

Nov. & Dec. 2023

NEWSLETTER



Saint Luke's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I reflected on our past weekend together as a community of believers hosting a pastoral candidate to be our new shepherd in our journey as followers of Jesus Christ, I had a few thoughts that I would like to pass on to you.

First - I want to thank our Call Committee who has diligently worked through the process of calling a pastor. I know there have been times of frustration at what seemed to be a lack of communication and a lack of progress. Please know that they were doing their best to follow the guidelines established by the NALC and they, too, had many moments of frustration. The NALC is a relatively new part of the body of Christ and is therefore still working through procedures in many areas of our church life together. . . Right now we should focus on prayer and discernment surrounding the potential call of Pastor Jones to be our next shepherd. That is most important in the here and now.

Second – due to the lack of direction from the NALC and in our concern for confidentiality, we probably did not adequately inform our St. Luke's community about Pr. Jones. In order to rectify that situation, we have emailed her biography to the church. We ask that you keep this confidential and not forward it to others. We are also having an open forum Sunday, Nov. 5, after the service, in the Melancthon Room. . . Her complete profile will be available for those who are interested, and if there are questions that they cannot answer, Pastor Jones has told both the Call Committee and Council that they can call or email her and she will be happy to respond.

She made it clear throughout the weekend that she has an “open door” policy and is very willing to receive and respond to correspondence.

Third – we need to remember that we are NOT looking for a replacement for Pastor Josh. God made each and every one of us different, with different gifts and abilities. . . We are looking for a new shepherd who loves our Savior and who will lead us faithfully as we strive to follow Him in all things.

Fourth – the process from here. The Call Committee has met and recommended to the council that we call Pastor Jones. The council has met and are recommending to the congregation that we call Pastor Jones. A special congregational meeting has been called for Nov. 19, after the service, for a congregational vote as to whether or not to extend a call to Pr. Jones to be our next pastor. A two-thirds majority of a quorum is required to call a pastor. If that happens, a call will then be offered to Pastor Jones, at which time she will have two weeks to decide if she will or will not accept the call. If she accepts the call, she will then give her 30-day notice to her congregation.

In closing, I just want to say once more that it is critical that we put aside our frustrations about the call process and focus now on prayer and discernment. We will address the frustrations, but right now we need to be about the much more important work of praying and discerning who our shepherd should be as we move forward as the body of Christ here in Colorado Springs.

Yours in Christ,
Deaconess Kathy

Pastoral Call + Budget Meeting | Sunday, Nov. 19 at 11:00 am

We will be voting to extend a call to the Rev. Melinda Jones as well as voting on our 2024 budget. Please join us as together we discern the future of Saint Luke's Lutheran Church.

Turkey Dinner | Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6:00 pm

Our annual Turkey dinner will take place on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 pm. Please sign up if you are able to help with set-up, cooking, serving, or clean-up. Many hands are needed, so please consider helping!

Thanksgiving Eve Service | Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 3:30 pm

This year, our Thanksgiving Eve service will take place at 3:30 pm. We hope you can join us in giving thanks to our Creator!

Ordination of James to the Diaconate | Sunday, Dec. 10

Bishop Dan Selbo will be joining us on December 10 to preach, preside, and ordain James to the Permanent Diaconate of the NALC. James will be the first person ordained to the NALC's Permanent Diaconate, so join us as we make history! A celebratory meal will follow, so please bring a side or dessert to share!

Wine & Cheese Adult Fellowship | Friday, Dec. 15 at 6:00 pm

Join us for wine and cheese! We will be having this annual gathering in Luther Hall, so please bring some wine and cheese to share. We will need help with setting up, serving, and cleaning up. If you are able to help, there will be a sign-up sheet in the atrium.

Advent + Christmas Services

Mid-Week Advent Services | Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20

6:30 pm - Holden Evening Prayer

Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24

9:30 am - Lessons and Carols

5:00 pm - Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

Christmas Day | Monday, December 25

9:30 am - Service with Holy Communion

Choir & Bell Choir

Bells: Thursday, Sept. 7th, 5:30- 6:25, mostly weekly.

Snow day make-ups: Tuesdays 5:30-6:25

Choir: Thursday, Sept. 7th, 6:30 – 7:30, mostly weekly.

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St. Luke's Ukes: 3rd Wednesday of the month, Sept. 20th, 6:30-7:30 at Saint Luke's in the church choir area, mostly once a month.

Also, if you are interested in a **Recorder Ensemble** or **Children's Choir**, please sign up in the atrium.

Children & Youth

Youth Group | Sundays after the service

We will be going through Luther's Small Catechism in a fresh way this Spring and will be taking a break starting in June.

Wednesday Family Worship + Dinner

Our Wednesday Family Worship + Dinner will not meet through Advent.

Children's Church | During the readings and the homily

This is a time for children ages second grade and younger to learn about God with songs, videos, activities, and play (based on the lectionary). It takes place during the second service in the Melancthon Room.

Childcare | During service

Childcare is available during the service from 9:15 am to 11:15 am. This care is provided by staff from the Children's Center and is located downstairs.

First Communion

You are always welcome to talk to any members of the staff about your child receiving Communion at any point in time.

Online Lessons

All the elements from the lessons done in children's church each week are also posted on the church website. Just click on "Resource Blog" in the menu to find them!

Wednesday Church Study & Holy Communion Spoken Service

Wednesdays | Study at 10:15 am | Communion at 11:30 am

We are currently exploring Jesus & the Old Testament in our church study. Afterward, join us for our spoken service with Holy Communion.

Women's Coffee | Second Saturday

Saturday, November 11 & December 9 at 8:00 am

All women of the church are invited to join us for coffee at Panera Bread at 7344 North Academy Blvd.

Men's Breakfast with Bonhoeffer

Saturday, November 25 & December 30

Our monthly men's breakfast continues on the last Saturday of each month in 2023. The theme is "Breakfast with Bonhoeffer" as we will be reading portions of *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* in preparation for the gatherings.

Blood Pressure Check



Sunday, Dec. 3 before and after service in Luther Hall

In keeping with our namesake, Saint Luke, the beloved physician, we will offer the opportunity for blood pressure checks on the first Sunday of each even-numbered month. This is available for anyone who would be interested and would be confidential between you and your nurse.

Children's Center Update

Our Butter Braid Fundraiser ends on Nov. 6 with delivery on the 16. We will also be doing our annual Children's Center Food Drive from Nov. 13-22 with all donations going to Mercy's Gate. In celebration of Thanksgiving, we will be having a Family Pie Day on Friday, Nov. 17.



Our children's Christmas Program is on December 8 at 6:15 pm, with lots of activities throughout the month. We hope everyone has a healthy and safe holiday season!

Erin Cowan
Children's Center Director

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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Daylight Saving 9:00 Choir 9:30 Worship 11:00 Forum	6 7:30 MESH	7 6:00 Exec Council 6:30 Council	8 10:15 Bible Study 11:30 Communion 2:30 Recorders 5:30 Fam Worship 6:30 Ukes	9 5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	10	11 8:00 Women's Coffee
12 9:30 Worship	13 7:30 MESH	14 5:30 Finance	15 10:15 Bible Study 11:30 Communion 2:30 Recorders 6:00 Turkey Din	16 5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	17	18
19 8:45 Ukes 9:00 Choir 9:30 Worship 11:00 Congregational Meeting	20 7:30 MESH	21	22 3:00 Choir 3:30 Thanksgiving Eve Service	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 7:30 Men's Breakfast
26 9:00 Choir + Flute 9:30 Worship	27 7:30 MESH	28	29 10:15 Bible Study 11:30 Communion 2:30 Recorders 6:30 Ukes	30 5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir		

December 2023

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					1	2 5:00 Youth Event
3 9:30 Worship	4 7:30 MESH	5 6:00 CC Advisory	6 11:30 Communion 2:30 Recorders 6:30 Service	7 5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	8 6:15 CC Christmas Play	9 8:00 Women's Coffee
10 9:30 Worship 11:00 Celebration	11 7:30 MESH	12 5:30 Finance	13 11:30 Communion 2:30 Recorders 5:00 Ukles 6:30 Service	14 5:30 Bells 6:30 Choir	15 6:00 Wine & Cheese	16
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24 Christmas Eve 9:30 Carols + Lessons 4:00 Worship 6:30 Worship	25 Christmas Day 9:30 Service 7:30 MESH	26	27 11:30 Communion	28	29	30 7:30 Men's Breakfast
31 New Year's Eve 9:30 Worship						

November Server Schedule

	Nov. 5, 2023	Nov. 12, 2023	Nov. 19, 2023	Nov. 26, 2023	Dec. 3, 2023
Sacristan	Jennifer Lighthall WHITE	Margaret Loucks GREEN	Barb McDonough GREEN	Betsy Plante WHITE	Miriam Glock BLUE
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Asst. Minister	Miriam Glock	Cynthia Hastings	Kathleen Kleinhuizen	Teresa Watt	Tom Clark
Crucifer / Communion	Tom Clark	Becky Hureau	Bonnie Clark	Elly Durden	Kathleen Kleinhuizen
Acolyte	Abby Carnal Pepper Carnal	Addie Miller	Ryan Vsetecka	Sam Schafer Claire Schafer	Addie Miller
Ushers	Drew Schafer Warren Kipps	Art Schwall Warren Kipps	Paul Traub Warren Kipps	Dave Watt Warren Kipps	Keith Anderson Warren Kipps
Greeters	John Johnson	Ellie Rosenberg	Roger Hyttinen	Janet Anderson	Cheryl Johnson
Sound Board	Janet Anderson	Bonnie Clark	Kip Kleinhuizen	Duane Lighthall	Janet Anderson
Children's Church	Dorothea Clapper	James Clapper	Dorothea Clapper	James Clapper	Dorothea Clapper

December Server Schedule

	Dec. 10, 2023	Dec. 17, 2023	Dec. 24, 2023	Dec. 31, 2023	Jan. 7, 2024
Sacristan	Jan Butler RED	Sue Currey BLUE	Joan Eng BLUE/WHITE	Hanna Freundlich WHITE	Miriam Glock WHITE
	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM	9:30 AM
Asst. Minister	James Clapper	Dick Currey	TBD	Miriam Glock	Cynthia Hastings
Crucifer / Communion	N/A	Barb McDonough		Peggy Byrd	Elly Durden
Acolyte	Abby Carnal	Ryan Vsetecka		Addie Miller	Sam Schafer Claire Schafer
Ushers	Nick Miller Warren Kipps	Frank Rosenberg Warren Kipps		Art Schwall Warren Kipps	Paul Traub Warren Kipps
Greeters	John Johnson	Ellie Rosenberg		Teresa Watt	Roger Hyttinen
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Children's Church	N/A	Dorothea Clapper		James Clapper	Dorothea Clapper



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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am

Wednesday Spoken Service 11:30 am

Christmas Eve at 9:30 am & 5:00 pm

Christmas Day at 9:30 am