



June 2026

DO YOU KNOW YOUR COLORS?

In the Lutheran Church there are many rich traditions: our sacraments of baptism and communion, our liturgical services, and the strong emphasis on music, for example. Another tradition is the liturgical calendar that guides and shapes our worship throughout the church year: the readings, the sermons, the hymns, and the appearance of worship space, including the color of the paraments. The colors of the banners and paraments follow the liturgical seasons and visually reflect the church year's various moods. Members of the Altar Guild don't get into the music, sermons, or the readings used in worship; but, boy, do we know all about our parament colors! Do you know?

The church year basically has two parts. During the first half (that begins with the first Sunday of Advent), we recall and celebrate the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This is the festival half of the church year. In turn, this half also is divided into two main parts. The first is known as the Christmas cycle and the second is the Easter cycle.

It's not surprising that the festival-filled part of our church year is associated with many colors. In the Christmas cycle we use blue paraments on the altar, the pulpit, and the lectern during Advent. Our banners are blue as well. Blue is the color of HOPE. White is used for Christmas, Epiphany, the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Transfiguration. White is also used for the season of Easter (several Sundays long), as well as for Holy Trinity Sunday, All Saints Day, and Christ the King Sunday (the last day of the church year at the end of November). We are happy to have so many Sundays that use white to set the mood of JOY, PURITY, and RESURRECTION.

Purple is used to decorate our chancel during Lent. Purple signifies REPENTANCE and SOLEMNITY at a time when we reflect on our sinfulness and the price Jesus paid for our salvation.

Red is a very festive color. I wish we'd use it more because our sanctuary looks great with red banners and paraments, our red carpet, the red altar flowers, and worshipers wearing red, too. We see this color used on the Day of Pentecost and on Reformation Sunday. We sometimes might see red used on other special occasions such as ordinations, installations, and church dedication anniversaries. If an apostle's or martyr's day of observance lands on a Sunday, red may be used. Red celebrates FIRE and THE HOLY SPIRIT.

And now we come to the second half of the church year in which we are now: Ordinary time or Time of the Church. It is the season after Pentecost and lasts about six months. During these weeks, the church concentrates on Christ's public ministry. It is a time for us to grow in faith, hope, and love as we hear Jesus' sermons, parables, and learn of the miracles that he performed. Thus the color is green, a symbol of GROWTH. (And may I add, the altar guild members get a break during this time as the paraments and banners need not be changed constantly!)

And now you know!! I hope you will enjoy our colorful church year with more understanding.
Beth Arbeit McCarty

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 2026			
5/3 (51)	5/10 (62)	5/17 (55)	5/24 (65)

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MONTH

Join us for Worship weekly in the **SANCTUARY** at 10:15 am.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 7 ~ SAM Jeannine Grimm, presiding:

Hosea 5:15—6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord’s day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God’s mercy for the world.

3rd Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 14 ~ Pastor Don Pletcher, presiding:

Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God’s compassion with our needy world. From the Lord’s table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 21 ~ Pastor Mark Bauer, presiding:

Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

5th Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 28 ~ Pastor Bob Gibson, presiding:

Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

The welcome of baptism is for all God’s children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today’s gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God’s merciful welcome.

Daily Devotions



Each day, Monday through Saturday, Pastors Beth and Dave publish brief devotions based on the Sunday texts. You may also access them on the St. Luke’s website: www.stlukeslima.org

OUR DAILY BREAD
125 South Central 419-224-2086

Our Daily Bread serves hundreds of thousands of trays of food every year!

The soup kitchen tray line needs six (6) volunteers from St. Luke's to serve food on the 4th Friday of every month from 11 am -1 pm.

Reaching out in faith, St. Luke's helps with volunteers on the fourth Friday each month, 11 am – 1 pm. This month, our service date is **June 26, 2026** You may volunteer to serve by contacting Linda Mann at 419-303-9793.

WOMEN OF THE E.L.C.A. (WELCA)

YOUR WELCA BOARD

President: Sarah Oleson **Vice President:** Mary Trueblood
Secretary: Sandy Gray **Treasurer:** Alison Williams
Missions Director: Jane Williams

WELCA Board meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.
WELCA Board will NOT be meeting in June, July, and August.

Mary/Martha will be held on Tuesday, June 27th @ 11:00am

Open House & Blessing of the Wheels

The Wheelhouse- A Christian Bicycle Cooperative

When: Saturday, June 13
Open House: 10:00 AM to Noon
Blessing of the Wheels: 11:00 AM
Where: 619 E Elm St

All are welcome!

For the Blessing of the Wheels Service we encourage you to bring your bicycle or any self-propelled vehicle suitable for the Rotary Bike Path, or an item that represents your travel (such as a bike helmet, jersey, or walking shoes).



SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS



JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	1 6-8P BB-NLC	2 7:00p NA (NLC)	3 6-8P BB-NLC	4 6-8p BB-NLC
7 9:00a Bible Classes 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion 5:05p Lima Lutheran Loco's Game	8 10a Financial Meeting 11a Staff Meeting 6-8P BB-NLC	9 6p Council Meeting 7:00p NA (NLC)	10 6-8P BB-NLC	11 6-8P BB-NLC
14 9:00a Bible Classes 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion	15 6-8P BB-NLC	16 7:00p NA (NLC)	17 6-8P BB-NLC	18 5:15p Third Thurs. Children's Scavenger Hunt 6-8P BB-NLC
21 9:00a Bible Classes 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion Happy Father's Day!	22 12-3p CUP Office Closed 6-8P BB-NLC	23 11a Mary/ Martha Office Closed 7:00p NA (NLC)	24 Office Closed 6-8P BB-NLC	25 Office Closed
28` 9:00a Bible Classes 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion	29 Office Closed 6-8P BB-NLC	30 10a Herald 7:00p NA (NLC)		




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Worship Assignments for June 2026

Altar Duties: Lois Kennedy

Friday	Saturday
5	6 3p Combined Church Picnic at St. Matthews 7:30p NA (NLC)
12	13 7:30p NA (NLC)
19 	20 7:30p NA (NLC)
26 11-1 Our Daily Bread Office Closed	27 2p NLC Rental 7:30p NA (NLC)

June 7 ~ 2 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Jeannine Grimm
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Julianna Lewis
 Child Mess: Kathy Luhn
 Lector: Rachael Lewis
 Comm Ser: Lois Kennedy
 Julianna Lewis
 Ushers: Bob Williams
 Jack Williams

June 14 ~ 3 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Don Pletcher
 Organist: Cathryn Nihiser
 Acolyte: Zoey Kennedy
 Child Mess: Noisy Offering
 Lector: Dale Laukhuf
 Comm Ser: Sandy Gray
 Marcia Laukhuf
 Ushers: Mike Gray
 Dick McCarty

June 21 ~ 4 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Mark Bauer
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Addi Cardenas
 Child Mess: Marcy Reeves
 Lector: Lonnie Collins
 Comm Ser: Linda Pelger
 Kim Howard
 Ushers: Ian Steinke
 Gus Steinke

June 28 ~ 5 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Bob Gibson
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Delaney Cardenas
 Child Mess: Megan Mulcahy
 Lector: Sarah Oleson
 Comm Ser: Lee Moritz
 Linda Mann
 Ushers: Bill Oleson
 Dee Sherer

ALTAR FLOWERS



**June 7 Lois Kennedy
open**
**June 14 Sandy Miller
open**
**June 21 Lee Moritz
Mary Stepleton**
**June 28 Gus & Lisa Steinke
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* NLC = New Life Center

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

If you have worshipped at St. Luke's for even a short time, you have likely noticed the abundance of musical gifts and talents with which we are blessed. Our chancel choir serves us weekly, throughout most of the year, offering praise to our Lord and guiding us in the liturgy and in our congregational song. We thank you, O God, for our choir!

During the summer months, our choir takes a break, allowing for individuals and ensembles from the congregation to offer their musical gifts. Have you been blessed by God with a musical talent? Would you consider offering your gift in worship? Please sign-up (a sign-up sheet is ready in the Gathering Area) or let Sandy Miller know if there is someone or something you would like to hear in your worship services this summer.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

- Colossians 3:16

It has been a tradition in recent years to invite the whole congregation to select hymns for use in our weekly liturgies during the summer months. Now is the time to begin submitting your requests. The requests need to be turned in by Sunday, June 7th. Try to pick just one!!



There are plenty of dates available to sign-up for Special Music

June 7	Lonnie Collins
June 14	Dulcimer Group
June 21	Dawn Arbeit
June 28	open
July 5	open
July 12	open
July 19	open
July 26	open
Aug. 2	open
Aug. 9	open
Aug. 16	open
Aug. 23	open
Aug. 30	open
Sept. 6	open

Adult Bible Study

Each Sunday morning, 9 am, come and explore the Bible with your friends at St. Luke's. Meeting in the Pastor's Office, and led by Mila, the class discusses the Bible passages scheduled for that Sunday. Come, enjoy the conversation, and find renewal in the Word of the Lord.

Mark Your Calendars

"The Messiah" composed by G.F. Handel is a beloved oratorio throughout the world. **Starting June 7, from 9:00 until 10:00** in the pastor's study, you will have an amazing opportunity to enjoy the scripture and the music of "The Messiah". You will discover things that may surprise you and maybe enhance your enjoyment of "The Messiah". The leaders for this study are Mila Schwabero and Sandy Altenbach. We look forward to seeing on June 7 from 9:00-10:00 in the pastor's study.



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We have new Busy Bags

Please use during worship and return for future use.

Thank you!



NOISY OFFERING

SUNDAY MORNING GENERAL OFFERING FOR MAY 2026

5/3	\$4,016.75
5/10	\$8,299.00
5/17	\$2,355.00
4/26	\$2,311.00

All generously given
to make known
the Gospel of Jesus Christ



The **May** offering was **\$93.29** and went to the usual recipient of this offering Churches United Pantry (CUP). Your generosity helps our neighbors in need.

A Glance at our 2026 Budget as of 5/26/26

Income: \$84,531.33
Expense: \$126,721.78
Net Income: -\$42,190.45



The church office will be closed Monday June 22nd - Monday June 29nd.
I will return all calls and emails when I come back. Thanks!

Lima Lutheran Event

Members and Staff of the Northwestern Ohio Synod are cordially invited to the Joint Lima Lutheran Annual Church Picnic and Surprise Celebration of Dr Reverend Samuel Payne's 30th Anniversary of Ordination.

Date: Saturday June 6th

Time 3-6pm

Members of the congregations from Zion, St Matthew, and St Luke's Lutheran will be bringing sides and desserts and will provide sandwiches and drinks for the occasion. It is a relaxing evening with church friends and family under the shelter house at St Matthew Lutheran Church.

Location: 5050 St Matthews Drive, Lima OH 45806 (south of Lima and West off of Shawnee Rd on Hume Rd.) You may call for directions or for more information at 419 999-5329 or to RSVP.



St. Luke's will be holding Third Thursdays at the church June 18th at 5:15pm . More dates to come in July, August and September. Each of those nights will be a fun family activity. One example is a scavenger hunt in the sanctuary. When the family completes the activity there will be a small snack and a take home trading card which will feature a Bible character. The trading cards will be new and different each month. We hope to see you there!

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Liturgy of Holy Communion
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

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How to Reach Us:

By Phone:
419-227-1961

Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday, 9:00a-2:00p

Via email:
Robin Hefner, *secretary* secretary@stlukeslima.org

Staff

Interim Hospital Visitation Pastor - Samuel Payne (Cell:419-371-9774)
Organist – Sandy Miller
Choir Director – Brian Reeves
Office Secretary – Robin Hefner

Congregational Leaders

President - Rich Moritz
Vice President - James Williams
Secretary - Lois Kennedy
Treasurer - Alison Williams
Marcy Reeves, Susie Cornell,
Jane Williams, Perry Luhn, Tyler Arbeit



St. Luke's Renewed Website is up and running. Be sure to check it out.

www.StLukesLima.org