



# ST. LUKE

## CHURCH



St. Luke Church embodies a strong sense of mission to youth, young families, seniors, the homeless, and others in need of God's grace regardless of color, ethnicity, gender, and orientation through our open and affirming faith.

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## PNC update

The PNC continues its work of evaluating resumes and interviewing candidates. We are not yet close to completion of our work, but will keep the congregation advised as the process continues. We ask for your continued prayers.

PNC members: Todd Schenk, moderator; Debbie Cebold, Arlene Langley, John Miller, Fred Moszur, Bonnie Reid, and Jake Smith.

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## Fellowship team offers social events

The Zeta Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce two social events for St. Luke adults on **Monday, Sept. 12.**

### Two separate events!

- Ladies Private Paint Your Own Fall Pillow Design Workshop at Collective Boutique in Lisle
- Men's Fellowship at Black Horizon Brewing Company in Willowbrook

More information about the Ladies' event is [here](#); more details about the men's event is [here](#).

**To RSVP or if you have questions, please contact:**

Ladies event:

- Mary Brennan (630) 936-2903 [maryc.brennan@comcast.net](mailto:maryc.brennan@comcast.net)
- Debbie Cebold (630) 297-6817 [dcebald@gmail.com](mailto:dcebald@gmail.com)

Men's event:

- Jim Collins (630) 336-2951 [jcollins2521@gmail.com](mailto:jcollins2521@gmail.com)



## Vitamin collection for Guatemala

St. Luke Church member Pat Ciolek will be attending the Hearts In Motion mission trip to Guatemala, October 14-23, 2022. Pat will bring with her a supply of children's vitamins. You are invited to purchase and donate children's chewable vitamins. Please – no gummies – they melt in hot temperatures. You may place your vitamin donation in the identified collection box on the table in the

Gathering Space. Your contributions are much appreciated.

## News from the Nominating Committee

The 2022 (for terms beginning 2023) Nominating Committee will soon begin meeting to compile a slate of Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Committee members for terms beginning in 2023.

You are invited to recommend St. Luke members for these positions. If you would like to nominate a member (or yourself), please download the form [here](#), fill it out, and return it to the Nominating Committee Chair, Jim Collins.

## Christian Education/Youth updates for Fall 2022

We are back IN PERSON for our children and youth programming for Fall 2022!

Club Luke will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4:45-5:30 p.m. starting September 14. During this time, our youngest disciples--ages pre-k through 5th grade--will meet for church school, an activity or craft, music, and fellowship.

Middle School and High School youth groups will meet on the same schedule as previously: the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon from 4-5 p.m., starting September 11. Please watch for updates on events such as Trunk or Treat and Sleep out Saturday coming out soon.

Also, please join us for an all-congregational conversation following worship on September 11 to hear more about our upcoming Fall 2022 children and youth programs. This conversation will include Youth Group, Club Luke, worship, and intergenerational activities. This is a great opportunity to think about ways you can help and be involved in the children and youth programming.

We also will offer an intergenerational Sunday school opportunity on 4th Sundays

immediately after worship, so grab a snack and beverage from the Gathering Space and join everyone in Fellowship Hall starting on September 25.

## News from the Stewardship Committee

Giving always seems to taper off some during the summer. While giving and attendance are lower in the summer, you can always watch the weekly church service online at your convenience to stay engaged. Don't forget to pledge as you are able as St. Luke continues to realize expenses! This year, we incurred several building expenses due to the lack of maintenance prior to St. Luke taking possession. Although these are not unexpected, they are significant and require significant time and resources to be addressed. Many thanks to the great job, and oversight, of the property committee. If you are able to provide support to help offset some of these costs, it would be appreciated.

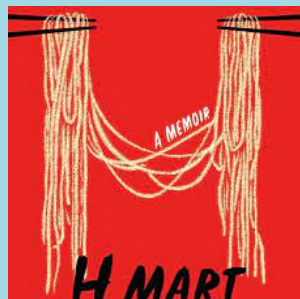
Did you know that most members give to St. Luke through electronic means? Covid is not the only reason that the offering plate is not passed around each week. A majority of members provide their support through an automatic periodic payment from their bank account to the church's. You can also provide support by clicking on the "Donate" button on the website. If you have any questions, or would like to set up electronic payments, please contact the stewardship committee at [stewardship@stlukedg.org](mailto:stewardship@stlukedg.org).

## Choir rehearsals to begin

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Will Thomen, director of music, will begin rehearsals for the 2022-2023 year on Wednesday, Sept. 7. Rehearsals are from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the sanctuary.



No prior experience is required--just a love of singing God's praises! Membership is open to anyone high-school age or older.



## St. Luke Book Group to meet

The St. Luke Book Group will be meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., to discuss *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner. The book is a poignant memoir about a mother's love, as told through Korean food. The author grapples with what it means to be severed from her Korean heritage after her mother's battle with cancer.

Meetings are open to all. For more information, please contact Rick Roche at [ricklibrarian@yahoo.com](mailto:ricklibrarian@yahoo.com) or 630-215-8616.

## Community Kitchen Corner



The Community Kitchen served 97 dinners and gave out around 30 breakfast bags on Tuesdays in August.

If you would like to volunteer for the CK please contact Vida at [vidajue@gmail.com](mailto:vidajue@gmail.com) OR sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4ca8a62eaafb6-breakfast>.

## **PADS Interim Housing Center meals**

St. Luke members served around 150 dinners at the PADS Interim Housing Center (IHC) on Monday, Aug. 29. The IHC provides temporary housing for more than 300 homeless people, many of whom are children ranging in age from toddler to teen.

The dinner consisted of a grilled chicken sandwich (Costco) with freshly sliced tomatoes from the youth garden, mac & cheese, and coleslaw. MANY volunteers made this effort possible, from the food preparation to the door-to-door distribution of the bags of food and drink. The meal was very much appreciated by the IHC residents; they usually receive a small frozen institutional meal for dinner.

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## **Save the Date – St. Luke Sale is Oct. 14-15!**

Our fall sale is coming soon! We will need lots of help and have lots of fun – so stay tuned for announcements in coming weeks.

As a reminder, we accept clothing, shoes, purses, jewelry, housewares, decorative items, toys, games, books, tools, sports equipment, small furniture, etc. We **DO NOT accept** televisions, large appliances, computer equipment, monitors, large or heavy furniture (e.g. no entertainment centers, couches, etc.) *NOTE:* We will not have manpower or vehicles to make pickups or move heavy items.

### **Early donation drop-off days**

To get a jump start on preparing for the sale, we are hosting early drop-off days:

- **Sunday, Sept. 4 after worship until 12:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Sept. 11 after worship until 12:30 p.m.**

Please make sure your donations are in good working order and clean. No broken, torn, or dirty items, please. And if it's something unusual, label what it is and how it can be used.

### **Questions?**

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Chris Collins, [cchriscollins@comcast.net](mailto:cchriscollins@comcast.net), 630-336-2952

Lisa Furstenau, [lisa@furstenau.net](mailto:lisa@furstenau.net), 630-699-9705

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# CROPWALK



Save the date! Crop Walk is Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022. Please consider walking, or sponsoring your favorite St. Luke team walker. You can join and/or donate online to the **St. Luke Church Downers Grove** team

at: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/saint-lukes-presbyterian> or by using the QR code on left.

You can also support the South DuPage Crop Hunger Walk by purchasing food at these Downers Grove restaurants at the specified dates and times:

**Culver's**, 2500 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515  
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Culver's Flyer: <https://www.dgfumc.org/sites/default/files/cropwalk/culver-flyer-2022.pdf>

**Panera**, 160 Ogden Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515  
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Panera Flyer: <https://www.dgfumc.org/sites/default/files/cropwalk/panera-bread-flyer-2022.pdf>

Print and present the provided flier, or display on your phone, at the time of your purchase. A portion of the sales will be donated to the South DuPage Crop Hunger Walk.

**St. Luke Church** plans to provide a rest stop for Crop Walk participants. Our location has traditionally been the Crop Walk Rest Stop for many years. If you're not walking, you can still support your church and community. You can help to distribute water and other treats to Crop Walk participants as they pass the St. Luke Church building along the designated route. To volunteer to help with the rest stop, send an email to [mission@stlukeg.org](mailto:mission@stlukeg.org) or contact Fred, our Mission Elder.





Worship is in the Sanctuary every Sunday at 10 a.m.

Please note: masks are required in the building until further notice.

Videos of the service will be posted to our YouTube channel, usually Monday morning. The Order of Worship and a link will be sent via email when the video is available.

**Thursday, 9/1**

The GALZ & Da Guys -- 9:30 a.m. (*every Thursday*)

**Sunday, 9/4**

Early sale drop-off -- 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Monday, 9/5**

Exercise Group -- 8:30 a.m. [outside group] (*every Monday*)



## St. Luke Prayer List

Please continue to pray for all those on our prayer list. Click [here](#) to view our current Prayer List.

## Good News & Gratitudes



St. Luke received a thank you note for our donation to the West Suburban Community Pantry.

**Big Book Group -- 8 p.m. [outside group] (every Monday)**

**Knitting Group -- 8 p.m. (every Monday) via Zoom**

**Tuesday, 9/6**

**Serve Dinner at the Community Kitchen--click [here](#) or visit the St. Luke [Calendar](#) to sign up (every Tuesday)**

**Wednesday, 9/7**

**Exercise Group -- 8:30 a.m. [outside group] (every Wednesday)**

**Bible Study -- 11:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space and on Zoom (every Wednesday)**

**Worship team -- 6 p.m.**

**Choir rehearsal -- 7:30 p.m. (every Wednesday)**

**Thursday, 9/8**

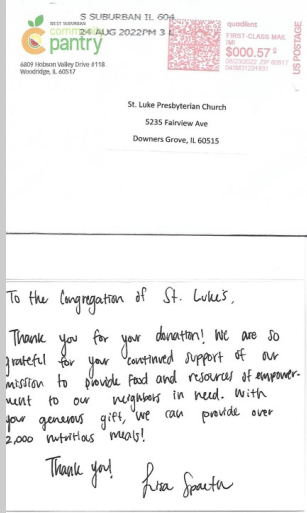
**Deacon meeting -- 7 p.m.**

**Sunday, 9/11**

**Stewardship team -- 8:30 a.m.**

**Property team -- 11:15 a.m.**

**Early sale drop-off -- 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



Do you have any news you would like to share? Please contact us at [session@stlukedg.org](mailto:session@stlukedg.org) with your good news or your thanks/gratitude for the St. Luke family. A photo is always welcome, too!

**Calendar continued**

**Monday, 9/12**

**Men's Social Event -- 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Women's Social Event -- 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 9/14**

**Mission team -- 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, 9/15**

**Session -- 7 p.m.**

**Thursday, 9/22**

**St. Luke Book Group -- 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday, 9/28**

**Building Use Request Team -- 7 p.m.**

For a complete list of all events, visit the [Calendar](#) tab on our website.

*\*The deadline for the next Lukan Letter is **Sunday, Sept. 25**. Please send submissions to [session@stlukedg.org](mailto:session@stlukedg.org).*

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