



ST. LUKE NEWS

MARCH/APRIL 2024

Pastor's Letter

Dear St. Luke Family,

As Easter approaches, we are reminded of its profound meaning for us as God's children. Just a few months ago, during Christmas, we joyously celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, marking the arrival of our Savior into the world. However, the narrative doesn't conclude there.

Easter stands as a testament to the entirety of God's divine plan for humanity. It is a solemn yet triumphant occasion, marking Christ's crucifixion and glorious resurrection—the ultimate fulfillment of the promise made at Christmas. Through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, Easter heralds the assurance of salvation and eternal life.

In the face of the challenges that confront us today, Easter serves as a beacon of hope, illuminating the promise of new beginnings amidst even the most daunting circumstances. Much like the resurrection of Jesus Christ ushered in a new dawn for humanity, this Easter season holds the potential for transformative renewal in our lives as the St. Luke Family.

May the spirit of Easter infuse our hearts with joy, our souls with peace, and our lives with renewed purpose.

I wish you all a blessed and profoundly meaningful Easter.

Blessings!

Ivan Milosi, Your Pastor



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Day Without Shoes Drive

Apr 01, 2024—Apr 14, 2024



Day Without Shoes was created to raise awareness of the impact a pair of shoes can have on a person's life. During this drive, St. Luke joins with the Lincoln community in encouraging the donation of new or gently-used shoes to help every struggling family get a pair of shoes. We'll have containers available to make donation convenient.



DAY OF SERVICE



On Tuesday, April 16th, 5:30pm, we will be preparing and serving a meal at Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach for our April Day of Service.

The meal that we will provide is Sloppy Joes, tater tots, salad, fruit, and cookies. We are asking the congregation in help preparing sloppy joes and fruit on Sunday, April 14th, 2pm and to provide a monetary donation or supplies. If you are able to help in any of these ways, there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex.



Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. They ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

We will be participating in this outreach instead of Christmas in July for Friendship Home.

CALENDAR

- Adult Choir meets every Wednesday - 7pm in the Sanctuary
- 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 every 1st & 3rd Monday - 10am
- Pastor's Bible Study:
 - March 14th, 21st 10am and 7pm at Church & Zoom
- March 17th - Youth Group - 7pm
- March 24 - Choir Cantata - 8:30 & 10:30am Worship Services
- March 29th - Tenebrae Service - 8pm
- March 29 (9pm) - March 31 (6am) - Prayer Vigil
- March 30th - Easter Egg Hunt 1pm
- March 31st - Easter Sunrise Service (followed by breakfast)

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 so we can keep you informed.

1. Open your text messaging app on your phone.
2. Start a new message.
3. In the spot where you put the person's phone number (To:) type: 43506
4. In the spot where you type the message, type the word: announce.
5. Press send.
6. If you did it correctly, you should get a response within a minute that says, "Welcome to St. Luke UMC announcements."



LIVE STREAM

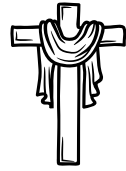
How to Access the Live Stream
(Step by Step)
Computer Access

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.

WORSHIP



Saturday Service 5:30pm
Sunday Services 8:30am & 10:30am
Communion is the first and third Saturday
and Sunday of each Month.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH/APRIL

Saturday/Sunday, March 2nd/3rd

Theme: Why Have You Forsaken Me
Scripture: Mark 15:25-37

Saturday/Sunday, March 9th/10th

Theme: I Thirst
Scripture: John 19:23-29

Saturday/Sunday, March 16th/17th

Theme: It's Finished
Scripture: John 19:25-35

Saturday/Sunday, March 23rd/24th

Theme: Into Your Hand, I Commit My Soul
Scripture: Luke 23:44-49

Saturday/Sunday, March 30th/31st

Theme: Resurrection
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Saturday/Sunday, April 6th/7th

Theme: Stop Trying and Start Trusting
Scripture: Exodus 14:1-29

Saturday/Sunday, April 13th/14th

Theme: Provision & Complaining
Scripture: Exodus 16:1-14

Saturday/Sunday, April 20th/21st

Theme: Remembrance & Redemption
Scripture: Exodus 12:1-51

Saturday/Sunday, April 27th/28th

Theme: Against All Odds
Scripture: Exodus 15:1-18

ST. LUKE MUSIC MINISTRY



The St. Luke Choir will be presenting an
Easter Cantata at both the 8:30 and 10:30am
services on Sunday, March 24th.

Choir practice is each Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8pm in the sanctuary. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to join our choir. This is a great way to meet new friends and have a singing good time!

There is a special fund to help with cost of our music ministry. If you want to contribute, please put "music ministry" on your check or if you give online, please check appropriate box.



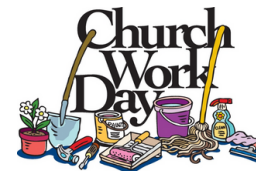
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The children will be waving palms at the beginning of the 10:30am service on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

The Youth Class will lead the Easter Sunrise service at 7am with breakfast to follow (free will offering with proceeds going to our youth group)



St. Luke Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 30, 2024
1pm - 3rd Grade and Younger
Bring your Easter basket!
The Easter Bunny will be hiding lots of
Easter Eggs! Hosted by St. Luke
Serendipity Sunday School Class.



April 13th
9am to 11am

We will be giving our kitchen a good cleaning and be putting down fertilizer outside. Please bring a spreader if you can help with fertilizer.



Attention: Men 18 and Over

St. Luke's Softball team is being organized for play in Lincoln's Church League.

Games begin April 15th at Mahoney Park (N 70th & Fremont Streets). Contact Glenn Kozak at 402-617-3815 to sign up or get more information.



A few months ago the care team talked about doing a fund raiser with Rada Cutlery. Several years ago when we had United Methodist Women they used Rada. Their products are very good and made 100% in American. We would earn 40% of the profit and it would be ongoing. We need to see how interested our congregation is in this fund raiser. Please give the church office a call (402-477-2032) or tell Nancy McMeen if you are interested.

Little Food Pantry



A huge 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. Thank you for your continued support!

We are no longer going to print daily scripture readings in our newsletter. If you want a copy, please call the church office and we will be glad to email or mail to you.



Sermon by Phone

Pastor Ivan is recording his sermon weekly. It will be available by Tuesday of each week. To listen to phone sermon dial 1-402-261-0345.



Pastor's Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study started February 15th and will run through March 21st.

Each Thursday at 10am and 7pm

Both Sessions are taking place in-person at the Church and/or on Zoom. The Zoom Meeting link is

<https://zoom.us/j/94292199595>

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

- March 24th - 8:30 and 10:30 service - Cantata
- March 29th, 8pm - Tenebrae Service
- March 29th, 9pm to Sunday, March 31st, 6am - Prayer Vigil
- March 30th, 1pm - Easter Egg Hunt
- March 31st, 7am - Sunrise service led by the youth followed by breakfast
- March 30th, 5:30pm - Saturday night service
- March 31st, 8:30 & 10:30am - Easter Services



Change of address?

Please help us keep our records up to date. If you have moved, or your phone number or email address has changed, please call the church or send email to: office@stlukelincoln.org. We are charged \$.78 each time a newsletter is returned to us. Thanks for your help!!