

# ST. LUKE SNAPSHOT

## St. Luke Lutheran Church

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### "Living in Faith... Linking Hearts and Hands"

#### SUNDAY WORSHIP

##### SERVICE:

Join us in our sanctuary, parking lot, on FB, St. Luke website, or tune in to 88.3FM

**9:00am**

##### ADULT LEARNING HOUR:

**10:15-11:15am**

**CHILDREN'S LEARNING HOUR (AGES 4 THRU 12TH GRADE)**

**10:00am**

We welcome you as you join us in worship this morning!  
We would enjoy meeting you and learning how we can minister to your family.

The Café is now open.

We kindly ask that you refrain from bringing food or beverages into the Sanctuary.

At St. Luke Lutheran Church, we use photographs and/or video to record our events and ministry.

These are used to help promote our ministry, and for archival purposes such as on our website, or the Press Enterprise.

If you DO NOT want your image or your child's image used in this manner, please contact the church office at 570-784-5035 to make us aware of your wishes.

#### VETERANS DAY



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 8:00AM AT THE OLD FILLING STATION IN BENTON.

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 7:45AM TO CARPOOL

#### ST. LUKE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA!

Join St. Luke ladies on Saturday, November 13 at 2:00pm as we gather to enjoy good fellowship and fun with friends and family!  
Refreshments will be served.

Be sure to bring a friend or family member!

**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

#### For the week of November 7, 2021

##### Sunday, November 7: 24 Pentecost/All Saints' Sunday

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)
- ♦ Children's Learning Hour, 10:30am
- ♦ Private Event, 2:00pm (SH/K)

##### Monday: November 8:

- ♦ CSIU, 1:30pm (LV)
- ♦ Reunion Group Tres Dias, 2:00pm (GE)
- ♦ Council Meeting, 6:00pm (SH)
- ♦ Cub Scout Pack 20 Mtg, 6:00pm (AR)

##### Tuesday, November 9:

- ♦ CSIU, 11:30am (LV)
- ♦ Sawdust Ministry, 5:30pm
- ♦ Troop 30202, 6:00pm (AR)
- ♦ Troop 30495, 6:00pm (SH/K)

##### Wednesday, November 10:

- ♦ PEO Book Club, 2:00pm (GE)

##### Thursday, November 11: Veteran's Day

- ♦ Quilters in Bloom, 6:00pm (SH)

##### Friday, November 12:

- ♦ Set up for Christmas Tea, 4:00pm (SH/K)

##### Saturday, November 13:

- ♦ Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8:00am (off premises)
- ♦ Vietnamese Bible Study, 11:00am (GE)
- ♦ Christmas Tea, 2:00pm (SH/K)
- ♦ Tres Dias Secuela, 7:00pm (SY/SH/K)

##### Sunday, November 14: Pentecost 25

- ♦ Worship, 9:00am
- ♦ Adult Learning Hour, 10:15am (SH)
- ♦ Children's Learning Hour, 10:30am
- ♦ Girl Scouts 30495, 2:00pm (SH/K)

#### Seasons

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"*  
-- Ecclesiastes 3:1

There are seasons of life.

People come into our lives. Some we encounter only once. Others, we encounter occasionally. Still others are with us for weeks, months, years, even decades. Some even stay a lifetime. Yet, as different as these windows of time are, all have one thing in common: they are all seasons of time and encounter. The interesting thing is, that the duration of a season of encounter has little bearing on how significant that encounter may be to our lives. Some people leave a lasting impact with only one encounter. Others have greater opportunity to reach us because of how long they are with us. Some use this time well; others, not so well.

Regarding the future, Pastor Tony Evans offers the analogy of driving a car. As you sit in the driver's seat, there are two pieces of glass in front of you. One is the rear-view mirror. The other is the windshield. To drive safely, we must occasionally look back to take account of what was behind, but we cannot move ahead safely or effectively if we are always looking back. We must look forward. The rear-view mirror is the past; the windshield is the future. The picture in the rear-view mirror is small, and gets smaller all the time. The picture through the windshield is huge and endless. Looking back produces nothing but sadness and regret. Looking forward makes it possible to share the Gospel of Jesus and do great things for God's people. We cannot live in the past, but we have unlimited life before us.

St. Luke is in a good place to deal with a pastoral change. We have been through much, and we are wary, yet we are hopeful and faithful. Our congregation is spiritually healthy, cohesive, and committed to ministry. Our ministries, though pastorally equipped, are lay-led. Our council is well-rounded in gifted talent and experience. Our facility is in excellent condition, and more than adequate to meet current and future needs.

**Best of all, this is God's church. He is in charge, and He will be faithful.** He calls us to be faithful as well. If we are, He will bless us. This is a truth that is demonstrated throughout scripture, and throughout the life of this congregation. And though it is a new season for us, it is not a new season for God. The mission and calling are the same: *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."* (Mark 16:15)

As we look to a new season in the life of St. Luke Lutheran Church, I would ask you to do a personal survey to identify what talents you have to contribute to the ongoing ministries of the church. As we do all of this, great things will continue to happen, and God will surely bless us.

Faith, hope, and peace to you all.

In Christian Love—

--Mike McCay

*"Nations pass away, thrones crumble, but the Church remains ...."* --Napoleon

#### ANOTHER GREAT YEAR IN THE BOOKS!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Trunk or Treat a HUGE success once again!





## Prayer List for the Week of November 7, 2021

*Not available online*

The Orangeville Manor Ministry Committee would like to thank those who have sponsored veterans, but **2 SPONSORS ARE STILL NEEDED!** Sponsoring a vet can bring so much joy, to not only the vet, but to the sponsor as well.  
*If you are interested or have any questions please contact Tina Kistler.*

### CELEBRATORY BRICKS



We are once again taking orders for celebratory bricks. Honor your loved ones with a custom engraved brick which will be placed in our Memorial Garden Path. Order forms can be found in the Narthex. Call Holly at the church office if you have any questions.

### GREAT NEWS!



Through the generosity of our members, **\$2350.00** has been collected for our Blanket Ministry to purchase blankets to give to our local homeless! **THANK YOU!!**

### TRES DIAS PESCADORES

Our SVTD Tres Dias monthly secuela will be hosted here at St. Luke on **Saturday, November 13 at 7:00pm.**

If you are able to help, please contact Tina or Steve Kistler.



### HELP SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

Fill a Shoebox for a child waiting to hear about the hope and salvation that is found in Jesus. Boxes can be found in the Narthex. Filled Shoeboxes are due by Sunday, November 21. A \$9.00 donation will cover the shipping costs and the cost of educational material for one box (see envelopes in the Narthex or give online through our website). If you are unable to fill a whole Shoebox, consider donating toward the shipping and materials or purchase an item from our Wishlist. We will pack boxes on November 21. Please prayerfully consider how you are being called to help children around the world this year.



### A LOOK at the BUDGET

YTD Income: \$ n/a

\*YTD Expense: \$ n/a

Net Income: \$ n/a

*Please call Tammy Polstra with any questions during her office hours:  
Monday and Friday 9am to 12pm*

### COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE :



**11/8/2021:** Shirley Bodman, Bac Ly, Diane Shultz, and Clark McFadden

**11/15/2021:** Denny Blewett, Don Goetz, Bill Hargraves, and Teri Meter

## Just a reminder

Pastor Brian will be arriving at St. Luke each Sunday morning at 7:30am to spend time praying for the protection and safety of our church and its members. Please feel free to come early and join him in this time of prayer and petition.

### ST. LUKE PRAYER TEAM MINISTRY

PRAYER LEADERS FOR 11/7:

**BETH GOETZ AND JUDY GRABERT**



### Other Prayer Team members include:

*Chris Davis, Mike Douthit, Judy Grabert, Dawn Johnson, Megan Shaffer, LeeAnn Stine, Steve Kistler, Shirley Bodman and Beth Goetz*

### VETERAN'S DAY GIFT BAG PROJECT

**TODAY** is the final day to fill out a card to let the veterans at Orangeville Manor know you're thinking of them!

Blank cards are available in the Narthex. Please take one or more, write a note to a veteran, sign your name (include you are from St. Luke, and return the completed card to the returned card basket. (Please do not write on the front of the envelope. Resident names will be added later.)

*Thank you for spreading a little cheer to our beloved veterans.*

### THE ORANGEVILLE MANOR IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

**LAUNDRY BASKETS, DEODORANT, BODY WASH, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY.**

**PLEASE PUT YOUR DONATIONS IN THE SPECIFIED BOX IN THE NARTHEX**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!**



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS!



### Youth Group Treefest Collection

Youth Group is collecting toys and/or gifts to help local families celebrate the Christmas holiday. Collection box is in the Narthex. **DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 19!**

**Saturday, November 20 at 12:00:** Youth group will meet at the church to enjoy a delicious lunch before leaving to decorate the tree at Caldwell Consistory!



**Sunday, November 21 at 6:00pm:** Youth Group will hold a Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner in the Social Hall. **BRING YOUR FAVORITE FOOD! YOUTH GROUP FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!**