



March 2026 Newsletter

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

Stewardship Moment

John 3:16 – "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This is perhaps the most well-known and beloved verse in the New Testament, for good reason. This simple Gospel message is the foundation for our whole life, including our new life in Christ. This new life is characterized by thankfulness and devotion to our Father who has provided for us so lavishly in Christ.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study will meet on March 10th and March 24th from 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 March 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, March 11th and serving the Lenten Supper.**

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

Lent Began on 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:

March 4th Quilters/Women's Bible Study **March 11th** JAM **March 18th** Men's Bible Study **March 25th** SOS. Serving is from 5:30 to 6:30 with Lenten worship at 7:00 pm

Annual Waffle Sunday March 8th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

There is a sign-up sheet to help and posters to distribute on the table in the fellowship hall. All proceeds of the waffle feed are given to local missions approved by the church council.

Thrivent Policy Holders

If you have a Thrivent insurance policy, please designate your Choice Dollars to St. Luke's before March 31st. You can go online or call Thrivent.

Housing needed

We will need housing for the Intentional Interim Pastor beginning May 22, 2026. Contact Kelly Beilke or Brian Meischner for more information.



March 1 Elizabeth Mandt	March 2 Kate Tollefson	March 4 Lonnie Eddy Al Nelson	March 5 Sam Anderson Heidi Wussow	March 6 Aaron Ekola Evan Larson	March 9 Simon Sayers	March 10 Carter Giese Mason Noetzelman
March 13 Linda Fahlin	March 14 Jessica Albertsen	March 15 Scott Ekola Ray Huston	March 16 Andy Albertsen Legend Neuenfeld	March 19 Emily Esping	March 21 Judy Stoltz	March 23 Levi Abdallah Allie Bodde
March 24 Olivia Chlian	March 25 Karen Johnson	March 26 EmmaLee Brethorst Brent Olhausen	March 27 Carley Noetzelman	March 30 Randy Bettermann Don Clarquist	March 31 Vicki Peterson	

March – April 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.**

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	Cari Eddy 808-4344	Alicia Morrissette 219-9398	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	Carol Juul 218-770-4143	Corliss Nelson 766-0916	Georgia Nelson 760-3455
April 5:	Kathy Niblett 760-2279	Carley Noetzelman 701-205-2849	Susan Odegaard 766-0515	Mary Olson 759-2219
April 12:	Cindy Pazdernik 815-4527	Renaë Quinn 766-4148	Diane Richter 808-4646	Sandy Thorson 491-1137
April 19:	Kristie Tollefson 219-1210	Sherry Witikko 305-3291	Carrie Wunderlich 766-3440	Carly Wussow 701-367-4007
April 26:	Mary Wussow 808-8875	Rondi Wussow 808-6863	Alice Knapp 808-7594	Alicia Thompson 219-9398

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.

February Church Council Meeting Summary

Election of Officers:

MSP to approve Kelly Beilke, Council President, Brian Meichsner, Council Vice-President, Kate Christopherson, Council Secretary.

MSP to approve resignation letter of Randy Bettermann from Church Council.

MSP to approve appointment of Don Clarquist for open council seat for 2 years.

MSP to approve the 2026 Church Council Committee Appointments:

Evangelism: Georgia Nelson,

Funeral Advisory: Kelly Beilke

Missions Committee: Karen Carlson

Worship: Georgia Nelson

Men in Mission: Dale Witikko, Don Clarquist

Parish Ed: Dale Witikko, Kate Christopherson, Lydia Christopherson

Stewardship: Kelly Beilke, Don Clarquist

Stephen Ministry: Rondi Wussow

Property: Mark Chlian, Brian Meichsner, Daryl Geise

Old Business:

Transition Updates: discussed office space for senior pastor when called. A zoom meeting is scheduled with Church Doctor Ministries to go over staffing reports and moving forward on forming a call committee. Council is working on getting a committee to go over the Church Governing Documents, Daryl Geise is the council liaison for this committee, church council is looking for 5-7 members for this committee.

Stewardship Updates/Venmo: Work in progress.

Google Calendar & Lenten Supper Schedule: Google Calendar is on website any items that need to be added contact the church office. 2/25-Puerto Rico Missions trip, 3/4 Quilters/Women's Bible Study, 3/11 JAM, 3/18 Men's Bible Study, 3/25 SOS.

New Business:

Council will be moving forward with forming a call committee.

Intentional Interim Housing: (May 22nd estimated move out). Will need to find housing for Pastor Brad Miller as he needs to be moved out on May 22nd. Will put this in the bulletin.

Custodian Position: Feona will be on vacation from March 1-May. MSP to hire Stacey Kvilhaug and her niece Erin to clean church in the absence of Feona.

Discipleship Event will be held at St. Lukes on March 21, 2026 from 9:30am-12:30pm with Pr. Mark Wilhelm the cost is \$10.

Installation of Church Council will be at both church services on March 8, 2026.

Adopted. Equipped. Sent.

A Practical Discipleship Workshop at St. Luke's

The Gospel tells us who we are: adopted sons and daughters of the Father through Jesus Christ.

But the Gospel also sends us.

Many believers feel spiritually busy but not deeply fruitful. We attend, we serve, we give — but we're unsure how to meaningfully invest in someone else's spiritual growth.

On **Saturday, March 21 (9:30 AM–12:30 PM)**, St. Luke's Lutheran Church will host a half-day workshop designed to make discipleship practical again.

Led by **Pastor Mark Wilhelm**, representing **Spiritual Orphans Network (SON)**, this workshop introduces **LIFT (Living in Faith Together)** — a simple, reproducible model that helps churches move from information to transformation.

LIFT is built on a few clear convictions:

- God's Word does the heavy lifting.
- Obedience flows from grace, not pressure.
- Every believer can grow into spiritual leadership.
- Discipleship happens in everyday life — not just church programs.

You don't need to be an expert teacher. You don't need years of training. You need Scripture, community, and a willingness to walk with someone else.

This workshop is for pastors, council members, mission team members, small group leaders — and anyone who wants their faith to bear real fruit.

If you've ever thought,
"There has to be a clearer way to help people grow,"
this event is for you.

Date: Saturday, March 21

Time: 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

Location: St. Luke's Lutheran Church
201 Ida St. E., Garfield, MN

Cost: \$10 (includes snacks and lunch)

Registration Deadline: March 19

Call the church office to register.

Adoption leads to formation.

Formation leads to mission.

Let's take the next step together.

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School & Sr. High Youth 9:45 Coffee Fellowship 10:00 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship	2 5:30 Parish Ed Meeting	3 9:00 – 11:00 Quilting	4 9:45 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice 5:30 – 6:30 Lenten Supper Quilters & Women's Bible Study Serve 7:00 Lenten Worship	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 Confirmation Friday -	7 Youth Retreat Sunday
8 8:30 Worship HC – Church Council Installation 9:30–12:30 Waffle Feed 9:45 Sunday School & Sr. High Youth 10:00 Choir Practice 11:00 Worship HC – Church Council Installation Confirmation Retreat	9	10 1:00 – 3 :00 Women's Bible Study	11 9:45 Men's Bible Study 6:00 Choir Practice 5:30 – 6:30 Lenten Supper JAM Youth Group Serve 7:00 Lenten Worship	12 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	13 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day 10:00 – 4:00 Red Cross Blood Drive	14 10:00 – 6:00 Fellowship Hall Reserved 1:00 – 4:00 Brad Barts Celebration of Life
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