



*Saint Luke's
Lutheran Church*

Saint Luke's Bi-Monthly

March & April 2020

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule **April 5-12, 2020**

Don't forget to
turn clocks
AHEAD

Sunday
March 8, 2020



Palm Sunday
April 5, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Oil Anointing and Holy Communion
Maundy Thursday Service
April 9, 7:00 PM



Stations of the Cross
Good Friday Service
April 10, 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil Service
April 11, 7:00 PM



Easter Sunday Worship
April 12, 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Continental Breakfast
9:30 AM
Egg Hunt
9:30 AM

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MISSION STATEMENT & THE MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

*Saint Luke's Lutheran Church is called to **Welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ, **Equip** us for a faith that works in real life, & **Send** us into the world to make a difference with the heart and mind of Jesus.*

As a disciple of Jesus Christ at Saint Luke's Lutheran Church, to the Glory of God I am called to:

- **Pray** daily
- **Worship** weekly
- **Read** the Bible
- **Serve** at and beyond Saint Luke's
- Be in **Relationship** to encourage spiritual growth in others
- **Give** of my time, talents, and resources

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PASTORAL ACTS

Baptisms

Molly and Jaden Dubois

January 26, 2020

Weddings

None

New Members

The Rev. Tyler & Tricia Andor

Mel Grainer

February 9, 2020

Memorial/Funerals

Columbarium Dedication

January 26, 2020

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From Pastor Josh

"When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." (John 10:4,5)

Dear Co-Workers in the Gospel,

Have you noticed that banks and other financial institutions all have similar advice as they try to help customers avoid becoming victims of Internet crime? They say things like: We will never ask for your password; You will never receive an email from us asking for your account number; Don't click on a link in a suspicious email. They do this because thieves perpetrating Internet crime are good at disguising themselves as your actual bank. I would imagine these institutions do this mostly for legal reasons, but I would hope that there is some altruism in their actions. Either way, it is clear that they want us, the consumers, to "know the real voice" of communication that comes solely from them in order to avoid the traps of the underworld scammers.

I bring this example up because we, in this fallen world, face a similar struggle when it comes to "knowing the real voice" of God. How many politicians have you heard in this presidential election year claim that God is on their side? What about those that promote worldly political agendas with the disclaimer, "This is the Christian thing to support"? Unfortunately, there are a lot of people out there who *claim* to speak for God. To be frank with you—hearing all of this makes me sick to my stomach. It upsets me, not only because it divides the body of Christ, but also because it reflects poorly on our faith to those who are unbelievers.

At Saint Luke's our answer to all of this damaging noise should be quite simply this: Jesus' real voice comes to us from one place and one place only—HIS WORD! If we desire to hear what God through His Son *really thinks* about this world and the human predicament that we are in, we need to be intentional about reading, studying, praying, and having holy conversations about Scripture. Knowing the voice of the Good Shepherd has eternal benefit. Spending time in the Word, in prayer, and in fellowship with other believers will sharpen our sensitivity to his voice and our ability to recognize the traps of the devil. Saint Luke's offers many opportunities to dwell in God's Word. If you are frustrated and discouraged by what you hear in the world around you—all you have to do is go to GOD'S WORD, and you **will** find encouragement and guidance.

In Christ,

Pastor Josh

March Sunday Events

March 1 – March 15; March 29 & April 5

Children's Communion Classes 9:30 am

These classes are for all children 3rd grade and older who have not previously taken the class. This includes children who are taking Holy Communion as well as those who have not yet received their First Communion. Please let us know if you have a child who will attend.

April Sunday Events

April 5

Blood Pressure Checks

In keeping with our namesake, Saint Luke, we offer an opportunity for blood pressure checks between services. This is available for anyone interested and is confidential between you and your nurse.

Look for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday schedule later in this publication.



March 4 – April 1

Wednesday Soup Suppers 6:00 pm

If you would like to help make soup or bring bread, please sign up in the atrium. All are invited!

Wednesday Lenten Services 7:00 pm

Each Wednesday evening up until Holy Week. These five Lenten services will offer reflections on Philippians 2:5-11 – Christ's Example of Humility.

Child care is provided at all Lenten services.



MOPS & MOMS NEXT

MOPS & Mom's Next meet at 6:00 pm at the church on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Childcare is included; your kids will be learning about Jesus from the Frolic curriculum. We will have a potluck style dinner at each meeting and offer fun crafts, watch inspirational videos, and have great conversation.

If you have questions, contact Coordinator Andrea Ried by text 719-728-0941 or email acried0321@gmail.com.



March 14 and April 4 (**NOTE: NOT second Saturday**)

Women's Coffee

We meet at 8:00 am at Panera on North Academy.

All are welcome.



March 10 and April 21

Tuesday Lunches at the church

We eat at 12:30 pm.

March 17

Tuesday Lunch out

Watch the Weekly for location and time details.:



PALM SUNDAY — APRIL 5, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

These identical services begin with the account of Jesus' final journey into Jerusalem. We bless palms and children process around the sanctuary behind the cross. Then the service changes tone as we hear the Passion story. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Childcare and Children's Church are available.



MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 9, 7:00 PM

This service begins with the liturgy of corporate confession and absolution. As we came forward on Ash Wednesday to receive the ashen cross as a sign of repentance, on Maundy Thursday we receive absolution and anointing with oil as a sign of forgiveness. We will also celebrate the First Communion of some of our young people. The service ends quite movingly with the stripping of the altar and chancel in remembrance of Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the Roman soldiers. Childcare and Children's Church are available.



GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 10, 7:00 PM

This service focuses on the Biblical Stations of the Cross with Service of Tenebrae (shadows). The church will be progressively darkened as we walk with Christ on the path of sorrows. This service is moving as we witness Jesus' passion and death. Childcare is available.



EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 11, 7:00 PM

Also called Paschal Vigil, this service is the first official celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It includes hymns, readings and a powerful liturgy that symbolizes the movement from the darkness of Good Friday to the light of Christ on Easter Sunday. There will be a reception following the service for those interested.



EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 12, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

We celebrate the Festival of our Lord's Resurrection with choir, brass, bells and Holy Communion. Childcare and Children's Church are available. A full breakfast will be served between the services at 9:30 am. Easter Egg Hunt for children, 5th grade and younger, will be at 9:30 am.



EASTER BRUNCH - APRIL 12, 9:30 AM

Join us for brunch at 9:30 am Easter Sunday. A full breakfast will be served. Please sign up in the atrium if you would be willing to bring juice, pastries or cut fruit. Hope to see you there.

EASTER EGG HUNT – APRIL 12, 9:30 AM

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am Easter Sunday. Meet at the lower level entry doors, rain or shine.



INDIA TRANSFORMED LENTEN CANS



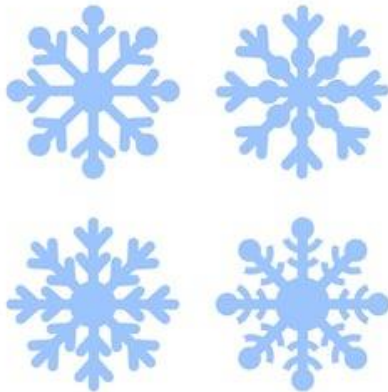
One-sixth of the world lives in India. Over the last six decades, India has made enormous progress in industrial growth, economic development, science and technology. It is poised to be a superpower in the 21st century. Yet the education scenario is alarmingly dismal at the grassroots level with only 30% able to read and write. Eleven million street children scavenge for food in the garbage. Many do not go home in the evenings, either from fear of alcoholic fathers or because they have no homes to go to. They survive by petty thievery or get pulled into drug cartels. Countless women are abandoned by their husbands and must turn to begging. Millions of lives are spent fighting to survive.

This Lent, as in the past few years, we are providing cans for you to use to help the children of India through India Transformed. India Transformed is a supported ministry of the NALC and of Saint Luke's. Karen Hansen is on the board of directors. This is an excellent way to remember those less fortunate as we walk the journey to the cross and greatest gift of all – Jesus' death and resurrection. It is also a great teaching tool for our children as well. There is an informational sheet on the table next to the can that provides questions that can be used as family conversation starters.

Please consider supporting this ministry throughout Lent and return the cans on Easter Sunday.

BAD WEATHER

Please be aware of the following procedures:



- If District 11 is closed or on a two-hour delay, all day time activities are canceled and we will not be making any phone calls.
- Evening activities on snowy days will be determined by 2:00 pm. Please check the website or Facebook for updates.
- If you are in doubt of whether something is canceled or not, please call the church office at 598-4397. If no one answers, please call Deaconess Kathy at 593-0665.

Always use your own judgment as to whether you should venture out or not. Our primary concern is your safety!



NEW CHURCH TEXT SYSTEM

Saint Luke's has initiated a texting notification service. Details are in the narthex.

Contact James Clapper with any questions.



March 4 – April 1 (during Lent)

We Gather Wednesdays schedule:

- 5:30 pm – Christ Kidz (5th grade and younger)
(**NOT** March 25 – Spring Break)
- 5:30 pm – Youth Group (6th through 12th grade)
(**NOT** March 25 – Spring Break)
- 6:00 pm – Soup Suppers – ALL are invited



GRADUATING SENIORS

If you are, or have a senior who is graduating from high school or college, please let Deaconess Kathy know by Sunday, May 10th. You may mark it on your visitor/ member sheet, call the church office at 719-598-4397 or email her at saintlukes@saintlukes-cs.org.

Please include name, school, date of graduation and major, if appropriate. We will publish the information in the Weekly during May and in the July/August Newsletter.

CHILDREN'S CENTER

March is our month of hope! Hope for the weather to be nice and everything starts to turn green.

Our monthly activities are:

March 3 – Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party

March 12 – National Plant a Flower Day

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day (my favorite, with the little people who cause so much mischief)

April 1-8 – Book Fair

April 8 – Easter Egg Dyeing

April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt

April 10 – CLOSED Good Friday

April 13-17 – Week of the Young Child:

Music Monday

Tasty Tuesday

Work Together Wednesday

Artsy Thursday

Family Friday

April 20 – May 1 - We will use the Ages and Stages assessment guide to determine each child's skill levels to prepare for their next learning experiences. Teachers will then hold parent/teacher conferences to discuss the results with the parents.



Saint Luke's Children's Center

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Diane Van Horn
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 am

Spoken Service with Homily and Holy Communion
Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

Spoken Service with Divine Reading and Holy Communion
Wednesdays at 7:30 am

And when circumstances beyond your control prevent you from coming to church, scripture readings and sermon for each service is available at:
<https://www.saintlukes-cs.org/sermons>



HEAVENLY ROAST

(Will NOT meet
April 12, Easter
Sunday)

All middle and high school youth are invited for coffee, tea, hot chocolate and fellowship at Pikes Perk (Vickers and Academy). Meet in the atrium at **9:30 am** to carpool. Looking forward to seeing you.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

One of our pastors will lead a discussion on the lessons of the day each **Sunday morning at 9:30 am**. All who are interested may join him in the Melanchthon Room.