

August 2026

Our Church Family at the Allen County Fair

August 21–29, 2026

The Allen County Fair is much more than rides, food, and entertainment—it is a week of learning, serving, and celebrating the talents God has given each of us. We are blessed to have so many members of our church family participating in this year's fair in a variety of ways. If you attend the fair, be sure to stop and congratulate them on their hard work and dedication!

Don't Miss the Fair Parade!

Before the fair officially begins, be sure to attend the **Allen County Fair Parade on Sunday, August 16**. **All of the church members recognized in this article** will be participating in the parade. They will be joined by **Lyn Mulcahy** and the talented dancers from **Lyn's Dance Academy**, making it a wonderful opportunity to cheer on our church family as they help kick off another exciting fair season.

Our Youth

Mateo Arheit and **Christian Lewis** will have Cloverbud projects displayed in the Youth Exhibit Building at the **America's Finest 4-H Club** booth. They will also have multiple Open Class entries exhibited in the Agriculture/Fine Arts Building.

Julianna Lewis will have numerous special interest projects displayed in the Youth Exhibit Building at the **America's Finest 4-H Club** booth, along with many Open Class entries in the Agriculture/Fine Arts Building. She will be showing several rabbits in the Rabbit Barn, exhibiting her dog, **Goldie**, in the Dog Show, and competing in both the Solo and Team Demonstration Contests in the Youth Exhibit Building.

Evelyn Burns will have numerous special interest projects displayed at the **America's Finest 4-H Club** booth in the Youth Exhibit Building. She will also be showing several rabbits in the Rabbit Barn and competing in the Dog Show with **Ryder** and **Ben**.

Zoe Kennedy will be volunteering in the Boy Scout Tent, assisting in the Bath Building, and will have projects displayed in the Girl Scout Booth.

Zayne Kennedy will be volunteering in the Boy Scout Tent and assisting in the Bath Building throughout the fair.

Zander Kennedy will be volunteering in the Bath Band Booth.

Adrian Lewis will be serving as a volunteer with the Junior Fair Board at various locations throughout the fairgrounds. He will also have a special interest project displayed in the **America's Finest 4-H Club** booth, an Open Class exhibit in the Agriculture/Fine Arts Building, will be showing several rabbits in the Rabbit Barn, and will be recognized with his Senior Banner displayed on the Grandstands.

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MISSION STATEMENT "Saved by grace. Reaching out in faith."

Our Adult Volunteers

Our church is blessed with many members who give countless hours of service to make the Allen County Fair a success.

Bill Oleson will be volunteering in the Allen County Agriculture and Wildlife Booth located at the Shelter House.

Rick Kennedy will serve as Manager of the Bath Building, while **Nicole Kennedy** and **Lois Kennedy** will be volunteering there throughout the week.

Sara Julian, advisor for **America's Finest 4-H Club**, will be assisting 4-H members during their shows while also volunteering at the **Busy B Realty** booth.

Tyler Arheit serves as Superintendent of the Domestic and Applied Arts Department, Superintendent of the Canine Department, advisor for **America's Finest 4-H Club**, and Head Advisor for the **Waggin' Tails Dog Club**.

Dawn Arheit serves as Superintendent of the Bees and Honey Department, Head Advisor of **America's Finest 4-H Club**, and will also be volunteering at the **Busy B Realty** booth.

A Week of Faith, Fellowship, and Community

The Allen County Fair represents months of preparation, hard work, and dedication by exhibitors, volunteers, and families. It is also an opportunity to demonstrate Christian character through kindness, honesty, encouragement, and service to others.

Please keep everyone participating in the fair in your prayers—for safety, good health, favorable weather, and a rewarding week. Pray especially for our youth as they present projects they have worked so diligently to complete and for the many volunteers who give their time to make the fair possible.

If you're visiting the Allen County Fair this year, take a few moments to seek out our church family members. Offer a word of encouragement, congratulate them on their accomplishments, and thank them for representing both our church and our community so well. We also hope you'll line the parade route on **August 16** to cheer on our church family and the dancers from **Lyn's Dance Academy** as they help celebrate the beginning of another memorable Allen County Fair season.

May God bless everyone participating in the 2026 Allen County Fair!

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 **August 24, 2026** You may volunteer to serve by contacting Linda Mann at 419-303-9793.

WORSHIP ATTENDENCE FOR JULY 2026

7/5 (38)	7/12 (60)	7/19 (38)	7/26 (58)
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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MONTH

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 2 ~ Pastor Don Pletcher, presiding:

Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

11th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 9 ~ Pastor Don Pletcher, presiding:

1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

12th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 16 ~ Kent Miller, presiding:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

13th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 23 ~ Pastor Deb Monnin, presiding:

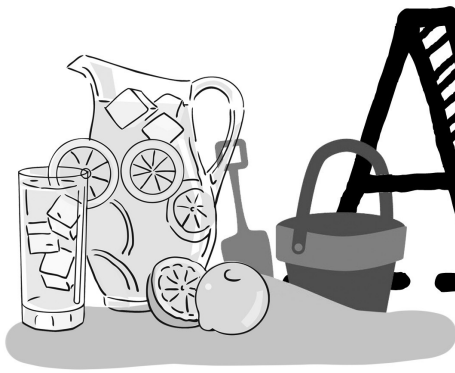
Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

14th Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 26 ~ Pastor Mark Bauer, presiding:

Jeremiah 15:15-21, Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



AUGUST

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion	3 6-8p BB-NLC	4 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00p NA (NLC)	5 OFFICE CLOSED 6-8P BB-NLC	6 OFFICE CLOSED 6-8P BB-NLC
9 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion	10 OFFICE CLOSED 10a Financial Meeting 11a Staff Meeting 1p Worship Meeting 6-8P BB-NLC	11 OFFICE CLOSED 6p Joint Council Meeting @ Zion 7:00p NA (NLC)	12 6-8P BB-NLC	13
16 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion	17 6-8P BB-NLC	18 7:00p NA (NLC)	19 6-8P BB-NLC	20 5:15p Third Thurs. Children's Scavenger Hunt
23 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion	24 12-3p CUP 6-8P BB-NLC	25 9a Herald 11a Mary/Martha 7:00p NA (NLC)	26 6-8P BB-NLC	27 6-8P BB-NLC
30 10:15a Liturgy of Holy Communion	31	Find Us on Facebook! To find us on Facebook, search for St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lima, Ohio. "Like" us and you'll have access to pictures and announcements of ministry happening in the name of Jesus Christ here at St. Luke's.		

SERVING

Altar Duties: Altar Guild

Friday	Saturday
	1 3:30P WEDDING 7:30p NA (NLC)
7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 NLC Rental 7:30p NA (NLC)
14	15 2p NLC Rental 7:30p NA (NLC)
21 11-1 Our Daily Bread NLC Rental	22 7:30p NA (NLC)
28	29 7:30p NA (NLC)

Aug 2 ~ 10 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Don Pletcher
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Julianna Lewis
 Child Mess: Megan Mulcahy
 Lector: Ian Steinke
 Comm Ser: Lois Kennedy
 Jane Williams
 Ushers: Ian Steinke
 Gus Steinke

Aug 9 ~ 11 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Don Pletcher
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Zoey Kennedy
 Child Mess: Noisy Offering
 Lector: Rachael Lewis
 Comm Ser: Sandy Gray
 Nancy Rudolph
 Ushers: Mike Gray
 Dick McCarty

Aug 16 ~ 12 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Kent Miller
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Julianna Lewis
 Child Mess: Marcy Reeves
 Lector: Dale Laukhuf
 Comm Ser: Mary Trueblood
 Marcia Laukhuf
 Ushers: Phil Trueblood
 Tyler Arbeit

Aug 23~ 13 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Deb Monnin
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Addi Cardenas
 Child Mess: Mila Schwabero
 Lector: Lonnie Collins
 Comm Ser: Lee Moritz
 Marcy Reeves
 Ushers: Jack Williams
 Bob Williams

Aug 30 ~ 14 Sunday after Pentecost

Worship:
 Leader: Pastor Mark Bauer
 Organist: Sandy Miller
 Acolyte: Delaney Cardenas
 Child Mess: Kathy Luhn
 Lector: Sarah Oleson
 Comm Ser: Lauren Williams
 Jane Williams
 Ushers: Bill Oleson
 Dee Sherer

ALTAR FLOWERS



Aug 2 Lois Kennedy
 Aug 9 Lois Kennedy
 open
 Aug 16 open
 open
 Aug 23 Sandy Miller
 open
 Aug 30 open
 open

* NLC = New Life Center

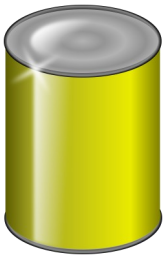




Aug. 2	Jeremy, Maddy & Vivan Laukhuf
Aug. 9	David Reedy
Aug. 16	open
Aug. 23	open
Aug. 30	Dave Reedy & Linda Pelger
Sept. 6	open

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



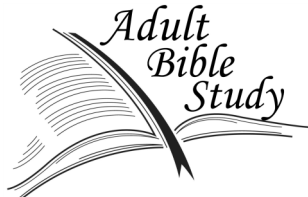
Altar Guild Request

We are in need of 1# coffee cans or cans of similar size. The cans are used to transport the altar flowers to homes or to the hospital or nursing homes. If you take flowers home with you, we ask that you bring the cans back if possible. Thank you!



St. Luke's will be holding Third Thursdays at the church August 20th at 5:15pm .

We will be hosting a family craft activity with refreshments.
We hope to see you there!



Adult Bible Study will resume Sunday, September 13th on Rally Day at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there.

NOISY OFFERING

SUNDAY MORNING GENERAL OFFERING FOR JULY 2026

7/5	\$4,693.75
7/12	\$2,868.00
7/19	\$1,467.00
7/26	\$1,531.00

All generously given
to make known
the Gospel of Jesus Christ



The **July** offering was **\$84.05** 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 7/28/2026

Income: \$115,373.00
Expense: \$170,550.16
Net Income: -\$55,177.16

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, August 25th @ 11:00am



**The C.U.P. food item August is:
Canned Vegetables**

As always we are glad to have any personal hygiene item you would like to contribute. Used grocery bags are very much appreciated. If you have reusable bags that you wish to get out of your home, we will take them too.

Thank you St. Luke's for your continued prayers, financial support, and your gifts of bags, food, and hygiene items for the ministry of CUP. Our hungry neighbors are very appreciative of the food and hygiene items we provide.

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Dated Material

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

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How to Reach Us:

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419-227-1961

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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 Arheit



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

www.StLukesLima.org