

# The Lukan Letter | News & Updates

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## ST. LUKE C H U R C H

### It's almost Chili Cook-off time!!

The St. Luke Church Chili Cook-off is this Sunday, April 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All entries in the competition are now full, but you can come for great food and fellowship!



In addition to chili and sides, we will have macaroni and cheese for the little ones.

We encourage you to use this opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors. **All are welcome.** Please RSVP using the online signup with the number of adults and children.

A free-will donation of \$5 per person will support St. Luke youth programs.

To register or if you have questions:

Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054AA4AA29A3FF2-chili>

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### PNC update

The Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to say that our Ministry Information Form was approved by the St. Luke Session and Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. It has been uploaded to the PC (USA) Church Leadership Connection database in order to begin receiving Pastor Information Forms from candidates.

As always, please keep the PNC in your prayers as we continue our work.

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

## Holy Week services planned

Holy Week services will include the following:

*Palm Sunday*, April 10--10 a.m. service. Celebrate the beginning of Holy Week. The children's choirs will sing.

*Maundy Thursday*, April 14--7 p.m. service will combine a Tenebrae worship with Taize songs. Communion will be shared.

*Good Friday*, "In the Shadow of the Cross," April 15--7 p.m. service will consist of readings and times for silent reflection.

*Easter Sunday*, April 17--10 a.m. Joyous celebration of the Resurrection!

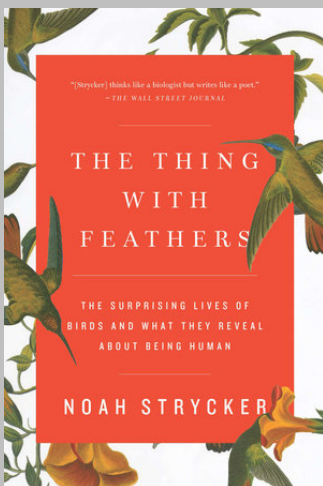
Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to any or all of these services!



## Purchase a Paver!

Thanks to everyone who has expressed interest in engraved pavers to be added to the Memorial Garden this summer. St. Luke is continuing to take orders through April. This is your opportunity to add a paver and contribute to the development of our church gardens. Order forms are available at St. Luke, and orders must be placed by May 1.

For further information or to get a form, please contact Rick Roche or Lois Balk.



## Book Club chooses nonfiction

The St. Luke Book Group will be meeting on Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space to discuss the book *The Thing with Feathers: The Surprising Life of Birds* by Noah Strycker. Readers will be fascinated to discover that birds are highly intelligent animals! As scientists learn more about the secrets of bird life, they are unlocking insights into memory, game theory, and the nature of intelligence itself. Learn more about fairy-wrens, starlings, bowerbirds, nutcrackers, and albatross (among others) to get a glimpse into why birds do what they do as

well as a glimpse into our own nature.

Meetings are open to all.

Click [here](#) for a listing and description of the books we will be discussing the rest of the year. For more information, contact Rick Roche at [ricklibrarian@yahoo.com](mailto:ricklibrarian@yahoo.com) or 630-215-8616.

## Christian Education/Youth updates

### Happy spring!

**Club Luke** will be continuing to meet via Zoom on Tuesdays in April at 4:45 p.m. The meeting dates are 4/5, 4/12, 4/19, and 4/26.

**Youth group** will be meeting in person the second and fourth Sundays in April from 4-5 pm. These dates are 4/10 and 4/24.

Save the date for Youth Sunday!! Join us May 22 as the youth plan and lead worship.

As well, the youth are working on a project in cooperation with the worship committee for June. Please save your empty 2-liter soda bottles and bring them to the church. There will be a box in the Gathering Space to collect the bottles throughout April.

## Community Kitchen corner

The Community Kitchen (CK) has grown out of a grassroots effort from a handful of citizens who were concerned when the overnight PADS shelters closed during the pandemic. Here is a recently published history of how the CK started:

<https://napervillemagazine.com/alexs-mission/> St. Luke became involved when one of its members answered the Alex's Mission post on NextDoor asking for volunteers to help provide meals to the homeless that were living in the Downers Grove parking garage. Although CK and PADS both serve the homeless, the CK is entirely independent of PADS; the original Alex's Mission group and the First Congregational United Church of Christ (FCUCC) cooperate to keep the CK funded, stocked, and organized.

The CK served a total of 742 meals in February '22, compared to a total of 447 meals in Feb. of '21; St. Luke served 126 meals in Feb '22 and 176 meals in March '22.

St. Luke has become a registered social agency for Food Rescue US (FRUS): <https://foodrescue.us/> which means that St. Luke can now receive food from FRUS that can be used for St. Luke mission work. All of the April CK main dinner entrees and some of the sides have been donated either from FRUS or from private donors who wanted to contribute food to the CK. Since St. Luke is receiving larger donations (15 lbs. of corned beef, 4 lb. cans of tuna, etc.), some of the food preparation would be more conveniently done in the church kitchen where larger cookware and ovens are available. The SignUpGenius indicates when the church kitchen might be more convenient for food preparation. Food prep can be done at

times convenient for the volunteers and refrigerated or frozen for later use.

Please feel free to contact Vida: [vidajue@gmail.com](mailto:vidajue@gmail.com) to volunteer or with any questions. To sign up to volunteer for food prep or to bring food: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4ca8a62eaafb6-breakfast>

## Stewardship and Easter

*The promise and gift of Easter is what all God has done for us--going to the point of death on a cross. We all must be aware of this sacrifice and respond with joy and gratitude. There is a strong Stewardship message in the resurrection. We look forward with a positive outlook, to new beginnings, better weather, in-person events, and a renewed sense of hope.*

*This is a great time to evaluate our giving based on this critical part of our faith. Easter is a call for gratitude. Please consider making an extra gift or increasing your giving to further the mission of St. Luke.*



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

Click [here](#) for a video of the live service. Videos will be posted to our YouTube channel, usually by Monday morning. The Order of Worship will be sent via email when the video is available.

**Sunday, 4/3**

Chili Cook-off -- 5:30--7:30 p.m.

**Monday, 4/4**

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

The Bells of St. Luke -- 7 p.m. (**every Monday**)

Big Book Group -- 8 p.m. [outside



### 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

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group] (*every Monday*)

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

### *Tuesday, 4/5*

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

Club Luke 4:45--5:15 p.m. (*every Tuesday*) on Zoom

Christian Education team -- 7 p.m.

### *Wednesday, 4/6*

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

Bible Study on Luke -- 11:15 a.m. on Zoom

Worship team -- 6 p.m.

Chancel Choir -- 7:30--9 p.m.

### *Thursday, 4/7*

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

Daisy Girl Scouts -- 3 p.m. [outside group] (*also 4/21*)

Deacon meeting -- 7 p.m.

### *Sunday, 4/10 Palm Sunday*

Property team -- 11:15 a.m.

Youth Group -- 4 p.m. (*also 4/24*)

### *Wednesday, 4/13*

Mission Team -- 7 p.m.



Will is grateful for the beautiful bloom on the hibiscus plant in his office. And there are several more buds on the plant! A sure sign of Spring!

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!

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### *April Calendar continued:*

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#### *Easter Sunday, 4/17*

In-person celebration of the Resurrection -- 10 a.m.

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#### *Thursday, 4/21*

Session -- 7 p.m.

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#### *Sunday, 4/24*

South DuPage Musicians Guild Concert -- 1 p.m.

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#### *Wednesday, 4/27*

BURT (Building Use Request Team) -- 7 p.m.

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#### *Thursday, 4/28*

***Maundy Thursday, 4/14***

**Tenebrae service -- 7 p.m.**

***Good Friday, 4/15***

**"In the Shadow of the Cross" -- 7 p.m. service**

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

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

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

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