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ST. LUKE
Evangelical Lutheran Church
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St. Luke is a worshipping
community in which we:
+Love God and each other.
+Welcome all.
+Equip people to serve in Christ's name.



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Lent 2025

Dear Family and Friends of St. Luke,

+ Grace and Peace to you.

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

Psalm 27:1

Psalm 27 is the appointed Psalm for the Second Sunday in Lent this year. I appreciate the confidence with which the Psalmist begins. Grounded in confession and conviction, both lines end with a rhetorical question. The implied answer to each is *nobody*. Yet, because of our persistence, we frequently find ourselves operating from a posture of fear – even suspicion of the other and the unknown.

The season of Lent can be a period for us to move deeper. More than just weeks of preparation for Easter, Lent's wilderness begs us to strip away the clutter and confusion that competes for our attention. This can be uncomfortable, I know. Without risking our comfort, however — without setting aside the unnecessary, we would be challenged to move below the surface and engage the rich marrow of God's will and purpose for our lives.

I would like to invite you (I really want to urge you!) to embrace this year's discipline of Lent for your own wellbeing and for the vitality of our life together as the body of Christ and God's household. Take time to examine your schedule and the list of commitments competing for your time and attention. Do you see reflected there evidence of a life that is Christ-centered and Spirit-led?

Time for daily devotions and prayer, regular participation in corporate worship, and sacrificial giving can serve to organize the rhythm of your life. In fact, it is what enables us to remain grounded in confession, conviction, and confidence even in the face of life's struggles, trials, and temptations.

I am looking forward to engaging this season of Lent with you. May we all be open to the Holy Spirit's leading as we set out on this annual journey in the way of the Cross of Christ.

In Christ's love for you,

Pastor Christopher Frye

WORSHIP

SUNDAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS

- ♦ **March 5** *Ash Wednesday; On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance.
- ♦ **March 9** *1st Sunday in Lent; These forty days called Lent are like no other. **2nd Sunday Fellowship**
- ♦ **March 12** *CMC Wednesdays in Lent: Worship Through the Senses: Sight, 7:00 p.m. at St. John's UCC
- ♦ **March 16** *2nd Sunday in Lent; Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists.
- ♦ **March 19** CMC Wednesdays in Lent: Worship Through the Senses: Sound, 7:00 p.m. at Quincy United Methodist Church
- ♦ **March 23** *3rd Sunday in Lent; The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent.
- ♦ **March 26** CMC Wednesdays in Lent: Worship Through the Senses: Scent, 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Unit-

ed Methodist Church

- ♦ **March 30** *4th Sunday in Lent; The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!"
- ♦ **April 2** CMC Wednesdays in Lent: Worship Through the Senses: Touch, 7:00 p.m. at Scotland Fellowship Church
- ♦ **April 6** *5th Sunday in Lent; Our God makes all things new.
- ♦ **April 9** CMC Wednesdays in Lent: Worship Through the Senses: Taste, 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke
- ♦ **April 13** *Palm Sunday; We enter this holy week accompanying Jesus to the cross with both grief and thanksgiving in our hearts, trusting in God's redeeming love.
- ♦ **April 20** *Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday; Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- ♦ **April 27** *1st Sunday After Easter; In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe.

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SUPPORT

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

10a.m. every Sunday; In-person and online.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 1:00pm at St. Paul Lutheran in Fayetteville.

WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICES

We have a weekly service of Prayer, Healing, and Holy Communion every Wednesday at 11a.m.

CHURCH RECORDS

Deaths

March 4-Bob Nitterhouse

THE LSS & A NEW BISHOP

This year, the Lower Susquehanna Synod (LSS) is in the process of calling a new Bishop. Please be in prayer for the process. A new Bishop will be elected the first weekend of June and start officially in September.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Thank you! We are grateful for your generous giving to support St. Luke's ministries & mission. Your contributions continue to grow our community.

	January 2025	YTD 2025
Total Income	\$41,118.95	\$41,118.95
Expenditures	\$32,316.91	\$32,316.91
Net Income	+\$8,802.04	+\$8,802.04

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

January -Council Officers were elected. Brad Bolinger: President, Dick Foster: Vice President, JoAnn Wildeson: Secretary, Brian Corwell: Treasurer. Council Members were installed at worship on February 2.

February -We did not have quorum at the February 24th meeting to approve reports. They were reviewed and will be approved in March.

EDUCATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Join us starting March 9 for a 5-week study:

Living Your Baptism

5 Faith Practices/Gifts of Discipleship,
led by Pastor Frye

1. Live among God's faithful people
2. Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper
3. Proclaim the good news of God in Christ
4. Serve all people, following the example of Jesus
5. Strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Join us each Sunday at 8:45am in the Fellowship Hall.
All are welcome!

There will be no Faith Formation class on Easter, instead
join us for breakfast!

YOUTH GROUP

March 9—Ice Skating

April 5—Hiking



See the weekly announcements for more information!

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OUTREACH

MBEYA HOSPITAL IN TANZANIA

To learn more about this appeal, please read what Bishop Dunlap has to say, "In Tanzania, churches are a primary source of health care. The Konde Diocese operates two hospitals and several clinics, striving to provide life-saving care in a region where medical resources are limited. Now, the Diocese is expanding their reach and impact by building a third hospital near Mbeya, an ambitious and much-needed effort that will transform lives by making health care more accessible to thousands. We are called to accompany our global companions in their work of healing and hope. As followers of Christ, we have the opportunity to partner with the Konde Diocese in this significant endeavor."



Building a new hospital in Tanzania.



Donate by check made out to St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran
with 'Mbeya Hospital' in the memo.

At this point, the \$60,000 originally needed to build the hospital has been raised. Now, we are looking to help provide the hospital with electricity, plumbing, and supplies to outfit the hospital. During the season of Lent, consider donating to this project.

To donate, please make your check out to St. Luke Lutheran and note for Mbeya Hospital in the memo or on your offering envelope.

EASTER EGG HUNT & CELEBRATION

Join us Saturday, April 19 @ 10:00am for our egg hunt and Easter activities. Children of all ages are invited. Bring your grandkids, nieces, nephews, and neighbors.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Join us Sunday morning for breakfast before Easter worship. Come to the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am and join us for a continental breakfast including sticky buns, bagels, cream cheese, fruit, juice, & coffee.

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March 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion	3 AA Social Ministry Communications Fellowship Meeting	4 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting Shrove Tuesday Dinner	5 Healing Service Ash Wednesday	6 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy PowerPack Packing	7	8 St. Seraphim
9 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion 2nd Sunday - Outreach & Fellowship	10 AA Property Audubon Worship & Music Communications Confirmation	11 Book Group Music Therapy Tuesday Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	12 Healing Service CMC Wednesdays in Lent	13 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy St. Paul Food Bank	14	15
16 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion	17 AA Finance	18 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting Micah 6:8 Choir Rehearsal	19 Healing Service CMC Wednesdays in Lent	20 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy St. Paul Food Bank	21	22
23 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion	24 AA Confirmation Audubon Outreach Council	25 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting Tuesday Bible Study Choir Rehearsal	26 Healing Service CMC Wednesdays in Lent	27 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy PowerPack Packing	28	29 Covered Dish Dinner at St. Paul's
30 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion	31 AA					

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Special Day, Holiday = bold text

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April 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting Choir Rehearsal	2 Healing Service CMC Wednesdays in Lent	3 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy	4 Music Therapy	5 Youth -Hiking
6 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion	7 AA	8 Book Group Music Therapy Conference Meeting Choir Rehearsal	9 Healing Service CMC Wednesdays in Lent	10 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy St. Paul Food Bank	11 Music Therapy	12
13 Faith Formation Worship w/ Holy Communion 2nd Sunday Outreach & Fellowship	14 AA Confirmation Property Audubon	15 Book Group Music Therapy Tuesday Bible Study	16 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	17 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy St. Paul Food Bank Maundy Thursday	18 Music Therapy Good Friday	19 St. Seraphim Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration
20 Easter Breakfast Worship w/ Holy Communion	21 AA Finance	22 Book Group Music Therapy Staff Meeting Stewardship	23 Healing Service Choir Rehearsal Zoom Prayer & Share	24 AI Anon New Freedom Music Therapy	25 Music Therapy	26
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