



# ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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## PRESCRIPTION NOTES

### FORWARD: GLORIFY THE LORD

As we consider the New Year that we are about to enter, we look back at the great blessings the Lord has brought to us in 2024. We have enjoyed another year of the Lord’s grace, living in his love day after day. We have never needed to wonder what would happen if our life in this world came to an end. We would be in heaven with our Lord, and the believers who have gone there before us. We never had to worry that we would face illness or misfortune alone. The Lord would be with us at all times. We enjoyed many blessings in our family, our circle of friends, and our church. Throughout the year we were granted the privilege to plan, and finally to break ground for a new church building.

Everything the Lord has done for us in the past, he will continue to do for us in the future. He will always be our loving Savior God. He will be with us even at our last hour. He will not permit anything to harm us. He will never leave us. We will continue to enjoy his blessings day after day. With his blessing, we will celebrate the completion and dedication of our new church building in 2025. We glorify the Lord for his continued grace.

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.*

*Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

*You turn people back to dust,  
saying, “Return to dust, you mortals.”*

*A thousand years in your sight  
are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.*

*Our days may come to seventy years,  
or eighty, if our strength endures;*

*Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

*Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.*

*May your deeds be shown to your servants,  
your splendor to their children.*

*May the favor[a] of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands. — Selected verses from Psalm 90 (NIV)*

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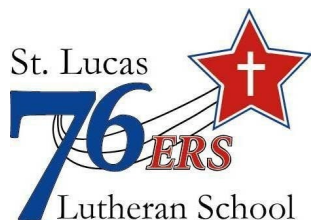
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## School News

Dear St. Lucas Family, As I have been deliberating this call to Lakeside Lutheran High School, I appreciate all the prayers, support, and encouragement from all of you. I am humbled and honored that the Lord continues to use me to help carry out his ministry. This call to teach art has been interesting to think about. New calls offer a chance to reassess my gifts and direction. However, after careful deliberation, it is my understanding that it is still God's will for me to remain at St. Lucas. Our Lord still has work for me to do here, so I have decided to decline the call to Lakeside.

Please join me in praying that our God continues to bless the ministry at Lakeside, and that he will quickly send them the candidate he has in store for their art instruction. Of course, "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose," (Romans 8:28).

Your brother in Christ, Mark A. Hesse

Our students are looking forward to a variety of events this December. The basketball season is off to a good start. 20 piano students are preparing for a recital on December 22nd, and some will play at the "Festival of Trees" at the Washington County Humane Society on December 7th. Our preschoolers will put on a Christmas performance on December 7th also. We even have a group working on a float for the Christmas parade on December 8th. We are excited to join the Groundbreaking Service on December 8th. Our students are hard at work preparing a song for that special event. Of course, the biggest focus during December will be their preparation to share the message of Jesus' birth with our congregation at our Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 4:00. It is a privilege that we spread the word that "Joy has Dawned!"

We hope you can save the date for our second gala. On March 13, 2025, we will hold another gala, "Blue Jeans and Boots Ball." Our first Gala was so much fun and such a success last year that we felt we could capitalize on the momentum and host a second one this year. Last year we raised over \$30,000 for security improvements on the school building. We used that money to purchase fantastic new cameras, and we even had some extra to dedicate to upgrading our door locks soon. This year the Gala will raise funds to help improve our playground. Look for more information to come about how you can attend or help out with our second ever gala event on March 13!

### UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Wednesday Nov. 27, 6:30 pm, or Thursday Nov. 28, 9:00 am** *Thanksgiving Day*

As is our annual custom, we will collect nonperishable food items from the Kewaskum Community Pantry.

**Wednesdays December 4, 11, & 13, 6:30 pm** *Midweek Advent Services*

*The Word Made Flesh* is the theme for this year's series.

**Sunday December 8, 9:30 am** *Groundbreaking* for church building. A light lunch and celebration to follow in the gym. Adult choir, St. Lucas Lutheran Elementary School, and St. Lucas Sunday School will sing for the service.

Family Bible Hour (Sunday School and Bible Study) will be held at 8:15 am on that Sunday.

Adult choir rehearsals for Groundbreaking and Christmas services will be after Wednesday services on November 27, December 4, 11, & 18 in the church balcony.

**Tuesday, December 24** *Christmas Eve* Lutheran Elementary School presents service at 4:00pm. Sunday School presents service at 6:00 pm. Candlelight Service 10:00 pm.

**Wednesday, December 25, 9:00 am** *Christmas Day* service with Holy Communion.

**Tuesday December 31, 6:00 pm** *New Year's Eve* service with Holy Communion.

### Happy December birthdays to...

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| Harley Schultz     | 1  |
| Tessa Homuth       | 7  |
| Dylan Sarauer      | 8  |
| Sandra Landvatter  | 10 |
| Sienna Hatch       | 11 |
| La Vern Geidel     | 12 |
| Eliana Schepp      | 14 |
| Peyton Scheunemann | 14 |
| Brian Dreher       | 15 |
| Brad Homuth        | 19 |
| Nora Maxwell       | 19 |
| Adeline Shier      | 19 |
| Ranen Enright      | 22 |
| Catherine Osier    | 26 |
| Tracey Schaub      | 28 |
| Colton Blake       | 30 |
| Crystal Fochs      | 31 |
| Stevie McLay       | 31 |

### Happy December Anniversary to:

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| Brian & Teresa Dreher        | 26 |
| Pastor Tim & Coralee Henning | 27 |

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

### Baptisms

Charlotte Kristianne Ballard, daughter of Joe and Paige Ballard, November 3

Lauren Elizabeth Garbisch, Abraham Paul Garbisch, Mildred Marie Garbisch, children of Zachary and Kaitlynn Garbisch, November 10