

# The Lukan Letter | News & Updates

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## 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.



### Vitamin collection for Guatemala

Our own deacon, Pat Ciolek, will be traveling to Guatemala on another mission trip in mid-October. She will be collecting adult and children's vitamins to take with her. Especially needed are children's vitamins--like Flintstones Complete 150 Chewable Tablets,\* or any chewable tablets for children--NO gummies, please!

*\*Purple bottle, blue cap; on sale at Jewel (buy 1 get 1 half off) through Aug. 23!*

She will be collecting them from Sept. 4 through Oct. 9.

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# Christian Education/Youth updates

Our popular storytelling slam event is ongoing this summer! Join CE for a potluck lunch and a time of fellowship and storytelling based around the Bible story that morning. The summer Scriptures are based off the stained-glass windows recently installed in the sanctuary. Storytelling is directly after worship downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share for lunch!



Stay tuned for information for fall programming, including youth group, Club Luke, and Sleep-Out Saturday!

## Update from the Property Committee

The Property Team--Cal Christy, Rick Roche, Cindy Pavlick, Scott Mulvoy, Jack Graham, and Randy Winans--has had a very busy summer with a number of projects completed and on-going.

### Completed Projects

Hanging of the stained-glass windows is done and they look great, thanks to Chuck Hosto and Da Guys. The Galz helped Da Guys by recommending where the windows would go, with the Worship Committee making the final determination.

The entrance awning is up and it looks great, thanks to Jack Graham and Merrillville Awning--who brought it back and put it up for free!

The flat roof replacement led by Scott Mulvoy is complete and there are now no flat roof leaks.

The parking lot drain repair, sealing, and striping has been completed by Briggs Paving, who did an excellent job. This project was led by Cal Christy.

### On-going Projects

We have a contract for a new shed by Tuff Shed and it should be installed in August. They will assemble it on-site and it is a very sturdy shed with plenty of room for lawn and gardening equipment.

Extensive elevator repairs, which includes a complete rebuild of the workings under the elevator has been contracted; they are in process and should be finished by August. Much of the problem was caused by a flood a number of years ago.

The bids for repair of CE offices and storage room have been requested. Two bids are expected and one has been received. Most of the insurance money was spent on demolition, but negotiations are in progress with the insurance company. We expect the offices to be ready by October.

We are requesting a bid for a new HVAC maintenance contract.

Quotes for two new air conditioners are being obtained. During the roof repair, it was discovered that they were not operational. The units are for Fellowship Hall and the front of the sanctuary.

We are planning to replace the dishwasher in the kitchen and have requested a quote.

### **Future projects**

We are going to get an estimate for replacing the windows in Fellowship Hall, which are likely to be 70 years old.

There is a long list that we need to prioritize, but we are making progress!

Randy Winans, Property Elder

## **News from the Stewardship Committee**

The Stewardship committee has sent out mid-year giving statements to all St Luke members. Statements were delivered via email. Please contact the Stewardship committee if you have any questions.

The committee currently is evaluating the long-term funds for the church and will re-balance these funds to a balanced level of Stock and Bond funds.

## **Community Kitchen Corner**

The Community Kitchen was faced with some difficult decisions this past month. Neighbors were expressing concern over the behavior of some of the guests; they felt it was no longer safe for their children to walk to the library or to get ice cream. Some of the volunteers were also feeling unsafe while serving at the CK and chose to discontinue serving at the CK; other volunteers, citing rising cost of food, also opted out.

The decision was made to just serve dinners at the CK; the last breakfast was served the first week in July. It was also decided that the CK would develop and post a code of conduct for both volunteers and guests. The list has been developed and will be posted at the CK in the near future. St. Luke continues to serve dinners every Tuesday.

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>.



## **St. Luke Book Group announces 2022-2023 reads, meeting dates**

Members and friends of St. Luke meet to discuss a book and enjoy each other's company. Meetings are held nine times a year, usually the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7 p.m. Discussions are relaxed, friendly gatherings open to all. Come to as many as you wish--we'd



love to have you join us!

Please click [here](#) to view the brochure.

Please contact Rick Roche, [christianed@stlukedg.org](mailto:christianed@stlukedg.org), for more info.



**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 by Monday morning. The Order of Worship and a link will be sent via email when the video is available.

### ***Monday, 8/1***

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

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

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

### ***Tuesday, 8/2***

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



## **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**



**Wednesday, 8/3**

**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.**

**Thursday, 8/4**

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

**Tuesday, 8/9**

**Christian Education team -- 10 a.m.**

**Wednesday, 8/10**

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

**Thursday, 8/11**

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

**Sunday, 8/14**

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

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

**Thursday, 8/18**

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

**Sunday, 8/21**

**South DuPage Musician Guild concert -- 1-5 p.m. [outside group]**

We are grateful for Da Guys--especially Jack Graham--for getting the old, leaking awning replaced with a brand new one!



Thanks to the Property Committee and Cal Christy--who spearheaded the project--for the drain repairs and repaving/stripping of the parking lot!

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**

**Wednesday, 8/24**

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

**Sunday, 8/28**

**Fourth-Sunday Potluck & Bible Story Slam -- 11:15 a.m.**

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

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

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