



February 2026 Newsletter

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

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 4:7 – "Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written.'" Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study will meet on February 10th and January 24th from 1-3 pm. All women invited!

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays, at 9:45 am – All men invited! The book of Romans

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

Sunday Evening Bible Class – In recess

Quilters meet on February 3rd and 17th

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, February 11th from 6:30-8:00** at the church.

Dates for Upcoming JAM Meetings: March 11th, April 8th, May 13th

Annual Meeting February 1st

St. Luke's annual meeting will be on February 1, 2026, following the 11:00 am worship service. A potluck noon meal will be served by the August service group.

Contact Info Update

If you have any new contact information—address, phone number, email, etc. please inform the church office.

MNTC Choir – Special Guest Ministry on Sunday, February 8

We are blessed to welcome the Alexandria **Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge (MNTC) Choir** as they join us in *both* of our worship services on **Sunday, February 8**. Their powerful songs, heartfelt testimonies, and updates on the life-changing work of their program will be a meaningful part of our worship that day.

There will also be an opportunity to give a **love offering** in support of MNTC. All gifts received will go **directly to the ministry**, and checks may be written out to **MNTC**.

Let's come ready to worship, be encouraged, and bless this impactful ministry.

Lent Begins February 18

Midweek Lenten worship services will be at 7:00pm each Wednesday during Lent. Please make every effort to attend.

Lenten Supper Schedule as follows:

February 25: ?? **March 4TH SOS** **March 11th JAM** **March 18th Men's Bible Study** **March 25th Puerto Rico Mission Trip Team.** Serving is from 5:30 to 6:30 with Lenten worship at 7:00 pm



<u>February 1</u> Annie Chlian Jack Morrissette	<u>February 3</u> Sheila Anderson Brandi Mandt	<u>February 6</u> Harvey Eddy	<u>February 7</u> Karen Carlson RuthAnn Schmidt	<u>February 9</u> Judy Styve	<u>February 10</u> Carolyn Carlstrom Steph Larson	<u>February 12</u> Shanna Scofield
<u>February 15</u> Addison Albertsen Lucas Carlson Sadie Peterson	<u>February 16</u> Brynkely Brethorst	<u>February 17</u> Justin Haak Heather Kvilhaug	<u>February 18</u> Shelby Feeken Feona Simonson	<u>February 20</u> Nancy Carlson Craig Goemer Michelle Latendresse Kristie Tollefson	<u>February 23</u> Cassie Giese	
<u>February 24</u> Becca Lamm	<u>February 25</u> Ruthe Burgau Jennifer Dyrdaahl Jason Feeken Brady Haak Robbie Juul	<u>February 26</u> Lexie Lamm	<u>February 27</u> Ashlyn Gabrielson	<u>February 28</u> Derrick Pearson Eleanor Sayers		

February - March Coffee Servers

1st 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 **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.**

Feb. 1:	No Coffee Hour – Annual Meeting			
Feb. 8:	Florence Chlian 834-2444	Holly Chlian 304-0311	Kate Christopherson 766-8613	Rolene Clarquist 491-6644
Feb. 15:	Christi Converse 491-4040	Leah Dalluge 320-815-6794	Shelley Diekman 808-7611	Jan Dyrdaahl 304-4901
Feb. 22:	Cari Eddy 808-4344	Emily Ekola 766-1198	Mary Ekola 766-0661	Jill Erickson 491-1225
March 1:	Julie Fenlason 766-1823	Kristi Froemming 815-1587	Rebecca Froemming 815-7090	Steph Froemming 218-770-2871
March 8:	No Coffee Hour – Waffle Fundraiser for Local Missions			
March 15:	Brenda Haak 766-3114	Jill Johnson 815-6679	Carol Juul 218-770-4143	Alice Knapp 808-7594
March 22:	Beth Krafthefer 701-361-7191	Heather Kvilhaug 429-5907	Lisa Meichsner 808-6165	Sarah Meichsner 808-6709
March 29:	Rita Metzger 834-3274	Alicia Morrissette 219-9398	Corliss Nelson 766-0916	Georgia Nelson 760-3455

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.

Winter Weather Announcements



If Sunday Worship is cancelled the decision will be made before 7:00 a.m. on Sundays by the Executive church council members. Notifications will be aired on the following radio stations: KXRA 1490 AM, KIKV 100.7 FM and KBHL 103.9 FM and if possible, cancellations will be on our website. For all other church activities the person in charge of that activity will make the decision to cancel or not.

January Church Council Meeting Summary

Transition Team- Monthly updates during worship services resumed on January 18th. Transition & Recommendation reports were distributed to the congregation. Expecting CDM to have a pastoral profile created and direction for the Call Committee within the next 30 days.

Stewardship/Venmo- Venmo verification process is still being completed. The *Don't Hold Back* campaign will start once online giving options are secured.

Annual Meeting Agenda, Ballot, & 2026 Proposed Budget: final agenda discussed & created along with proposed 2026 Budget. Ballot from the Nominating Committee was also reviewed. See Annual Report

Handicapped Parking Spots: The need for more handicapped parking spots was discussed along with a drop off spot. Formal action on the item was tabled until Spring due to frozen ground and the City of Garfield's street project. In the meantime, the congregation will be encouraged to leave all street spots in front of the church open for those with mobility challenges.

Lenten Supper Dates: February 25- TBD, March 4- SOS, March 11- JAM, March 18- TBD, March 25- Puerto Rico Mission Trip Team.

MNTC Choir: Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will join our worship services on February 8th. Group will be coming from Alexandria, so no lunch will be served following the 11:00 a.m. Services. A table of information will be set up and a separate love offering will be collected.

Communication Platform: The need for a communication/notification platform such as Mailchimp or Constant Contact was discussed. Item will be referred to the church office and then to be formed a Communications team.

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 <u>NO</u> Worship 9:45 Sunday School & Sr. High Youth 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship 12:00 Potluck Meal Annual Meeting	2	3 9:00 – 11:00 Quilting	4 9:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation	5 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	6 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	7
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