

# The Lukan Letter | News & Updates

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## ST. LUKE CHURCH

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### PNC update

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey during February. We received many thoughtful answers to our questions.

We are now working on completing the writing of the Ministry Information Form (MIF), which describes St. Luke as well as what we are looking for in a pastor, as well as helping us discern what we want for the church going forward.

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.

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### Rediscover Lent

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 2. If you missed our Rediscover Lent event on Sunday, Feb. 27, you may still join in our Lenten activities.

Thanks to the Christian Education and Worship teams, you have a choice of three devotional books: *The Poetry of Lent*, featuring scriptures and the poems of Mary Oliver; *Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent*, matching scriptures with art; and *Breaking the Chains*, which is a family-friendly paper-chain devotional activity lasting 40 days!

For paper copies of any of these devotionals, please contact the St. Luke Office at 630-969-3121 or email [office@stlukedg.org](mailto:office@stlukedg.org). For digital copies, please email Rick Roche at



[christianed@stlakedg.org](mailto:christianed@stlakedg.org). Rick can also help you find the poems and paintings mentioned in the devotional books.

You are also invited to our **Discipleship Study** led by Pastor Debbie every Sunday in March. Join us as we explore our understanding and practice of discipleship, including Scripture and conversation.

You may attend in person after our church services or by Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. The zoom link is [here](#). For more information, please contact Pastor Debbie at [pastor@stlakedg.org](mailto:pastor@stlakedg.org).



## Ash Wednesday service planned

This year we are marking Ash Wednesday with a special Taizé service featuring piano, guitar, and three harps at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

This style of Christian worship is practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France. It is characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence.

Ashes will be offered to anyone who would like them.

## COVID-19 update

On the recommendation of our Covid-19 Task Force, the Session has voted to follow the current CDC guidelines. We will no longer require masks inside the building, but we do invite individuals to make the decision on masks and social distancing based on their own health and safety concerns. We will continue to monitor infection rates, and make future decisions as needed.

## Purchase a Paver!

St. Luke will begin taking orders today (March 1) for the purchase of engraved pavers (bricks) to add to our Memorial Garden this summer. 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.



# SAVE the Date: Chili Cook-off Time!!



Plan now to attend the St. Luke Church Chili Cook-off Sunday, April 3, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in fellowship hall. Bring your best batch of chili and enter the competition or just 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 and whether you are bringing a pot of chili.

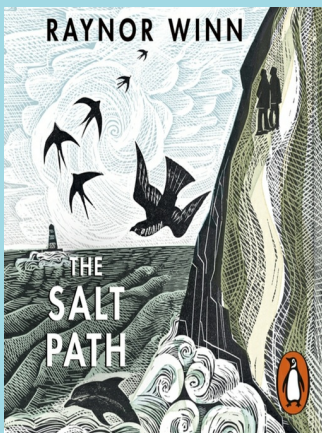
A free-will donation of \$5 per person will support St. Luke youth programs.

To register or if you have questions:

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

Raina: [office@stlukedg.org](mailto:office@stlukedg.org) (630) 969-3121

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



## Book Club chooses nonfiction

The St. Luke Book Group will be meeting Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Space to discuss the book ***The Salt Path*** by Raynor Winn. In this true tale, Winn describes the experience of having her house, farm, and livelihood taken away days after learning her husband is terminally ill. So they make the impulsive decision to walk 630 miles of England's South West Coast Path. The walk becomes a journey of coming to terms with grief and the healing power of the natural world.

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.

## Community Kitchen update

The winter cold is always a challenge for the homeless; the Community Kitchen helps keep them fed and warmly clothed. St. Luke served 126 meals in February to the homeless and the food insecure; we served an average of 12 breakfasts and 20 dinners each Tuesday in February. To serve an average of more than 30 meals every Tuesday, a dedicated crew of cooks donates their time and energy to shop, cook, and bring the hot food to the Community Kitchen.

Although it is named a "kitchen," there is no stove, oven, or even a sink to heat or prepare food, so everything must be hauled to the "kitchen" then removed at the end of the meal. Due to the small size of the "kitchen" only 2 guests are allowed in at a time, so often there is a line of people waiting outside in the cold for a hot meal. Guests come in to grab their food and drinks and then head out to allow another person to enter.

Staffing the "kitchen" requires at least 3 volunteers for breakfast and 4 volunteers for dinner; this is in addition to the volunteers who cook and bring the food to serve though some volunteers both cook and serve. It is estimated that it takes well over 20 hours of volunteer hours per week for St. Luke to serve 2 meals at the Community Kitchen and likely over 100 hours per month.

If you would like to help with donating food or serving at the Community Kitchen, please feel free to contact Vida at [vidajue@gmail.com](mailto:vidajue@gmail.com); the link to volunteer to provide food is [here](#).

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## Christian Education/Youth Updates

### Club Luke

Club Luke meets Tuesday evenings at 4:45 p.m. via Zoom; please see Ali Mulvoy for the link. Meetings this month: March 1, 8, 15, 22; NO Club Luke March 29--enjoy spring break!

### Youth Group

The youth will be meeting Sunday, March 13, from 4 to 5 p.m. Wear comfy shoes and dress for the weather! We will be helping Jim Collins out and be distributing information to our neighbors for the chili cook off in April!

If any of our youth group members would like sign up to help with Club Luke, please let Ali know. Last month one of our youth members read the Bible story and engaged in some questions with our Club Luke students and it was a great time! This is all via Zoom currently.


No youth group March 27--enjoy spring break!

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## Stewardship request

Per Capita is the main source of funding for the Presbytery. It also provides support for the General Assembly and Synod. It provides direct funding to congregations and pastors and helps prepare people for service as ordained ministers. The 2022 Per Capita, which St. Luke pays to the Presbytery, is \$36 per member. If you are able to contribute and haven't already, please submit this when you get a chance, and mark the check for Per Capita.

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**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.

**Tuesday, 3/1**

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 except 3/29*) on Zoom

**Wednesday, 3/2**

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

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

Ash Wednesday Taize service -- 7 p.m.

Chancel Choir -- following the service (*normally at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday*)

**Thursday, 3/3**

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

**Sunday, 3/6**

Stewardship Team -- 8:30 a.m.



**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**



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

**February Calendar continued:**

**Sunday, 3/13 -- Daylight Savings!**

Property Team -- 11:30 a.m.

Youth Group -- 4 p.m. via Zoom

Invitation to Discipleship Study  
(*every week in March*)  
In person -- 11:15 a.m.  
Zoom -- 7 p.m.

### *Monday, 3/7*

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 group] (*every Monday*)

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

### *Tuesday, 3/8*

Christian Education Team -- 7 p.m.

### *Wednesday, 3/9*

Worship Team -- 6 p.m.

Mission Team -- 7 p.m.

### *Thursday, 3/10*

Daisy Girl Scouts -- 3 p.m. [outside group] (*also 3/24*)

Deacon Meeting -- 7 p.m.

### *Tuesday, 3/15*

Justice Agitators -- 7 p.m. via Zoom

### *Thursday, 3/17*

Session -- 7 p.m.

### *Wednesday, 3/23*

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

### *Thursday, 3/24*

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

### *Sunday, 3/27*

South DuPage Musicians Guild Concert -- 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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