



ST. LUKE NEWS

September/October 2026

Pastor's Letter



Dear Church Family,

As the heat and hurried pace of Summer begin to give way “hopefully” to the cooler, gentler days of Autumn, we have reason to pause and give thanks. Through long, hot days, busy schedules, family travel, work responsibilities, and all the unexpected moments in between, God has remained faithfully present. The Lord who watched over us in every mile traveled, every task completed, every gathering enjoyed, and every challenge faced is the same Lord leading us into a new season, inspiring confidence in His ongoing care.

Fall has a beautiful way of reminding us that change is not always something to fear. The leaves do not remain green forever; they turn to brilliant colors, loosen their hold, and make room for what comes next. In God's creation, beauty exists even in letting go. Perhaps the changing trees invite us to ask: What might God be changing in us? What worries, habits, hurts, or distractions are we being called to release? What new growth, renewed faith, deeper love, or fresh calling might God be preparing, encouraging us to see change as an opportunity for growth?

As our routines settle and we gather again for worship, learning, service, and fellowship, let us enter this season with expectant hearts. God's providence has carried us through the summer, and God's grace will guide us through every change ahead. May this autumn be a time when we notice the beauty around us and, even more, God's transforming work within us.

With gratitude and hope,
Pastor Ivan Milosi

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Year-Round Shoebox Shopping

Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child is a Year-Round project for St. Luke. We collect small items that will fit in a shoebox. These boxes are shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.



***GIVING THANKS DINNER
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH***

A complete Thanksgiving Meal – Back by popular demand! Prepared by the men of our church. Serving will begin at 11:00am.



Tickets will be available for purchase before and after each worship service beginning Sunday, October 25th. We will need pies . . . if you can provide a pie there will be a signup sheet in the narthex the end of October where you can sign up.

Adults \$14.00
Kids (3-12 years) \$7.00
Kids (2 and under) Free!



CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

After a long hot summer, kids Sunday School resumed on September 13th. We had a great time learning about “Love.” Did you know that the word Love appears 574 times in the Bible (NIV version)? We learned about how Jesus loved Zacchaeus even though many did not love him and an example of what it means to be a Christian and encourages kids to notice those in need around them through the story of the Good Samaritan.

These are just a few of the stories the kids will learn in Sunday School while having “fun” with crafts, games, and a little snack. We look forward to the 2026-2027 year with your children! We welcome and encourage parents who want to volunteer for a few Sundays! Please let Nancy McMeen or Pastor Ivan know if you could volunteer.

**JOIN US FOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
EACH SUNDAY 9:30am - Room 103**

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED AT SINGLE SUNDAY SERVICE

In addition to the festivities of the Single Worship Service on Sep 13th, it was a special joy to welcome the new members listed below into the St. Luke family. When you see these people, be sure and let them know how pleased we are to have them join us.

Ron & Elaine Eltze

Carol Glancy

Shauna Jensen

Karen Overturf

Jun Terasawa

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY



Mark your calendars:

Our Advent Bible Study begins early this year. We will meet on Thursdays at 10am and 7pm on November 12, and 19, and December 3, 10, and 17. The study topic will be announced soon.



St. Luke Garage Sale - July 31 & Aug 1

The St. Luke Fellowship Hall became a bargain shopper's paradise when we hosted a garage sale on July 31st and August 1st. Jodi Brockhoff chaired this hard-working committee that raised over \$2,700. Thank you to those who put in time working to make the garage sale a success. Thank you also to those who contributed to the Bake Sale, those who donated items, and those who spent funds. It was a job well done by many people! The funds raised made replacing our air conditioner possible!

ONE WORSHIP SUNDAY SERVICE & CHURCH PICNIC



Thanks to all who worked to make the meal after our combined worship day on September 13th a huge success! We had around 120 that gathered for fellowship and food!

A special appreciation to our meat grillers who were at church very early to set up the grill: Dale Robertson, Ed McMeen, Mike Hill, & Ray Schacht. Thanks to those who brought food and those who helped setting up and cleaning up.

Premiums on the increase!



2025-2026 premium \$17,274.75

2026-2027 premium \$18,371.75

A breakdown of premium and coverages are in the narthex or call the church office and we can email or mail you a copy.

LIVE STREAM



How to Access the Live Stream (Step by Step) Computer Access

1. Turn on computer.
2. Open web browser. (ie. Chrome, Firefox, or Internet Explorer)
3. Click into the address bar at the top of the screen.
4. Type www.stlukelincn.org and press enter.
5. Scroll down and click on the red underlined phrase which says, "CLICK HERE FOR THE LIVESTREAM." This will take you to our YouTube channel.
6. You are able to leave comments on the right. (You will need to sign in to leave a comment.)

Phone Access

1. On your phone you can follow the same steps as above.
2. If you don't already have the YouTube app on your phone, it may ask you to install it. Once installed, follow the steps above again and it should open the YouTube page and click on the video with the red "live" next to it.

Text announcements will remind you when livestream is starting on Sunday morning, special events, when we have to cancel church or events due to weather, etc.

PLEASE SIGN UP!

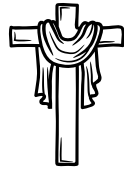
1. Open your text messaging app on your phone and start a new message.
2. In the spot where you put the person's phone number (To:) type: 402-477-2032
3. In the spot where you type the message, type the word: announce.
4. Press send. (You will automatically be added to our text message list.)

Annual Church Charge Conference

We will have our annual Charge Conference Meeting at 7pm on Thursday, November 5th. This meeting is conducted by our District Superintendent, and everybody is invited to attend. Cookies will be provided.



WORSHIP



Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am
Communion is the first and third Sunday of each Month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The Gift of Giving: Why We Give

This fall, discover why generosity is one of God’s good gifts to us. In this six-week series, we will explore how open hands free our hearts, fuel God’s mission, strengthen our community, and help us live with greater trust and joy. Join us Sundays from October 18 through November 22 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

DATE	SERMON TITLE	SCRIPTURE
October 18, 2026	It All Belongs to God	1 Chronicles 29:10-14
October 25, 2026	Fueling God’s Mission	Philippians 4:10-20
November 1, 2026	A Return That Never Fails	2 Corinthians 9:6-11
November 8, 2026	Freedom From Greed	Luke 12:13-21
November 15, 2026	Radical Generosity, Radical Change	Acts 4:32-37
November 22, 2026	More Blessed to Give	Acts 20:35

Join Our Prayer & Discernment Group

As we look to our church’s future, we are forming a team dedicated to prayer, reflection, and listening for where God is calling us next. Whether you want to join the group or simply share your ideas and concerns, Pastor Ivan wants to hear from you.

To connect, scan the QR code or call the office at 402-477-2032.



CALENDAR

- Alcohol Anonymous meets every Wednesday - 6:30pm
- Al-Anon meets every Thursday - 11am
- Men's Fellowship meets every Thursday - 7am at Hy-Vee
- Women's Fellowship meets at 10am on the 3rd Monday of each month at Hy-Vee (Sep 21, Oct 19, Nov 16)

Oct 2-3 Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary in Use
Nov 5 Annual Church Conference - 7pm
Nov 15 Giving Thanks Dinner
Dec 6 Children's Christmas Program during 10:30 service
Dec 20 Christmas Cantata



COMMUNITY GARDEN FALL UPDATE

Fall is approaching, and vegetables from the Community Garden are dwindling. We will continue sharing the produce with visitors to the garden, Walter Apartment Food Net, Matt Talbot and the congregation when it is available.

We will continue to work in the garden on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM and Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 PM until the garden is cleaned out and winterized. All are welcome to come and help.

The Community Garden needs a caring co-leader/helper to share the work and joy of keeping it growing. If you feel called to help, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Mary Kulhanek or the church office.

A big thank you to everyone who helped in the garden. The garden would not survive without its volunteers.

Mary Kulhanek, Community Garden Coordinator

RADA FUNDRAISER

Holidays will be coming up soon! Check out the Rada book in the narthex for kitchen items, dips, and soups. This is an ongoing fundraiser for St. Luke. Order books are in the Narthex, along with a basket in which you can place your order. We will need at least \$50 or more of items before we can order.

