

St. Luke's Monthly

Sharing Christ's love with those around us



Building Our Future

God continues to bless St. Luke's with growth — in faith, in families, and in mission. As we look ahead to Phase 2 of our building project, we remain committed to careful planning and faithful stewardship. Every step we take now lays the foundation for a space that will serve generations to come.

Please continue to keep this project in your prayers: that we would move forward in faith, with clarity, unity, and joyful generosity. We trust that God will provide, in His perfect time and in His perfect way.

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From the Pastor's Pen

As Independence Day approaches—and as our nation prepares for its **250th anniversary**—it is worth remembering that the American struggle for liberty did not arise in a vacuum. Many of the ideas that shaped the Revolutionary generation were influenced, directly or indirectly, by the **Magdeburg Confession of 1550**, a Lutheran document written during a time of intense political and religious pressure.

The Magdeburg Confession was drafted by the pastors and city council of Magdeburg, the only German city to resist Emperor Charles V's attempt to impose the Augsburg Interim. Its central argument was that **lesser magistrates**—local rulers, councils, or governing authorities—have both the right and the duty to resist a higher authority **when that higher authority commands what God forbids or forbids what God commands**. This was not a call to anarchy. It was a carefully nuanced teaching rooted in Romans 13 and the Lutheran understanding of vocation. The Confession insisted that resistance must be **orderly, defensive**, and carried out by those already entrusted with civil authority—not by private individuals acting on their own.

One striking line from the Confession reads: *“When the higher magistrate persecutes true religion... the lower magistrate is bound by God's command to defend his subjects.”* (Magdeburg Confession, Article XIII). This idea—that authority is accountable to God and must protect its people—echoed through later Protestant political thought. It influenced writers like Samuel Rutherford and Algernon Sidney, who articulated ideas about **lawful resistance, limited government**, and the **accountability of rulers**, and whose works were read by American colonists. While the Founders themselves were not Lutherans, many were shaped by a political tradition that echoed Magdeburg's conviction that **government is accountable to God** and that, when it becomes destructive of its God-given purposes, lawful authorities may resist for the sake of their people.

This brings us to the **Fourth Commandment**: *“Honor your father and your mother.”* Luther teaches in the Large Catechism that this commandment extends to all **authorities** God places over us—parents, pastors, teachers, and civil rulers. Christians honor authority because authority is God's gift. Yet the same commandment also teaches that rulers are to act as “fathers,” serving and protecting those entrusted to their care. When authorities become tyrannical, the Magdeburg Confession reminds us that honoring God may require **lawful resistance through proper vocations**, never rebellion for its own sake.

Scripture gives us the same balance. Paul commands us to honor governing authorities (Romans 13), yet Peter reminds us, **“We must obey God rather than men”** (Acts 5:29). The Magdeburg theologians did not invent this tension—they simply articulated it faithfully.

As we celebrate our nation's independence, we do so with gratitude—thankful for those who sought liberty with humility, mindful of the responsibilities God gives to both rulers and citizens, and confident that our highest allegiance is always to Christ, the King who rules in grace and truth.

In Christ,

Pastor Schmidt

Vacation Bible School is June 7-11, Sunday-Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to an energy filled week of ministry.

Can you help? Are your kiddos signed up?



From the Director of Christian Education

As the summer begins it is a time of preparation for summer ministry and a bit of a break for many of our volunteers.

I am thankful for our School Year Sunday School Team, the BASIC Team, and all the Boards and volunteers I get to support. Passing on the faith is one of the most important tasks of a family of believers. At St Luke's we have a very dedicated group of volunteers. You may not know the tasks or the significant amount of time these people invest but we are all blessed by it!

My prayer for this summer is that the Holy Spirit will work through our boards and in the hearts of our St Luke's family to engage more volunteers in smaller ways to lighten to load on the current volunteers and to expand the relational and ministerial connections within our St Luke's family.

I continue to believe God is working in, around, and through St Luke's to reach out to our community with the message of the Gospel and for people to experience the love of Christ through us! Please continue to keep you eyes and hearts open to opportunities to be a blessing to those God places around you!

In God's Grace and Peace,

- *William Prann*

Please continue your partnership with me as I pray for our Pastor, our leaders, our volunteers, for all the families at St Luke's. God is working in, around, and though us for His glory and for the benefit of the community around us. In situations like these Satan takes immense pleasure in causing discord and unrest. Please pray that each of us will "Fix our eyes on Christ" and that we would not be distracted by Satan's efforts.

HAPPENINGS

Traveling Bulletin

When you worship at another church, please bring the worship folder and bulletin to the church office with your name on. We will post your name and where you've worshipped, hopefully stimulating conversation of where you've visited. And, our staff will get the chance to see what other churches are doing.

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Church Facility Help

A big thank you to those who mow, spray the parking lot, do landscape work, and help with minor repairs and the like. Volunteers do a great service to the congregation and save a lot on expenses. We can always use a few more volunteers so if you have an interest in helping with minor repairs at church. Some examples include landscape help, mowing, minor repairs, or helping with chair and table set ups? If yes, please contact Brad Brunkow 580-716-8187 and he will add you to the email list when various efforts or needs arise.

Flint Hills Lutherans for Life - Let's Celebrate Moms & Dads!

One of Flint Hills Lutherans For Life's yearly projects is to ask our church members to collect NEW items for Life Choice Ministries. This is done between Mother's Day and Father's Day as a celebration of the moms and dads who choose Life. They also choose to take pre-natal and parenting classes to become better parents. The items we collect will be in the parents' room. Parents earn points for taking classes and then they can choose from the items you donate! The items needed are: toddler boy shoes- sizes 4-9, cabinet locks, muslin swaddles, Dr. Brown baby bottles, stroller fans, baby carriers (the ones you can carry the baby in the front), highchairs (Grab a friend to share the cost!)

QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) is a way to maximize your giving.

A QCD is a very tax efficient way to maximize a charitable contribution to St. Luke's or any 501c3 charity.

To utilize a QCD option an individual must be age 70.5 or older and have a traditional IRA account. The withdraw of funds for a QCD do not count as any income on Federal or State income tax returns which is a significant tax savings and it does not require itemizing. A QCD also does not count toward Federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). It is better than itemizing even if you do itemize. The QCD limit for year 2026 is \$111,000 per person and goes up yearly by the inflation rate.

Here are the recommended steps to follow if you do a QCD.

1. Inform your financial firm you would like to make a QCD withdraw.
2. State the name of the charity to endorse the check to.
3. Recommend that you have the check mailed to your home. (If you have the check mailed to the charity, they do not know who it came from. Also they may not know it was a QCD.)
4. Make a copy of the check for your tax records. (The year end 1099-R may or may not indicate QCD elections and if missed this you will incorrectly pay income tax on the QCD withdraw.)
5. Deliver the check to your charity and let them know it is from you and inform them it was a QCD donation. (If the charity gets a random check they will likely not know who it was sourced from.) (You cannot count the QCD contribution as an itemized deduction as that would be double counting.)
6. When you do your yearend income tax returns be sure to communicate the QCD events correctly on your tax return.

A couple more items of information.

- All special retirement accounts Traditional IRA, 401-K, 403-b, Roth IRA, Simpler IRA,... are all individually owned. No joint ownership.
- If you do not have a traditional IRA, but you have a 401-K or a 403-B, you can with the help of your financial firm transfer funds to a traditional IRA so that you can utilize the QCD option.
- If you are the age you must take an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) The QCD withdraw can count towards the RMD amount. First money out counts toward your RMD. So, if you wish the QCD to count 100% toward your RMD do the QCD first and the remaining RMD to yourself.

If you are confused by all this or want an estimate of how much this option may save you on taxes feel free to visit with Brad Brunkow 580-716-8187.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Worship with us | Saturday 6:30 pm | Sunday 8:30 & 11 am

Monday 6/1

- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/2

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion
- 7 pm Elders' Meeting

Wednesday 6/3

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 6/5

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 6/7

- 9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
- 6 pm VBS

Monday 6/8

- 9 am Women's Bible Study
- 6 pm VBS
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Mtg
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/9

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 9 am Mission of Love Quilting Circle
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 6 pm VBS

Wednesday 6/10

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm VBS

Thursday 6/11

- 6 pm VBS

Friday 6/12

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 6/14

- 9:45 am Adult School

Monday 6/15

- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/16

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7:30 pm Theology on Tap

Wednesday 6/17

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal
- 6 pm Moms' Group

Friday 6/19

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Saturday 6/20

- 6:30 pm Annual Pool Party

Sunday 6/21

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School

Monday 6/22

- 9 am Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA Mtg
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/23

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companions
- 7 pm Church Council Meeting

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Wednesday 6/24

- 9:30 am ELC Chapel
- 10:30 am Moms' Group/Anneberg Park
- 5:15 pm Praise & Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 6/26

- 9:30 am ELC Lesson Video

Sunday 6/28

- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School

Monday 6/29

- 6:30 pm Trail Life USA
- 7 pm Card Making

Tuesday 6/30

- 7 am Men's Bible Study
- 1:30 pm Cancer Companion



BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1 Zachary Beach
JUNE 2 Anita Eagan
JUNE 4 Jaden Campbell
JUNE 5 Kristina Schmidt
JUNE 7 Byron Jones
JUNE 8 Drew Kohlmeier
Terry Wyatt
Kyle Larson
JUNE 9 Carter Manning
Mark Burris
Steve Mosier
Allie Winter
JUNE 10 Julie Hatesohl
Payton Sturdy
Ryan Juracek
JUNE 11 Katlyn Wyatt
Joyce Mott
Ethan Willsey
JUNE 12 Pat Orazem
Jim Mooneyham
JUNE 13 Walt Fick
Creighton Redding
JUNE 14 Elijah Hickman-
Roten
JUNE 15 Doris Park
JUNE 18 Bruce Arnold
Michael Schmidt II
JUNE 19 Jessica Campbell
JUNE 21 Joshua Goff
Mason Deetjen
JUNE 23 Jovie Winter
Hamlin Burtness
JUNE 24 Kendal Proctor
JUNE 25 Bev Winter
JUNE 26 Bonita Tehtmeier
Sarah Oelke
JUNE 28 Jacob Hagenmaier

JUNE 30 Henry Lister
Benjamin
Wehmueller
Jeff Tucker

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE 1 Mark & Terrie Boguski
JUNE 3 Gary & Joyce Mott
Jim & Donna Kroenlein
JUNE 5 Derek & Donna Feld
JUNE 6 Bill & Glenda Moore
Terry & Jana Wyatt
JUNE 11 Codey & Kaitlyn Barber
JUNE 12 Gary & Donna Myers
JUNE 14 Shawn & Julie Thiele
JUNE 20 Kennard & Nancy Kopp
JUNE 22 Robert & Kayla Dieball
Barry & Marcey Fickbohm
JUNE 24 Kip & Jessica Campbell
JUNE 25 Andrew & Tracie Hudson
JUNE 26 Bill & Gerda Robb
Jakob & Laura Hutter
JUNE 27 Morris & Jean Olson
Bruce & Nancy Arnold
Howard & Liz Beikmann
Breg & Kris Burnett
JUNE 28 Paul & Nora Stuckwisch
JUNE 30 Jon & Heidi Brott



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

What Do You Want?

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One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.



“I am the
good
shepherd.”

John 10:11

ACOLYTES



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Sat 6:00 pm

Sun 8:30 am

Sun 11:00 am

JUNE 6/7

JUNE 13/14

JUNE 20/21

JUNE 27/28

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