

ST. LUCAS

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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PRESCRIPTION NOTES

INTRODUCING: THE ALTAR GUILD

You don't see them. Yet you see their work week after week. They are some of the great behind the scenes volunteers in our congregation. They serve the Lord and the congregation humbly and faithfully. They are the St. Lucas Lutheran Church Altar Guild.

They don't have meetings. They simply do the work assigned them, and they do it very well. The Altar Guild prepares the chancel (the area around the altar, pulpit, and baptismal fond) for worship services each week. When the color of the season changes, they change the paraments (decorative cloths) on the altar, pulpit, and lectern. They make sure the oil inserts on the candles have enough oil for the week's services, and remind the pastor to order more when the supply is low. They wash the communion ware so that it is ready for the Sacrament. They dust and clean the altar and other furnishings so they are fitting to honor the Lord whom we worship.

The Altar Guild could use more helpers. While the guild has traditionally consisted of women, any member of the congregation may volunteer. This would be a great way for anyone to serve the Lord — single members, couples or families working together. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Henning. We can match you with a current Altar Guild volunteer and they will show you the ropes.

Thank you to all the ladies who have served on the Altar Guild throughout the years. Your work is greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL LENTEN OFFERING

Do you remember when you used to put a quarter into a special book or cardboard bank for each day during Lent? Then you would give it as a special offering at the end of the season? We are looking to do something similar, only on a much larger scale, as a congregation this year. The financial plan for ministry for this fiscal year projected a potential \$40,000 deficit. To prevent this deficit from occurring, could we as a congregation raise \$1,000 per day in above and beyond gifts for each day from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday (not including Sundays)? If 100 members would commit themselves to an extra \$10 per day in offerings to the General Fund, this would add up to \$40,000. Of course, any size gift, great or small, is valued. These special offerings, given in appreciation for what the Lord Jesus did for us in his suffering, death, and resurrection, bring glory to your Savior, who has blessed you with every good thing. When you give your special Lenten offering, simply put it in an envelope and label it "Special Lenten Offering."



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With the coming of spring, our school is abuzz with excitement, preparing for confirmation, spring sports, and Family Night. We invite you to join us on May 6 for our Family Night performances beginning at 6:00 PM!

We will issue another call on April 3rd for the role of Music Director and teacher for grades 4-6.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

A Holy Week "Holiday" is simply short for "holy day." Throughout the course of a year, there are certain days we set apart as special: to commemorate extraordinary events, to celebrate influential individuals. While there are many holy days, there is but one holy week. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. In the four gospels—biographies of Jesus Christ's thirty-three-year life—this single week consumes nearly a third of the ink. The Holy Spirit considered the events of this week that important. On a holy day, the relentless march of time slows down. We set aside our usual routines to call attention to whatever or whoever makes that day special. Likewise, believers slow down this entire week to ponder all that Christ did for them, from his humble entrance into Jerusalem... to his sacrificial death on the cross... to the victory of Easter morning.

Palm Sunday April 9 & 10 His Humility, Our Hope
Holy Thursday April 14 1:00 or 6:30 pm His Food, Our Fill

Good Friday April 15 1:00 pm Service of the Seven Words 6:30 pm Service of Darkness

Easter Sunday April 17 6:00 am Sunrise with Holy Communion

7:00-8:00 am Easter Breakfast

8:30 or 10:30 AM Life Marches Victorious over Death

Summer Worship Services will be held on Saturdays at 6:00 PM and Sundays at 9:00 AM (one Sunday service). The summer schedule begins Memorial Day weekend and runs through Labor Day weekend.

CONFIRMATION GIFT IDEAS

Give confirmands a gift they'll always treasure! Until March 31, get 25% off* the Gift Edition of *Christian Worship: Hymnal*. Filled with personal devotions, prayers, and over 600 hymns, the Gift Edition features a beautiful black leather cover, gilded pages, and a ribbon marker. Bonded Leather, 1,050 pages. \$52.00 \$39.00.

When you personalize a new Gift Edition hymnal with imprinting, you will also receive a free Keepsake box for easy gifting!

Look for this and other confirmation gift ideas, along with many great Christian books at www.nph.net.

SPECIAL PROJECTS ENVELOPE

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

To carry out the ministry of the congregation, as outlined in our long range plan, we will need many volunteers. At this time we are looking for volunteers for the visitation team (if you like talking to people, this is a chance for you to serve); Kewaskum 125th Anniversary stand (get to know the people of our village and show them our congregation's friendly face); and youth group advisors (to assist our young people as the grow in faith. Contact Pastor Henning or any Leadership Team member if you would like to serve the Lord in these or other ways. Copies of the long range plan are available in the church entry.

CHURCH BUILDING COORDINATING TASK FORCE

The task force has decided to engage Generis to guide us in this effort. Generis will not only design a capital campaign, but will work with us to build a culture of generosity that will continue beyond the campaign and positively affect all our stewardship efforts.

Watch for opportunities to help out as the capital campaign gets rolling over the next few months. Continue to pray for the Lord's blessing on this effort.

WELS NEWS

Update on Ukraine and Russia

The situation for our brothers and sisters in the Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC) remains dire. We thank God that none of the pastors or members have lost their lives, but at least some members report that their homes have been destroyed. Some of the pastors and members have relocated to places that are relatively safe and removed from the heavy fighting, but others remain in areas where military activity is taking place every day. We continue to pray for their safety.

Last weekend, several ULC congregations—even some in areas controlled by foreign forces—were able to hold worship services either in person or virtually. God's Word continues to be proclaimed even in the middle of a terrible war.

Rev. V'yacheslav Horpynchuk, the bishop of the Ukrainian Lutheran Church, has been in regular contact via Zoom with Rev. Roger Neumann, the WELS liaison to the ULC. I am also able to communicate with the bishop. Pastor Neumann has been providing daily updates on the situation as reported by Bishop Horpynchuk.

WELS members have already been very generous with gifts intended to support relief and humanitarian efforts both for members of the ULC and for the refugees and local citizens in need of help. We thank all those who have given gifts for Ukraine relief. Those gifts are being channeled through WELS World Missions, which remains in contact with the ULC and is still able to transfer funds. To date, \$125,000 has been sent by World Missions. You can give a gift by going to wels.net/give-ukraine. WELS is assisting with humanitarian aid for refugees in Poland through an agency called Direct Relief. To date, WELS Christian Aid and Relief has sent \$50,000 to Direct Relief.

Missionary Luke Wolfgramm and his wife, Jennifer, who were living in Novosibirsk, Russia, have safely exited the country. They are currently staying in Durres, Albania, where Luke is providing continuing education to leaders of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Albania, WELS' sister church. From there they maintain regular contact with the three national pastors in Russia, encourage the Russian Lutheran Church's leadership and 270 members, and continue online seminary training. The Wolfgramms will be returning to the United States this summer for regularly scheduled meetings and family time. Depending on how events unfold, they will most likely relocate to another location in Europe to partner with sister church bodies in their theological education and outreach efforts.

We pray for an end to the war. We pray that God would preserve the lives of his believers in Ukraine, as well as the lives of all the citizens of Ukraine. With confidence in his promises, we commend them all to his gracious care and protection.

2022 WELS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH RALLY

Registration has opened for the 2022 WELS International Youth Rally, June 28–July 1, University of Tennessee—Knoxville. Usually held every other year, this will be the first rally since 2018, as the 2020 event was canceled due to COVID-19.

The rally is open to all WELS teens heading into their freshman year of high school through seniors graduating this spring. Youth from around North America will gather for group worship, small workshops, and recreation and fellowship.

Registration runs March 8–May 31. The cost is \$375 if groups register by April 30 and \$395 from May 1-31.

Learn more about the workshops, recreational excursions, and the rally—and register—at wels.net/youthrally.

Teens from St. Lucas — **if you are interested in attending the Youth Rally,** please speak to Pastor Henning before Easter. If we have enough members planning to attend, we can make arrangements here at St. Lucas. If we have a smaller number interested, we can hook you up with another congregation in our area.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy April birthdays to...

Greta Herther	1
Veda Koth	1
Rijeana Hatch	3
Samuel Koth	4
Shelley Wilson	4
Grace Lang	6
Richard Laubach	6
Debra Nigh	7
Malachi Yttri	8
Mark Drewitz	9
Masen McCambridge	9
Gail Homuth	10
Abigail Drewitz	12
Evelyn Thiemer	12
Rosann Millonzi	14
Bernice Stange	14
Lindsey Landvatter	15
Harry Krueger	20
Briana Raether	21
Ralph Raether	23
Izabela Butzke	24
Kimberly Ehardt	25
Amanda Paulus	25
Lianne Becht	27
Miranda Drewitz	28
Greg Sarauer	28
William Seefeldt	28
Jadelyn Stoltzmann	28
John Witte	28
David Dreher	29
Lynn Garvey	29
Kevin Kempf	29
Arianna Krueger	29
Holly Reindl	29

Happy April Anniversary to:

Butch and Barbara Gengler	7
Erik and Tammy Kral	8
William and Irene Seefeldt	25
David and Cindy Butzke	29

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from the list above or is incorrect please contact the office so we can correct our records. incorrect please contact the office so we can correct our records.

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