



## April 2026 Newsletter

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*"Called by the Truth of the Gospel, enlightened by the Spirit, sent to serve"*

### Stewardship Moment

1 Peter 1:18–19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

### Bible Studies

**Women’s Bible Study** will meet on April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> 1-3 pm. All women invited!

**Men’s Bible Study** Wednesdays, at 9:45 am – All men invited! The book of 1 Corinthians

**Women’s Prayer/Bible Study Group** - Thursday mornings at 8:30 am at Common Ground

### Quilters meet on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Quilts are available to be given to people going through tough times, reminding them of God’s love and ours as the family of God at St. Luke’s! **Please come!**

### Stephen Ministers are there to care!

Stephen Ministers are available to help you through difficult times. Stephen Ministers will walk beside you listening to your concerns as you discover how to cope with whatever your challenge might be.

### Sometimes It’s Hard to Ask for Help

We’re brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So, we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that’s not God’s plan. If you’re struggling, don’t suffer alone. We’ve got a team of Stephen Ministers ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you. (It’s confidential too!) If you’d like someone to talk to, please contact one of our pastors or Rick Truex.

### JAM Youth

JAM Youth in grades four through six will be meeting **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00** at the church.

### Call Committee

At the Church Council Meeting the call committee was decided. The members chosen are Bryan Meichsner, Kathy Niblett, Christie Converse, Scott Ekola, Brad Meichsner, Matt Kvilhaug.

### “Guided by Prayer in Our Call Process”

#### Trusting God’s Timing

**Scripture:** Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5–6*

#### *Pray for:*

- Patience and trust
- Openness to the Holy Spirit
- Spiritual preparation of our congregation

### Holy Week worship services

April 2 Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 pm with Holy Communion

April 3 Good Friday worship at 7:00pm

April 5 Easter worship at 8:30 and 11:00am with Holy Communion



**April 1** Frank Bartlett  
Claude Cimbura  
Allen Scofield

**April 2** Austin Meichsner

**April 3** Ed Thorson

**April 5** Trevor Craig  
Guy Ekola  
David Johnson

**April 6** Jacob Ekola  
Crew Noetzelman  
Glenda Stokes

**April 7** McKinley Mandt

**April 8** Katie Lehn  
Huxton Lamm

**April 10** Makiyah Wilson

**April 11** Wayne Odegaard

**April 16** Linda Benson

**April 17** Livvy Froemming

**April 18** Rich Bodde  
Roy Craig

**April 19** Brandi Wilson

**April 20** Pr. Knutson

**April 21** Joni Aslagson  
Paul Peterson

**April 22** Jean Kurtz

**April 24** Shelia Gardner  
Grayson Ranweiler

**April 25** Adam Fenlason  
Erika Knapp  
Luke Meichsner  
Sylas Nuzum  
Landon Rost

**April 26** Easton Froemming

**April 28** Amy Christopherson

**April 29** Anton Ekola

**April 30** Kelly Beilke

### April - May Coffee Servers

**1<sup>st</sup> make sure the coffee maker is set up and on.** It takes quite a while to heat up. **Please** bring 4 doz. Treats each. Questions? Please contact Brenda Haak 320/766-3114 or [Brenda.haak@yahoo.com](mailto:Brenda.haak@yahoo.com) **If your name is in Bold print, please contact the rest of the servers as a reminder. Sunday School parents please call Brenda Haak to sign up if you haven't already. More servers are needed.**

<b>April 5:</b>	Kathy Niblett 760-2279	Carley Noetzelman 701-205-2849	Susan Odegaard 766-0515	<b>Mary Olson</b> 759-2219
<b>April 12:</b>	Cindy Pazdernik 815-4527	Renaee Quinn 766-4148	Diane Richter 808-4646	<b>Sandy Thorson</b> 491-1137
<b>April 19:</b>	Kristie Tollefson 219-1210	<b>Brenda Haak</b> 766-3114	Carrie Wunderlich 766-3440	Carly Wussow 701-367-4007
<b>April 26:</b>	Mary Wussow 808-8875	<b>Rondi Wussow</b> 808-6863	Alice Knapp 808-7594	Alicia Thompson 219-9398
<b>May 3:</b>	Amy Ahlbrecht 815-3022	Annie Chlian 491-0202	<b>Beth Krafthefer</b> 701-361-7191	Bonnie Dillon 491-7113
<b>May 10:</b>	<b>Brenda Haak</b> 766-3114	Cari Eddy 808-4344	Carley Noetzelman 701-205-2849	Carly Wussow 701-367-4007
<b>May 17:</b>	<b>Confirmation/Graduation Brunch Hosted by November Service Group</b>			
	<b>Confirmation Statements of Faith</b>			
<b>May 24:</b>	<b>Carol Juul</b> 218-770-4143	Carrie Wunderlich 766-3440	Casi Giese 247-2160	Christi Converse 491-4040
<b>May 31:</b>	Cindy Pazdernik 815-4527	Corliss Nelson 766-0916	<b>Diane Richter</b> 808-4646	Emily Ekola 766-1198

### LAKE BEAUTY BIBLE CAMP and IPOINT BIBLE CAMP

Summer camp is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow spiritually and meet others! **St. Luke's youth who have completed grades 3 through 11 will be provided 75% of the "Early Bird Rate" only.** Please look over the information and consider having your child(ren) attend!

**IPoint Bible Camp "Early bird" registration deadline is April 1, 2026.** This amounts to a \$30.00 savings providing you register ONLINE or by MAIL on or before 4-1-26. St. Luke's will contribute 75% of the early bird cost which includes the \$30.00 reduction.

**Lake Beauty Bible Camp "Early bird" registration deadline is April 28, 2026.** This amounts to a \$20.00 savings providing you register ONLINE ONLY by this date. St. Luke's will contribute 75% of the early bird cost which includes the \$20.00 reduction.

**Bible Camp Information:** Info letters for both camps available on the information table. Questions? Contact Pr. Sue.

## ***Under the Sea for Missions 2026!***

The Annual St. Luke's Fish Fry for Missions will be held on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

\*This will be the **last fish fry** Brenda and Dana will chair. After 23 years, we feel it's time to pass the aprons on to others. We and many others would like a few others to continue this event, and we're happy to train others and share the notes and records kept over the years.

Signup sheets for working and/or providing food will be available starting Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, along with posters and tickets.

It is truly through God's blessings and the continued prayers of the people that the fish fry for missions has been such a success! A list of the many missions we at St. Luke's support is listed in the annual meeting book. Prayerfully consider helping out with the fish fry in some capacity, donating towards the event, working, and attending.

Each year, Thrivent Action Team Funds have been used for advertising, tickets, supplies, food, décor, etc. The Thrivent funds are put to good use. If you have access to these funds and would like to support this event, please contact Brenda or Dana.

The menu includes: beer-battered and lightly breaded pollock, cheesy hash brown potatoes, homemade baked beans and bread, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage. Adult \$13 presale, \$15 at the door. Kids 12 – 16 \$7 presale, \$8 at the door. Kids under 6 are free.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with Brenda or Dana Haak, Fish Fry chairs, if you have any questions or suggestions!

## **March Church Council Meeting Summary**

### **Old Business:**

Transition Updates: Prayer group being formed and prayer information at table in fellowship hall, Governing Documents Committee has been formed and is working on meeting dates.

MSP to approve Call Committee Team Members: Bryan Meichsner, Christie Converse, Kathy Niblett, Brad Meichsner, Scott Ekola, Matt Kvilhaug.

MSP to hire Stacey Kvilhaug, Eryn Kvilhaug and Olivia Chlian for shared custodian duties at the church.

MSP to hire Sawyer Chlian for the AV position.

Alexandria technical college interior design will come and look over current office space, library to give ideas for office space for senior pastor when called. Also review signage in church building.

### **New Business:**

Council working on Accountant replacement for quarterly payroll w/h's and year end reporting.

MSP for fish fry on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mission Proceeds to go to Lutheran Partners in global ministries.

MSP to donate \$100 to Garfield Days.

MSP for loose offerings during Lent to go to the Douglas County Food Shelf.

Membership removal request from Jan and Jennifer Dyr Dahl.

Property committee is getting quote for elevator repair.



# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 9:45 Men's Bible Study  6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation	<b>2</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground  9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office  6:00 Choir Practice  <b>7:00</b> <b>Maundy Thursday Worship HC</b>	<b>3</b> Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day  6:00 Choir Practice  <b>7:00</b> <b>Good Friday Worship</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5 Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 Worship HC 9:45 <b>NO</b> Sunday School & Sr. High Youth 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship HC	<b>6</b> 6:30 Parish Ed Meeting	<b>7</b> 9:00 – 11:00 Quilting  6:30 Church Council Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:45 Men's Bible Study  6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation  6:30 -8:00 JAM Youth Group	<b>9</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground  9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	<b>10</b> Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School & Sr. High Youth 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship	<b>20</b> 9:00 May Newsletter Articles Due  <b>Fellowship</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 – 11:00 Quilting  <b>Hall – Kitchen -</b>	<b>22</b> 9:45 Men's Bible Study  6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation  <b>Garage Reserved</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground  9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office  <b>All Week</b>	<b>24</b> Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day  4:30 – 7:00 Fish Fry	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:30 Worship HC 9:45 Sunday School & Sr. High Youth 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship HC  5:00 – 8:00 Puerto Rico Mission Team working at Pizza Ranch	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1:00 – 3 :00 Women's Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9:45 Men's Bible Study  6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation	<b>30</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground  9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office		



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