

ST. LUKE NEWS

May/June 2026

Pastor's Letter



Dear St. Luke Family,

As we move into the summer season, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on all that God has already done among us during the first part of this year. Let us remember God's faithfulness, which can inspire trust and thankfulness in our hearts. We have worshiped together, prayed together, served together, and witnessed God's faithfulness in countless ways. I thank God for the spirit of love, generosity, and commitment that continues to shape our church family. What a joy it has been. I look forward with anticipation and hope to what God still has in store for us in the months ahead.

Summer is already here, and with it comes a change of pace for many families. School is out, vacations are planned, and there is often more time spent with family and friends. Schedules shift, routines change, and many of the patterns we have grown accustomed to throughout the year begin to look different.

As a church, we also face challenges in the summer. Some ministries slow down while others begin anew. Certain schedules are removed, and new activities are added. But even as routines change, our mission remains the same: to love God, love people, and continue growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.

As our routines adjust, I encourage each of us to remain rooted in our spiritual life. Let us continue in worship, prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. Whether we are traveling, gathering with loved ones, or simply enjoying a slower pace, may we remember that God walks with us in every season.

With gratitude and hope,
Pastor Ivan Milosi

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Thank you to all those who brought new and gently-used shoes for the 2026 Community-wide One Day Without Shoes Campaign.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden is planted with a wide variety of produce, including buttercrunch lettuce, romaine, spinach, sugar snap peas, kohlrabi, radishes, carrots, beets, pixie cabbages, cucumbers (3 different varieties), tomatoes (6 different varieties), sweet bell peppers (green and red), jalapeno peppers, cayenne peppers, zucchini,



yellow squash, cantaloupe, broccoli, kale, okra and pole green beans. Three healthy rhubarb plants are producing well, with 2 harvests already completed.

Wednesday afternoon or evening work sessions will continue this year; watch Sunday announcements for details. Tasks include weeding, thinning, and training plants to grow on trellises. Volunteers are welcome—contact Mary Kulhanek or the church office. The Sharing Table will be open Sundays in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45–10:45 a.m. when produce is available.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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.



CALENDAR

- Alcohol Anonymous meets every Wednesday - 6:30pm
- Al-Anon meets every Thursday - 11am
- Men's Fellowship meets every Thursday - 7am at HyVee
- Women's Fellowship meets at 10am on the 3rd Monday of each month at Hy-Vee (May 18, June 15, July 20)

May 25 - Memorial Day - Church Office will be closed
 May 26 - June 30 - Pastor will be at Annual Conference
 June 2 - Outreach meeting - 7pm
 June 13 - 60's Themed Fund Raising Event - 2pm

ST LUKE'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry began in April 2017. Over the past nine years, we have blessed 157 individuals with a shawl, lap blanket, fleece blanket, quilted baby blanket, or baby afghan. Additional fleece blankets and lap blankets will be blessed during church services on May 31, 2026.

The blankets to be blessed will be displayed in the Narthex during the week prior to the service. A photo album will also be available, showcasing all the Prayer Shawls that have been made and those that have been given away.

The group encourages you to contact us if you or someone you know could benefit from a Prayer Shawl. Recipients do not need to be members of St. Luke United Methodist Church. If you would like to help support this ministry in any way, please contact Mary Kulhanek or the church office.

WORSHIP

Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am

Communion is the first and third Sunday of each Month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: Living Pentecost: The Fruit of the Spirit

This summer, we begin a new sermon series, "Living Pentecost: The Fruit of the Spirit." Together, we will explore the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5 not as a checklist of qualities we must produce on our own, but as the life of Christ taking shape within us through the Holy Spirit's power. Each week, we will reflect on how love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control take root in our lives as we abide in Christ and walk in step with the Spirit. Join us as we discover the grace-filled life God is cultivating within us.

DATE	SERMON TITLE	SCRIPTURE
May 31, 2026	The Life the Spirit Grows	Galatians 5:16–25; John 15:1–5
June 7, 2026	Love and Joy: The Heart Made New	Galatians 5:22; 1 Corinthians 13:1–8
June 14, 2026	Peace and Patience: Grace Under Pressure	Galatians 5:22; Philippians 4:4–7
June 21, 2026	Kindness and Goodness: Mercy Made Visible	Galatians 5:22; Psalm 23
June 28, 2026	Faithfulness and Gentleness: Strength Made Humble	Galatians 5:22–23; Matthew 11:28-30
July 5, 2026	Self-Control: Freedom in Step with the Spirit	Galatians 5:23–25; 2 Peter 1:5–8

How Can We Pray for You?

There is comfort in knowing you are being prayed for. Pastor Ivan is available to pray with you and for you. Scan the QR code to receive a text message from him and let him know how he can pray for you. *Your request will be kept confidential.*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The last day of Children's Sunday School was May 17th. We will start up again on Sunday, September 13th.

Unfortunately, we will NOT have Vacation Bible School (unless someone wants to organize it) this summer. However, in the fall we hope to have a special Rally Day where we will invite families to join us afterward for fellowship and food!! **We are looking for someone who can help plan this day. Please prayerfully consider helping.**

Nancy retired 5 years ago and would like to retire again. If you can help or know someone that would be a good fit, Nancy will train. Our numbers have been way down and we will need your help so we can continue to offer children's Sunday School at St. Luke!

Please let Pastor Ivan or Nancy McMeen know if you are interested! THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates High School

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Olivia Maryott Riley Kinnan

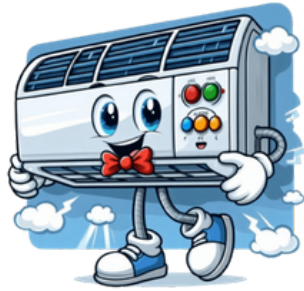


ST LUKE MUSIC MINISTRY



The St. Luke Choir takes a break during the summer and will resume in the fall. If anyone has any special music that you'd like to share in the summer, please give the office a call or let Pastor know.

Not a singer? Maybe there's a poem or a special reading you'd like to share.



Did you hear that someone walked away with our Air Conditioner? We want to stay cool this summer, so we're raising funds to apply towards the new one.

Join us for this Fun Fundraiser --

Saturday, June 13th - 2:00 pm

This will be a 60's theme, so you can wear clothes from the 60's if you wish. We'll have 60's music and ice cream to keep us "COOL" (with some sweets on the side).

Cost is only \$10 per person and open to everyone. This is for both men and women. Get your tickets early and reserve your seat. Invite your family and friends to share in the fun!

There's a table set up in the narthex with invitation cards you can share, and you can also place your ticket order there. **Come join in the fun!**



Little Food Pantry in our Parking Lot

THANK YOU to all who contribute to our little food pantry. The items you place in the pantry **provide food for those who may not have enough**. Please help us by placing non-perishable food in the food pantry in our parking lot.

RADA FUNDRAISER

Don't forget that Rada is ongoing fundraiser for St. Luke. You can place your order in the basket in the narthex, and when we receive orders totaling about \$50 or more, we'll send it in to be filled.



To Cheryl Lang and Judy Buresh for the work and care you put into the Prayer Garden. It looks Great!

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.)



Interested in Membership? Let's Talk!!

Exploring membership at St. Luke UMC? Pastor Ivan hosts a brief, casual meetup over coffee/tea and donuts every last Sunday of the month at 9:45am and 11:40am. Or any other day by appointment. Learn what we believe, how we serve, and how you can make St. Luke your church home. We warmly welcome all who are interested!