
	10:00	Dan & Karen Stall	Diane Kurth		Cookies (5 doz. each) Nancy Wolf Stu & Leah Wagnild Nancy Burke
January 20	8:00	Sandra Orvik	Bill Wenke	Gordon & Bev Morse Pat Tregellas	Make Coffee Nancy Burke Clean Up Nancy Wolf
	10:00	Gay Baker Judy LaMont	Jody Holmes		Cookies (5 doz. each) Jessie Horner Judy McMillian Sheryl Terris
January 27	8:30	Joyce Sonnabend	Nikki Cerenzia	Byron & Phyllis Brownlee Patty McCarty	Make Coffee Phyllis Brownlee Clean Up Diane Blodnick
	10:00	Justin & Beth Gil	Desmond Kurth		Cookies (5 doz. each) Sherry Burgess Debbie Harvey Joyce Skovran
February 3	8:30	Bev Morse	Mary Erickson	Skip & Diane Blodnick Yvonne Midtlyg	Make Coffee Holly Fernalld Clean Up Nikki Cerenzia
	10:00	Marilyn Erovick	Susan Minarik		Cookies (5 doz. each) Suzie Buell Cathy Chenault Rebecca Prince

January 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Happy New Year!!	2 10:00 am Staff Meeting	3 10:00 am Romans study 5:00 pm MWT Rehearsal 6:00 pm Bells Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	4 Pr. Jim/Sandy Off	5 Pr. Jim/Sandy Off 9:30 am All-Cluster mtg
6 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:05 am Worship	7 12:30 am Labor of Love	8 9:00 am Quilters group 10:00 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Meal Ministry at All Saints 3:00 pm Grief Support 4:30 pm Meal Ministry at All Saints	9 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Morningside 6:30 pm Connection Service/Confirmation/Youth Group 7:30 pm MWT Rehearsal	10 10:00 am Romans study 12:30 pm OWLs Luncheon 6:00 pm Bells Rehearsal 7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	11 Pr. Jim/Sandy Off	12 Pr. Jim/Sandy Off 1:00 pm Bob Pierson Memorial
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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to get information into February's newsletter is **January 18.**



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For safety reasons, the church doors will remain locked during business hours. There is a button to the right of the door that, when pushed, will alert us that you are at the door. We can buzz you in from our offices.

Thank you for your understanding.



Advent & Christmas

Sunday, December 23, 8:30 & 10:00 am Worship (Note: only two worship times)

Monday, December 24, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 8:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Sunday, December 30, 8:30 & 10:00 am Worship (Note: only two worship times)

The church office will be closed December 24-January 1, 2019.

Mark your calendars.... Congregation Celebration Dinner

Sunday, February 10, 2019

5:30 pm