



THE TOWER

St. Luke's Lutheran Church *Growing in Grace*

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OUR MISSION

To worship, learn and grow together in the knowledge of God and His Word. We are then sent into the world to share God's love, teach His Word, and serve those in need.

JUNE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday June 10th, 2018 at 12:15 pm.

At this meeting we will vote on new council members, hear about and vote on a recommendation from the council regarding moving the transition team into being a call committee, and hear from our Worship Life team on the cottage meetings that were held.

SEEKING COUNCIL MEMBERS

For the upcoming 2018-2019 year. We have openings on our exec board as well as for our ministry team representatives. Open seats on exec are: vice-president, secretary, and facility fund secretary. Ministry teams with no representative are: evangelism, and stewardship.

See Julie Sanderson's article in the May Tower or talk to Pastor Robyn for more information.

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2018 ANNUAL MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS DUE

The Congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 10th is fast approaching and in order to stay abreast of where our ministry teams stand in their plans for the year, we are needing their annual reports.

Please have those reports to Erin by no later than Thursday, June 7th, so she can compile them and have them ready to go starting the morning of June 8th.

These reports are very helpful in allowing the congregation to see all of your good works.

Thank You!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In anticipation of the customary lower summer worship attendance and in order to be good stewards of our resources, St. Luke's will have a modified summer worship schedule offering 2 Sunday services and a mid-week traditional worship opportunity for those in our church family and community who spend summer weekends out of town.

Worship with us: June 17 - September 2

Sundays @ 8:30 am - Traditional Worship Service , or
10:00 am - Contemporary Praise Service

A third worship offering in a traditional format will be available mid-week for those whose summer activities take them away from home on the weekends and for those who generally can't worship on Sunday due to work or other commitments.

Please note that this is a summer schedule only with a defined start and end date. Nothing has been decided in regards to our programmatic year worship schedule as we are still collecting feedback through cottage meetings and conversations. Nothing will be changed for our programmatic year worship schedule until further conversation is held on multiple levels including: worship life, council, cottage meetings, and congregational meeting.

TRANSITION TEAM ON THE LOOSE!!!!

It has been reported that members of St. Luke's Transition team are circulating among the members and engaging them in conversation.

Their purpose? To ask the following:

1. What brought you to St. Luke's in the first place (and)
2. What keeps you at St. Luke's?

Why would they want to know this you may ask?

Because:

1. It helps paint the picture of the energy sources at St. Luke's (and)
2. It respects the diversity of why people come to St. Luke's.

SO THAT the team may continue to put together a realistic assessment of needs for ministry here at St. Luke's now and in the immediate future (3-5 years.)

When one of the team approaches, give them your time and thoughts. They will bring this information back to the group. And you will continue to be listened too during this transitional time.

Also, the summary of the May meetings of the team are available at the Team Board in the side narthex.

Is that tree getting leafed out? Did you sign your leaf?

From your facilitator: Deaconess Karen



THANK YOU TO OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO SERVED 2017—2018



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Julie Sanderson **Vice President** – Dawn Scurlock

Treasurer – Paul Thomas **Secretary** – Linda Olrich **Special Funds** – Ann Larson

ST. LUKE’S COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Education – Dawn Wright **Fellowship** – Doug Becker **Property** – Bob Cook

Shepherding – Jean Roberts **Social Concerns** – Vickie Wisniewski **Worship Life** – Christy Weiss

Youth – Mary Lingle, Kaitlyn Scurlock

A FOLLOW UP TO MY SON ROCKS!

A Thank You From Samaritas

Dear Partners in Ministry:

Please allow me to express the gratitude of Samaritas for your congregation’s generous donation of \$224. on 5/16/18. Samaritas appreciates your members’ commitment to serving people as an expression of the love of Christ.

Your congregation’s contribution allows Samaritas to empower the people we serve, enabling them to overcome the challenges of trauma, hopelessness, poverty and disability. Together we provide a lifeline for children who are without a home or without hope. You help us provide affordable choices and a sense of independence for older adults and persons with disabilities. You also help to promote healthy and self-sufficient families.

Your partnership in connecting, empowering and transforming lives in our community is priceless.

Again, thank you!

Sam Beals— Chief Executive Officer Kelli Dobner — Chief Advancement Officer.



ST. LUKE'S LADIES LUNCH GROUP// SIGGI'S LUNCH BUNCH.

On May 2nd, our lunch group had their monthly luncheon at "Carl's Hide Away" in Ida, MI. The place was very nice and the food was excellent. Our waitress, Brandi took very good care of us.

Fourteen ladies were in attendance:

Judy Nieman, Marilyn Bexten, Mary Jean Bell, Evelyn Janick, Judy Gephart, Doris Przeslawski, Judy Schreiber, Shirley Fleeson, Nancy Brushaber, Judy Wardinski, Sally Georgeson, Dorothy Galdeen, Linda Olrich, Dory Noble.

Our first order of business was to rename our group. We have lost our dear friend and founder Saggi Deckman earlier this year. We decided to name our group "Saggi's Lunch Bunch" in her memory. I am sure she would have loved the change.

This Month we collected for the Humane Society of Monroe County. We thought the animals could use some help. We collected \$53. and I deposited the funds in my checking account and wrote the m a check and sent it.

We all signed a birthday card for Diane Paine. We decided that if you know of someone who you would like to send a card to, just let us know and will all sign it. It could be a birthday card, get well, sympathy, or just a card to say hello. The Dollar Tree has a beautiful selection of cards and only .50 each.

Next month we are going to the Mason Jar on the corner of Consear and Secor. We will meet there at 11:30. If you are going and haven't signed up yet, please call me the Monday before we go. 419-708-6528.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Recipe of the Month: from the Kitchen of Stephanie Rodriguez.

Taken from Feeding the Flock, Page 29

Broccoli Salad

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| 4 cups chopped fresh broccoli | 1 small red onion, chopped |
| 1/4 cup raisins | 2 carrots, chopped |
| 8 slices of crispy bacon, | 1 cup mayonnaise |
| 2 cups chopped cauliflower | 3 T white vinegar |
| 1/4 cup sugar | |

Combine broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, onion, raisins and bacon in a bowl; mix well. Combine mayo, vinegar and sugar in a small bowl; mix until smooth. Add vegetables; toss to mix well. May use reduced calorie mayo and artificial sweetener, if preferred.

WELCA RETREAT

We are still needing deposits for our retreat in September. If you haven't turned in your deposit yet, please see Linda Olrich so she can put you down as paid.

Thanks

THANK YOU FROM SIGGI'S VA

You all were amazing, help raise funds for the Veterans fundraiser and bringing supplies to help assist the Veterans in honor of Saggi Deckman.

We have used the funds and donations wisely, picking up polo shirts, khaki pants, shampoo and body wash, tooth brushes, tooth paste, soap and so on for the veterans.

Many donations went to such a terrific cause.

CONGRATULATIONS 2018 GRADUATES!

College/Higher Education

Natalya DiCiacca from Albion University with a BA in English, a minor in history, and a concentration in education

Nathan Fleeson from Emery University with a Masters of Theology

Jacob Peterson from Ferris State with a Doctorate of Pharmacy

Jillian Weiss (graduated Dec. 2017) from Wayne State with a BA in Kinesiology and a minor in Biology.

High School

Justin Bennett will be attending University of Toledo for Engineering

Sophie Dettling will be attending University of Michigan for economics/pre-law

Nick DiCiacca will be attending Michigan Technological for biomedical engineering

Michael Greeley will be attending The University of Detroit Mercy for mechanical engineering

Kaitlyn Scurlock will be attending University of Toledo or Owens for education

5th Grade

Camden Barthle

Kindergarten

Harper Barthle

Carl Holmblad

Sophia Knapp

Mia Kurek

Noah Nieman

Pre-School

Seth Beard

Tessa Rosales



HAVE YOU DONATED YOUR ORGANS?

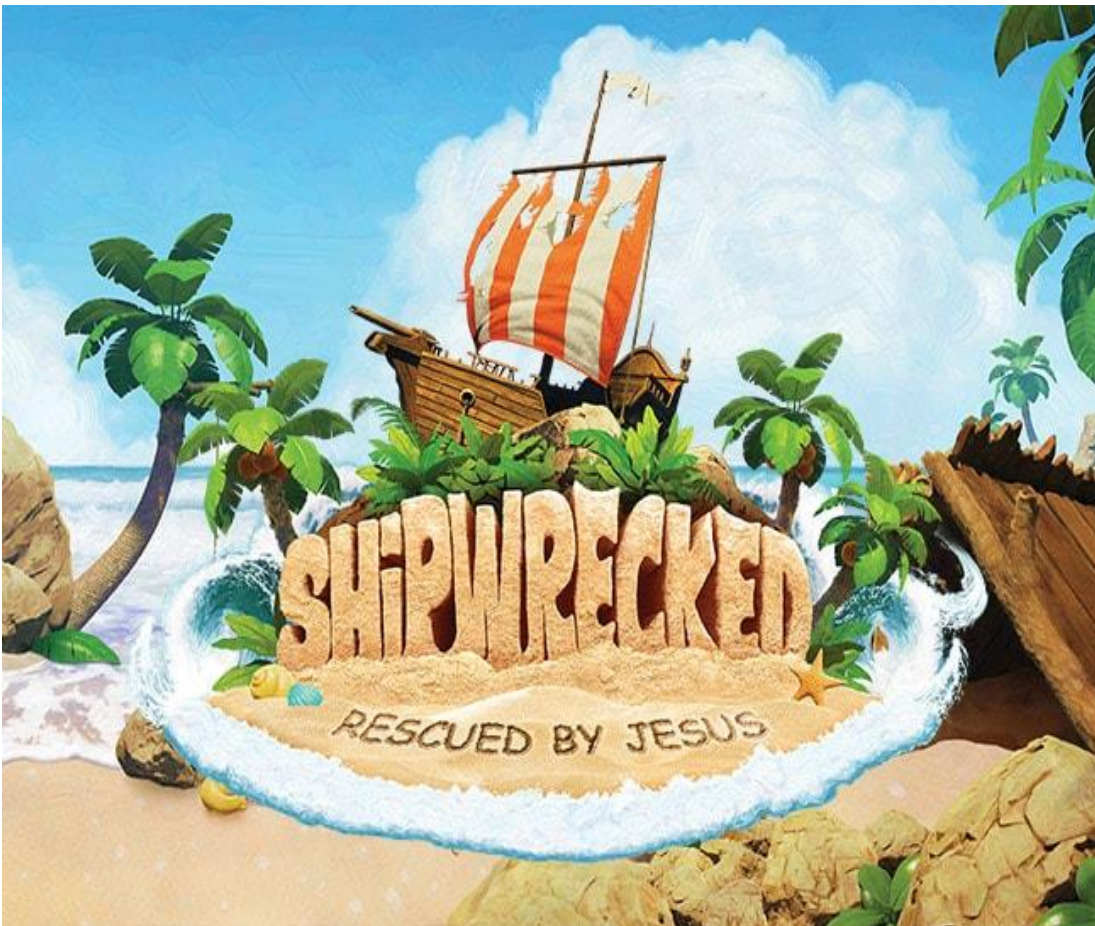
Thousands of lives have been saved in recent years because of the generosity of organ donors, and their families. A tragedy can become a miracle for a new heart, kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, intestines, and tissues (which can include corneas, bone, skin, tendons, ligaments, nerves, and blood vessels). The donor is usually someone who has had a sudden brain death situation which is determined by a long process by doctors working with their families. Medical treatment will not suffer in this process.

There is a severe organ shortage with 3000 people waiting in Michigan alone. There is a national waiting list of 116,000 people. Each day 22 people die waiting for a transplant. A single donor may provide organs and tissues for more than 75 people.

There is no age limit now to become a donor. Anyone can become a donor despite medical conditions. You also can specify which organs you would like to donate. Most religions consider organ donation an ultimate act of human kindness. There will be no interference with open caskets at the funerals. There is no cost, e.g. in Michigan organ donation is covered by the "Gift of Life of Michigan".

By signing up, your family is relieved of making that decision. It only takes a minute to sign up at your nearest Secretary of State branch office, or call "Gift of Life" 866-500-5801.

Blessings to all,
Judy Diener



VBS!

JUNE 25TH-29TH

9:00 — 12:00

Register online at
stlukeschurch.net

If you were planning on assisting in VBS, please reach out to Jillian Weiss, the school's director.

Calendar of Events: June

Friday June 1st.

Saturday June 2nd

Sunday June 3rd

8:30 & 11:15 Traditional Worship w/ communion

9:30 Coffee Hour

9:45 Adult Bible Study

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

Monday June 4th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works! Meal

Tuesday June 5th

7:30 Girls Basketball

Wednesday June 6th

Thursday June 7th

1:00 Fierce (Women's Bible Study)

7:30 Girls Basketball

7:30 AA/Al Anon

Friday June 8th

Saturday June 9th

9:00 Transition Team Meetings

Sunday June 10th

8:30 & 11:15 Service of the Word

9:30 Coffee Fellowship

9:45 Adult Bible Study

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

Monday June 11th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works! Meal

Tuesday June 12th

6:00 Exec Committee Meeting

7:00 HAM Radio Group

7:00 Ministry Team Meetings

7:30 Girls Basketball

Wednesday June 13th

10:00 Luther Haus

Thursday June 14th

7:30 Girls Basketball

7:30 AA/Al Anon

Friday June 15th

Saturday June 16th

Sunday June 17th

Happy Father's Day!

8:30 Traditional Worship

9:30 Coffee

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

Monday June 18th

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works!

Tuesday June 19th

6:30 Church Council

7:30 Girls Basketball

Wednesday June 20th

Thursday June 21st

7:30 AA Al anon

7:30 Girls Basketball

Friday June 22nd

6:00 Wedding!!!!

Saturday June 23rd

Sunday June 24th

8:30 Traditional Worship

9:30 Coffee Hour

10:00 GiG Praise Worship

6:00 Transition Team meetings

Monday June 25th

9:00 VBS STARTS!!!

10:00 Comforters

6:00 God Works Meal



Tuesday June 26th

9:00 VBS

7:30 Girls Basketball

Wednesday June 27th

9:00 VBS

10:00 Luther Haus

11:00 Luther Haus Communion

Thursday June 28th

9:00 VBS

7:30 Girls Basketball

7:30 AA/Al Anon

Friday June 29th

9:00 VBS

Saturday June 30th



ALTAR FLOWERS

June 10th

In Memory of Dorothy Roby, mother of Ann Myers

In Memory of Tony Alexander

June 17th

In honor of Robyn & David's 9th Wedding Anniversary

June 24th

In honor of Harry Schroeder's 90th Birthday!

JUNE SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Mens:

6-5 6:15 & 7:30 @ Crossroads against Soma City

6-15 6:15 & 7:30 @ Crossroads against Brothers In Christ

6-29 6:15 & 7:30 @ Crossroads against Bedford Nazarene

Co-Ed:

6-4 6:15 @ Crossroads against Westgate White

6-11 7:30 @ Bedford Nazarene against Alliance 2

6-18 6:15 @ United Methodist against Crossroads

6-25 7:30 @ Bedford Nazarene against Northpoint



SEE YOU AT THE GAME!

Fellowship has been planning an outing for the summer and decided to head down to 5/3 Field for a Mud Hens game.

We are also looking at securing the choir to sing either the national anthem or at the 7th inning stretch.

We think picking up the Muddy Shuttle which is operated by TARTA. It is \$1.25 round trip per person (seniors over 65 is \$.60), can be picked up at many different locations (we were thinking about either Meijer on Alexis or at Miracle Mile on Laskey Rd.) Meet at the TARTA Muddy Shuttle location 1 hour before game time and they will drop us off right at the park downtown. We just need to be sure to get back on the right bus when we head back to our cars.



WAY CHEAPER THAN PARKING DOWNTOWN!

Kids get to run the bases, and there will be fireworks as well. The TARTA shuttle doesn't leave the ball park until 20 minutes after the game has ended.

Details to come:

Tickets are \$17/person for the game.

If you are interested, please see the sign up sheet in the back narthex starting June 3rd.

The more people, the more fun!

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

The beds in the garden are ready for planting. All we need is you!

If you are interested in tending to a plot, please sign up in the back narthex or if you have any questions, please see Andy Nieman.



HOLIDAYS FOR JUNE

Fly your Flag with pride on Flag Day, June 14th!

Don't forget Dad on Father's Day, June 17th!

The first full day of Summer starts on June 21st!

Have a terrific Summer!!!!



2018 PLAY & LEARN GRADUATES

Play & Learn Preschool graduates joined in song Thursday, May 24th to celebrate and perform all of the things they learned through the year.

Thanks to Ms. Carol, Ms. Aledia, Ms. Jonie, Ms. Kathy, and Ms. Tina for all of your hard work, taking our kids to the next level and readying them for Kindergarten!



DATE/TIME	GREETER	USHER	SACRAMENT	LECTOR	COUNTER	COFFEE	ACOLYTE
June 3rd	J Schmidt	S Fye, A Stahl	J Warren		Georgesons		
8:30	N Bowlin	M & G Folger	S Tipping	S Harasta		N Brushaber	Cole Crouch
			Don Yockey			K Nieman	
10:00	Mayo Family	Mayo Family	*****		Weiss		
11:15	Erin Beard	Erin Beard	K Crammond	L Hafemeister	L Bourn		Jackie Fair
	YOU?	YOU?	J Mayo				
			YOU?				
June 10th		J Waidelich					
8:30	Halters	S Trevathan	*****	K Ressler	Cooks	R & K Watkins	Kian Freker
		K Ressler					
		S Tipping					
10:00	Hallstroms	Hallstroms	K Johnson YOU		D Chase		
11:15	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	*****	E Beard	C & J Schreiber		Grant Yeager
June 17th		J Waidelich	C Bell				
8:30	Erdmanns	K Ressler	C Halter	B Skiver	S Tipping	S Manore	Blake
		S Trevethan	S Emerson			L Hafemeister	Theodorou
10:00	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	*****		D Chase		
June 24th							
8:30	Merickels	Fraley-Warren	J Bock, YOU		Georgesons	C & C Jackson	Owen & Rigdon Freker
10:00	YOU? YOU?	YOU? YOU?	K Johnson, YOU YOU		Bob Cook		

BIG THANK YOU!!!

Dan and I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful prayers during Dan’s recovery from his accident. All of you are a blessing in our lives and we truly appreciate your kind words and prayers.

Sincerely,

Dan & Janel Erdmann

Dear Members of St. Luke’s,

The Bed Race to Aid Children, INC appreciates your donation of \$749. to “Now I Lay Me Down” program at Frist Presbyterian Church. This was from your Thanksgiving Funds.

This donation will be used toward bed(s), for a children in need in Monroe county. This includes bed linens, age appropriate books and stuffed animals.

Again, we appreciate your support.

Bed Race to Aid Children, INC.

St. Luke’s & Endowment Team,

Thank you so much for the generous donation. It is much appreciated.

Our market is up and operating and the special needs adults are having a fantastic time operating the market.

What a great fit for our Bedford community.

Stop in and see us!

Your Neighbor!

Breaking Beans coffee & market.



THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to our chancel choir and chancel ringers. Your music ministry that you have shared with the congregation this year has been phenomenal. We are so grateful that you continue to share your gifts with us to the honor and glory of God!

Dear Endowment Committee-

Every day at the &, we work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income, or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Thank you again for your kind gift.

Lori Speegle and the Francis YMCA Staff

P.S. We truly appreciate your support

Brad Toft, CEO

Dear Endowment Fund Committee,

On behalf of the Bedford Heart Heroes, I’d like to express our sincere and deep appreciation for approving our grant request. Your funds will allow us to purchase new manikins for our CPR classes, which we desperately needed, as well as replace the AED at the Bedford Library. It is wonderful to have this type of community support in striving to make Bedford a more heart safe community.

We are indeed thankful to you or sharing God’s blessings with us and our community in this way. Our Bedford community is certainly better because of all of you and your service.

With sincere Appreciation and Thanks,
Roxann Satkowski—Co Chairperson,
Bedford Heart Heroes Community.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so very much for all of the cards and greetings for my birthday. You all made it a lovely time. Thanks to all!

I really enjoyed the cake reception and the thought t was lovely.

Bea

THANKS FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!!

Our Teachers and staff deserve a giant thank you for all of their time and dedication to their students this Sunday School year.

Thanks for everything!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

Congrats to all of our 2018 graduates! You have all worked so hard to get where you are and we wish you well and God’s Peace on the next venture in your lives!

**CONGRATULATIONS
PLAY & LEARN
PRESCHOOL GRADUTES!**

GOOD LUCK IN KINDERGARTEN



CONGRATULATIONS!

To our grandson, Cole Chappell, who will be going to West Point Military Academy after graduating from Monroe High School.!

We wish him the best!

Fred & Sally Georgeson



June 1st

Natalie Diver, Chance long

June 2nd

Steven Noble, Jaxson Manor,
Elizabeth Nieman

June 3rd

Kian Freker, Robert Braithwaite,

June 5th

Sora Mae Domigan, Kim Diver,

June 6th

Tarra Nieman, Valerie Likens,

June 8th

Christy Weiss, George Thompson

June 9th

Deb Gossman, Lori Neumeyer.
Vincent Dezanett

June 10th

Richard Chapman, Nolan Delp ,
Marjorie Achinger

June 11th

Stephanie Rodriguez, Alex LaCourse

June 12th

Dawn Palermo-Benedict

June 13th

Emerson Beard, Michael Goliver

June 14th

Armando Rodriquez, Thomas Webster

June 15th

Quinn Iott, Taylor Burgermeister

June 16th

Connie Sexton

June 17th

Timothy Yockey, Paul Thomas

June 18th

Kaitlin Miller

June 19th

Jessica Wisniewski

June 20th

Elizabeth Baum, Jonie Braithwaite

June 22nd

Cooper Clemens

June 23rd

Bob Titus, Adam Paine,
Alexander Wolfe

June 24th

Kristina Nichols

June 25th

Sandy Nieman, Storm Stanley

June 26th

Phil Ziemke, Shawn Emerson, Step-
hanie Grams

June 27th

Randall Dupont, Dory Noble, Kevin
Nieman, Trenton Yeager

June 29th

Judy Schreiber,

June 30th

Jennifer Mayo, Don Surface,
Emilie Sturm, Joseph Ondrus,
Harry Schroeder



June 3rd

David & Karen Williams, Charles &
Mary Lou Hiteshew

June 4th

Bob & Beth Matthews

June 6th

Jerry & Martha Brewis

June 7th

Jeremy & Michelle Walling

June 11th

Randall & Jerry Dupont

June 12th

Kris & Griff Crammond

June 13th

Robyn Kistemaker & David Hively

June 17th

Earl & Cheryl Cornprobst

June 21st

Jerald & Kristi Johnson

June 24th

Noel & Julie Bell

June 27th

Rex & Dorisse Benz

June 29th

Christy & Jeff Weiss

June 30th

Collin & Shawn Emerson



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Worship Schedule

8:30 am — Regular Traditional Service
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music

9:30- 10:30 am — Coffee Fellowship

9:45 — **Sunday School**

10:00 am — GiG Praise Service
Contemporary praise, worship, and children's time.

11:15 am—Regular Traditional Service
The Majesty of liturgy, pipe organ, and choral music