



August 2026 Newsletter

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

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 14:30 – "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.'" The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study will meet on August 11th and August 25th 1-3 pm. All women invited!

Men's Bible Study Wednesdays, at 9:45 am – All men invited! The book of 2 Corinthians

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

Quilters meet on August 4th and 18th

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.

July Church Council Meeting Summary

Old Business:

- Transition Team update: Susan Hayward is willing to help lead spiritual gifts discussions in small groups.
- The Call Committee has received three applications and will provide an update on Sunday, July 26, 2026.
- Pastor Blaine McNeal will preach on July 26 and August 2, 2026.
- The 9 a.m. worship service has been well attended, and the Council has received positive feedback.
- Katie Lehn of the Communications Team updated the Council. The website has been refreshed, online giving is available by QR code, and new pew cards with giving QR codes have been placed in the pews. MSP approved pew QR code decals. Sermon note sheets are available on the table before entering the church. The team is also updating friendship pads and working on mass communications and texting. MSP approved Katie Lehn's access to Shepherd's Staff software.
- Augustana LCMC District has approved St. Luke's Church's membership, with no membership fee required.
- MSP approved contributing \$600 to Augustana LCMC District and \$500 to Christ the King LCMC from the 2026 other benevolence budget.

New Business:

- Augustana LCMC District will host a women's convention on the Resurrection on September 19, 2026. MSP approved hosting the convention online at St. Luke's Church for \$50.
- MSP approved Matt and Heather Kvilhaug as delegates to the LCMC convention in Des Moines, Iowa.
- MSP approved allowing Matt Kvilhaug to complete his online seminary work at the church on Thursdays and Fridays beginning this fall.
- Thank you to the anonymous donor who repaired the sidewalk in front of the church.

"Guided by Prayer in Our Call Process"

Candidates

Scripture: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. *Psalms 32:8*

Pray for:

- Clarity for those God is calling
- Peace in their current ministry
- Honest and Spirit-led conversations

Ice Cream Cones in Garfield City Park

We are looking for **volunteers to serve ice cream each week** in the Garfield City Park on Sundays from 6-8pm during August. **Sign up sheet** is in the fellowship hall.



August 1

Jamie Smith
Paulynn Terhark

August 3

Jill Johnson
Jen Simonson
Shelly Soltis
Ricky Williams

August 4

Jill Erickson
Marlys Wahlin

August 5

Cole Morrisette

August 6

Emily Giese
Shaun Mateer

August 7

Marissa Haak
Willow Peterson

August 8

Holly Carlson

August 11

Rick Kvilhaug

August 14

Evelyn Beulke

August 15

Margaret Sayers

August 16

Bruce Erickson

August 17

JoAnn Dahl
Cindy Pazdernik
Audrey Wussow
Carly Wussow

August 18

Skyler Quinn

August 20

Lindsey Sholts

August 21

Sam Converse

August 22

Lincoln Bodde

August 23

Susan Odegaard

August 24

Hadlee Lamm
Taylor Olhausen

August 25

Pr. Sue Davidson
Darrin Froemming

August 28

Gail Anderson
Ivan Pazdernik

August 29

Sadie Wunderlich

August 30

Caleb Sholts

August - September 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.**

August 2: Susan Odegaard
766-0515

Vicki Peterson
493-8710

Amy Ahlbrecht
815-3022

Sheila Anderson
815-2867

August 9: Kathy Bahn
429-0424

Kelly Beilke
491-9293

Mary Berghuis
760-1707

Stacey Bettermann
760-9945

August 16: Holly Carlson
808-4853

Karen Carlson
815-1212

Annie Chlian
491-0202

Florence Chlian
834-2444

August 23: Holly Chlian
304-0311

Kate Christopherson
766-8613

Rolene Clarquist
491-6644

Christi Converse
491-4040

August 30: Leah Dalluge
815-6794

Shelley Diekman
808-7611

Cari Eddy
808-4344

Emily Ekola
766-1198

Sept. 6: Mary Ekola
766-0661

Jill Erickson
491-1225

Julie Fenlason
766-1823

Kristi Froemming
815-1587

Sept. 13: Rebecca Froemming
815-7090

Steph Froemming
218-770-2871

Casi Giese
320-247-2160

Brenda Haak
766-3114

Sept. 20: Jill Johnson
815-6679

Carol Juul
218-770-4143

Alica Knapp
808-7594

Beth Krafthefer
701-361-7191

Sept. 27: Heather Kvilhaug
429-5907

Lisa Meichsner
808-6165

Sarah Meichsner
808-6709

Rita Metzger
834-3274

St. Luke's Pie and Ice Cream Social – August 8 from 12:00 – 4:00



It is soon time for Garfield Days and the St. Luke's Pie and Ice Cream Social. All funds raised are used to support "Faith Comes By Hearing".

We need your help! Sign up sheets are on the table in the Fellowship Hall to sign up to bring pies as well as other ways you can help in the kitchen and dining room.

Not only is this a great fundraiser to provide Biblesticks in every language to the military and others, it is also a good outreach to the community. Thank you for your help!!

THE COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY

The Collingsworth Family is a Southern Gospel/Inspirational group started by Phil and Kim Collingsworth and features their family. They tour all over the country and we have the opportunity to see them right here in Alexandria.

They will be performing at Lake Geneva Christian Center on September 10th at 7:00 p.m. It is a concert you are sure to enjoy with music, testimonies and humor.

There are a limited number of tickets available for purchase at St. Luke's on Sunday mornings or by contacting the church office. If you are interested, please get your ticket earlier rather than later as if more are needed it may be possible to get additional tickets.

Giving Is an Act of Worship

As we offer ourselves to God, we also offer our gifts in gratitude.

Scan the QR code below to make a one-time or reoccurring gift.



Thank you for supporting God's work through St. Luke's.

"Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

1 Chronicles 29:14

A beautiful reminder that giving is returning to God what already belongs to Him.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 12:30 – 3:00 Fellowship Hall and Kitchen Reserved
2 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 6:00 – 8:00 Ice Cream Cones in Garfield Park	3	4 9:00 – 11:00 Quilting	5 9:45 Men's Bible Study	6 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	7 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	8 12:00 – 4:00 Pie & Ice Cream Social
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