



October 2026 Newsletter

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

Stewardship Moment

Matthew 22:5 – "But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business." The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

John 8:36 – "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself "the apostle of good works." For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study will meet on October 13th and October 27th 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 October 6th and 20th

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.

September Church Council Meeting Summary

Old Business:

- The Call Committee and Church Council are partnering to share the senior pastor opening through networks and seminaries.
- The Transition Team met with Pastor Sue, who is not retiring at the end of October. The team discussed delegating some of her duties to Parish Education Committee members.
- MSP to keep the worship service at 9 a.m. through May 2027.
- Communications Team update: New friendship pads remain on back order, and a laptop computer has been purchased.
- Pastor Blaine MacNeil will provide pulpit supply in October, November and December, except on October 4 and October 25, when Pastor Becky Worner will serve.

New Business:

- Council is currently working on the senior pastor salary package.
- MSP to purchase two to three tables at \$600 per table for the MN Adult Teen Challenge Gala on October 22, 2026. Sign-up sheets are available in the fellowship hall, and the cost will be paid from the mission's fund.
- MSP to approve membership removal requests from Alicia Thompson, Cole Morrisette and Jack Morrisette.
- Council discussed the Seminary School Scholarship Fund, established at the 2025 annual meeting for \$7,500, to cover Matt Kvilhaug's monthly seminary tuition payments.
- MSP to approve updating the insurance policy to set the church building's replacement cost at \$2.8 million.

Holy Communion Classes

All **5th Grade students** are part of 3 **Holy Communion classes** that meets from 1-3 pm on Sept. 27 and October 11. ONE make-up class if needed on October 18 from 1-3 pm.



October 2

Josapha Craig
Olundon Ekola
Dominick Wilson

October 3

Lane Noetzelman

October 6

Elsie Johnson
Greg Niblett
Emmalyn Stoltz

October 7

Paul Tollefson
Michael Wussow

October 8

Nettie Emblom
Carla Fahlin

October 9

Sydney Sholts
Dominic Wunderlich

October 12

Andy Eddy
David Stoltz

October 13

Cameo Eddy
Joey Richter

October 15

Shelley Diekman
Corliss Nelson
Gage Feeken
Cassie Tatro

October 17

Mari-ann Bartlett

October 18

Raylynn Foster
Diane Richter

October 19

Brooke Anderson
Steve Davidson

October 22

Jack Krafthefer

October 23

Julie Anderson
Kristi Froemming

October 24

Chad Carlson
Colton Pearson

October 25

Rolene Clarquist
Paige Meichsner

October 26

Trent Froemming
MaryAnn Ostlund

October 27

Rita Metzger

October 28

Kya Christopherson
Olive Smith

October 31

Jason Dahl
Kathy Johnson
Darrell Lorsung

October - November 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.**

Oct. 4: Corliss Nelson
766-0916

Georgia Nelson
760-3455

Kathy Niblett
760-2279

Carley Noetzelman
701-205-2849

Oct. 11: Susan Odegaard
766-0515

Mary Olson
759-2219

Cindy Pazdernik
815-4527

Vicki Peterson
493-8710

Oct. 18: Diane Richter
808-4646

Brittne Gabrielson
760-3710

Sandy Thorson
491-1137

Cari Eddy
808-4344

Oct. 25: Sherry Witikko
305-3291

Carrie Wunderlich
766-3440

Rondi Wussow
808-6863

Mary Wussow
808-8875

Nov. 1: **Carly Wussow**
701-367-4007

Alice Knapp
808-7594

Volunteer Needed

Amy Ahlbrecht
815-3022

Nov. 8: Annie Chlian
491-0202

Beth Krafthefer
701-361-4007

Brenda Haak
766-3114

Cari Eddy
808-4344

Nov. 15: Carley Noetzelman
701-205-2849

Carly Wussow
701-367-4007

Carol Juul
218-770-4143

Carrie Wunderlich
766-3440

Nov. 22: Casi Giese
247-2160

Christi Converse
491-4040

Cindy Pazdernik
815-4527

Corliss Nelson
766-0916

Nov. 29: Diane Richter
808-4646

Emily Ekola
766-1198

Florence Chlian
834-2444

Georgia Nelson
760-3455

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.



MN Adult & Teen Challenge Gala October 23

St Luke's has reserved two tables (for a total of sixteen people) for the event at the VIE Church in Alexandria for the annual Alexandria Gala 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall to reserve your seat at one of the tables.

"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 Our Congregation:

Patience and trust

Openness to the Holy Spirit

Spiritual preparation of our congregation

Heavenly Father,

Unite us in faith and hope during this season of change. Grant us peace and patience as we seek Your will, and help us trust in Your divine plan for our church family. May we walk together in mutual love and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.



By faith, as St. Peter says, we acquire a new and clean heart, and God will and does account us entirely righteous and holy for the sake of Christ, our Mediator. . . And such faith, renewal, and forgiveness of sins is followed by good works. . . We say, besides, that if good works do not follow, faith is false and not true.

Martin Luther

One thing, and only one thing, is necessary for Christian life, righteousness, and freedom. That one thing is the most holy Word of God, the gospel of Christ, as Christ says, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

Martin Luther

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth: Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His Kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther

A Mighty Fortress is Our God



The Five Solas

1. Sola Scriptura (by scripture alone)
2. Sola Fide (by faith alone)
3. Sola Gratia (by grace alone)
4. Solus Christus (Christ alone)
5. Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone)





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	2 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	3
4 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Fellowship LCMC Annual Gathering And Convention	5 Oct. 4 – 7 at	6 9:00 – 11:00 Quilting Lutheran Church of Hope	7 9:45 NO Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation 6:30 - 8:00 JAM Youth Group W. Des Moines, Iowa	8 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	9 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	10
11 8:00 Choir Practice 9:00 Worship HC 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 1:00 – 3:00 5 th Grade Holy Communion Class	12	13 1:00 – 3 :00 Women's Bible Study	14 9:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00 NO Confirmation	15 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	16 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	17
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25 Reformation Sunday 9:00 Worship HC – 5 th Graders Receive First Holy Communion 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Fellowship	26	27 1:00 – 3 :00 Women's Bible Study	28 9:45 Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00 Confirmation	29 8:30 Women's Prayer & Bible Study Group at Common Ground 9:00 Bulletin Announcements Due In Office	30 Pr. Davidson's Sabbath Day	31



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