



**St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

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**Sunday Worship Services**

8:00 · 9:00 · 10:00 · 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday School**

During 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. services

**Wednesday Oasis**

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. (September – May)

Nursery care provided at all services.



Our Heritage  
Our Hope

**Celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of St. Luke's Lutheran Church**

**1894 – 2019**

“Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.”

## *All Are Welcome*

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hymn  
Lutheran Hymnal 641

2015

Vacation Bible School offered free to community at large funded by congregation donations

Music of Christmas Worship held first Sunday in December moves to Performing Arts Center –1,557 attend

Advent by Candlelight moved to sanctuary

Feed My Lambs begins, providing food for elementary students on weekends

Stephen Ministry training begins

Men’s ministry group formed

2016

Good Neighbor Church program created to provide meals for families, help with tasks, and more

Alpha ministry program starts

Alzheimer’s and Dementia Support Program *Forget-Me-Nots* start in cooperation with Middleton Senior Center

2017

*Perk, Park and Play* campaign to renovate kitchen, repair parking lot and update lower level youth area

Wednesday night *Oasis Worship* starts

GriefShare program begins

2018

7 a.m. Easter Sunrise service held in sanctuary added to Easter service times

St. Luke’s Church App launched

*Luke’s Closet*, a ministry to help Dane County foster/adoptive/kinship families with clothing for children and teens begins

2019

Middleton’s first BSA troop for girls, Troop 40 was chartered by St. Luke’s

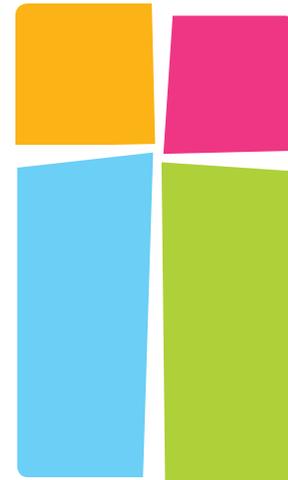
*Luke’s Crew, Exchange, Guides & Gurus, Crisis Aid, and meals* ministries created



See an expanded St. Luke’s Church timeline at:  
[www.stlukes-elca.org/125-anniversary](http://www.stlukes-elca.org/125-anniversary)

## St. Luke's Church Timeline... 1894–2019

- 2004** Expansion completed with reconstruction of education wing and multi-purpose room, construction of connecting corridor south of sanctuary, expanded The Commons and office area, installation of fire suppression system  
Adult Handbells named Grace Notes
- 2005** MOM celebrated 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005
- 2006** Bus Us Seniors to Worship program begins  
Installation of Information Center in the Commons
- 2008** Larger choir platform and permanent band area installed  
Choir begins Christmas Cantata
- 2009** New Sunday worship times: 8, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.  
96 women attend first Advent by Candlelight
- 2010** Kids confirmed in spring of 9<sup>th</sup> grade year instead of 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- 2011** Foundation purchases 15-seat van
- 2012** Partnership formed with Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Catano, Puerto Rico  
St Luke's Sing-a-long at Capital Brewery begins  
First Senior Adult Christmas luncheon with 100+ attendees  
Women's monthly ministry created
- 2013** Easter Sunday Worship moved to Middleton Performing Arts Center
- 2014** Mission trip to Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Puerto Rico  
Childcare services now offer infant nursery and toddler room



## Happy Quasiquicentennial Anniversary St. Luke's!

St. Luke's Lutheran Church has a long, rich history in the Middleton community. We are a congregation blessed by the Lord, with deep roots and abiding commitment to Christian service.

Our 125<sup>th</sup> year milestone offers us the opportunity to reflect on the past, to celebrate today, and look to the future with courage and hope. We look to our history to remember who we are and where we have been. And at the same time we look to the future, reminded that as God's children we are here to

***Proclaim and Serve Christ...***

***Here, There and Everywhere.***



## Our Heritage... St. Luke's Beginning

St. Luke's history began on October 20, 1894. Some 26 charter members held the organizational meeting for the formation of St. Luke's. Founded as St. Lucas Evangelische Lutherische Gemeinde, German was the official language of the church until at least 1920 when church documents and some preaching switched to English.



The historic First Lutheran Church on Old Sauk Road in Middleton is considered St. Luke's 'mother church'.

### Roots Run Deep

Have you ever driven by and wondered about the little white church at the corner of Pleasant View and Old Sauk roads? Early German settlers formed the congregation in 1852 and built the church in 1866. Historic First Lutheran is considered our 'mother church' as descendants from First Lutheran are among those who helped organize St. Luke's in 1894. The two churches shared a pastor and joint programs for many years.

While First Lutheran was the older, established church, it was "out in the country" and parishioners wanted a church in town. The building of the railroad and construction of the Middleton Junction depot in 1865 (near the intersection of Parmenter Street and Terrace Avenue) influenced population patterns. Over the years farm families moved into the village that sprung up around the train station.



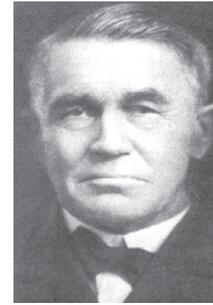
- 1972** Bylaws revised allowing kids, 5<sup>th</sup> grade plus to receive Communion if preparation completed
- 1978** Acolyte program begun
- 1979** St. Luke's establishes an 'outreach ministry'; raises \$50,000+ in member gifts to match a grant from the national church
- 1980** St. Luke's creates Outreach Mission Program (M.O.M.) with goal of ministering to community needs in nontraditional ways
- 1981** Vacation bible school coordinated in an ecumenical venture with other MOM churches
- 1984** MOM restructured to Middleton Outreach Ministry, Inc.—board of directors are members from local churches  
90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrated with special service in German, recognizing church's heritage
- 1986** Schlicker pipe organ was dedicated
- 1988** St. Luke's becomes member of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through merger of three Lutheran synods
- 1994** New St. Luke's Sanctuary building dedicated, old church demolished to become current parking lot  
St. Luke's celebrates its Centennial year with theme 'Christ is our Cornerstone'  
Endowment Fund created to recognize 100 year history and to leave future legacy
- 1996** Sliding doors replaced a wall in rear of Sanctuary for more seating
- 2000** Church office remodeled
- 2003** Congregation approves \$3.8 million building expansion project with groundbreaking in August

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- ▶ **October 20, 1894** St. Lucas Evangelische Gemeinde organized
- 1920** Sunday School started  
St. Luke's became bilingual; annual reports began to be written in English
- 1923** Construction began on a new red brick church on the same site as the first church, 7319 Hubbard Avenue
- 1939** Vacation Bible School began
- 1944** St. Luke's celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; 720 confirmed members
- 1947** St. Luke's Altar Guild formed
- 1952** Luther Hall dedicated
- 1958** Family worship with Sunday School sessions between services began
- 1959** Boy Scout Troop 140 formed
- 1960** St. Luke's became part of the American Lutheran Church
- 1962** Start of team ministry with hire of an associate pastor
- 1966** Director of Parish Education & Youth created  
Membership growth resulted in the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> service, formation of Future Planning and Building committees, and adjacent land purchased
- 1969** 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary service under a tent in the church parking lot  
Handbell Choir began
- 1970** Carillon bell system installed, calling the congregation to worship and announcing its presence in the community
- 1971** Children began receiving a blessing at the Lord's Table  
Merry Mission Society organized to sew quilts ▶

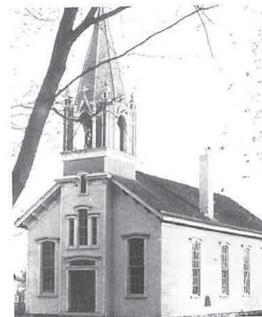
By 1947 First Lutheran was disbanded, as were other smaller local churches. Many from these small congregations, including St. John's (on Bristol Street), St. John's (on Airport Road), St. John's (Roxbury) and English Lutheran (on Terrace Ave.) united with the growing St. Luke's congregation.



### First Pastor – E. F. Scherbel

E.F. Scherbel was a vital patriarch who left a deep mark on Lutheranism in this area. Simultaneously the leader of First Lutheran and St. Luke's, he also led congregations in Cross Plains, Martinsville, Berry and Roxbury. He served for more than 45 years; many of those years traveling (by horse and later by car) nearly 60 miles every Sunday to preach. It is written that he became a preacher because he was the only survivor among his comrades of a battle in the Franco Prussian War, for which he was awarded the Iron Cross for bravery. He served as a missionary in Spain and Africa before coming to America. At age 25 he became a minister and served churches in West Virginia, Missouri, and Green Lake County, Wisconsin before coming to Middleton in 1884. St. Luke's carries the musical legacy of Pastor Scherbel, an amazing musician who played the piano, organ, and violin, sang and conducted many choirs, and was well regarded for having beautiful Christmas services and other congregational programs.

### Three Churches on Hubbard Avenue



1. The first St. Luke's church was erected in 1869 and sat on what is now our main parking lot.

Hubbard Avenue has always been our address. Located in what is now the main parking lot, the first church was a wood frame structure erected in 1869 by early Presbyterian settlers who disbanded their local congregation by the 1880s. This allowed the early St. Luke's congregation to rent the vacant church, and buy it in 1900. It was enlarged, a steeple and bell added, as well as organ and electric lights. In 1923 the growing congregation laid the cornerstone for a larger new church, built

of dark red brick to accommodate 500 people. Services were held in the village hall during a year-long construction, with the church dedicated in August 1924.

Over the years a parsonage was built; Luther Hall, an education wing was constructed; and additional land surrounding the church was purchased for future expansion.



2. The cornerstone of our second church was laid in 1923, and could hold 500 people.

This enabled construction of our current church which was dedicated in 1994. The red brick church then was demolished for the parking lot. Continued growth necessitated two expansion projects; in 2000 for additional office space, and in 2004 for reconstruction of the education wing, adding the south-side connecting corridor, and expansion of The Commons, office, and Friendship Hall areas.



3. The current church was constructed in 1994.

## Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM)

The Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) is one of St. Luke's greatest achievements. The program began in 1980 to minister to Middleton's growing population—many struggling with basic needs. It was based on the premise, *when people don't come to church, the church must come to the people.*



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In its early years MOM provided assistance for food, clothing, shelter, and transportation including food pantry; emergency funding; and programs for youth and elderly. By its second year, three other local churches joined, and in 1984 it was restructured as an ecumenical nonprofit organization. In 2007, with demand continuing to increase, MOM transitioned into a business-based organization. Today representatives from faith-based congregations, as well as individuals, businesses and community groups, serve at volunteer, board, and leadership levels.

## Children & Youth Ministries

**Sunday School** – During the school year for children ages 3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade; join at any time and visitors always welcome.



**'JOY! — Jesus, Others, and You!'** – A service learning opportunity for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Vacation Bible School** – Offered every June for preschoolers and elementary students through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Middle School** – Monthly activities, weekly youth group, and summer experiences.

**Confirmation** – An exciting learning process that will help 6<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup> graders grow both as a person and as a follower of Jesus Christ.

**High School** – During the school year, weekly breakfast club, monthly activities, a summer mission trip and more!



## A Legacy for the Future

Make an impact on the future of St. Luke's in a way only you can! Share your talents and time—you'll find dozen of ways to volunteer and many needs to fill. In our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and beyond, we give thanks to God for so much. We are truly blessed to be a blessing!



## Good Neighbor Church Ministries

**Feed My Lambs** – A weekend food program for children in need, providing backpacks filled with nutritious meals and snacks.

**Luke's Closet** – Provides free clothing to Dane County foster/kinship/adoptive families.

**Guides & Gurus** – Helps foster children as they age out of the foster care system and into independence.

**Blood Drives** – St. Luke's is a community donation center offering four annual blood drives consistently since 2005.

**Polling Place** – Friendship Hall has served as a Middleton voting location since 2012.

**Good Neighbor Church** – When short term needs arise, the Good Neighbor Church offers the opportunity to serve others in the church and community.

- **Meals** – Provides home delivered meals to those who have a new addition to their family, a recent hospitalization, surgery, loss of a loved one, or other similar challenge.
- **Luke's Crew** – Members who provide physical work for projects at church and in the community.
- **Community Dinner** – Starting in 2020, a weekly free community dinner held every Thursday in St. Luke's Friendship Hall.
- **Exchange** – Responds to the needs of members in the congregation and the community due to unforeseen circumstances by matching donors of gently used items with recipients who can use them.
- **Prayer Chain** – An email communication sharing the prayer needs of others.
- **Crisis Aid** – Assists church or community members affected by floods, fire, or other tragedies.

*Exciting things are happening  
at St. Luke's!*

## Foundation Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup>

St. Luke's Foundation was created 25 years ago to provide a legacy for the future. Through congregational gifts and bequests, the Foundation provides scholarships, supports musical performances, enhances ministries and missions, and funds facility repairs. Contributions to the Foundation give St. Luke's members an opportunity to continue Christian stewardship well beyond their lifetime. In honor of the 125<sup>th</sup> celebration, the Foundation Committee has established a goal of adding \$125,000 to its assets in 2019. The hope is to accomplish this through \$25,000 in scholarship donations and \$100,000 in current or future bequests through wills or estate plans.




### Sons and Daughters of the Congregation

These congregational members have trained and served in Lutheran ministry:

- Derek Rosenstiel
- Debra Hankins
- Ralph Hanusa
- James A. Schwarz
- Kenneth Michaelis
- Adolf Quast
- Maureen Oostdik
- Jack Horner
- Otto Schuetze

## Member Growth – Our Founding Through Anniversary Milestones



## 20 Clergy Have Served Our Congregation

1894 – 1920	Ernest F. Scherbel
1920 – 1922	Carl F. Stubenvoll
1922 – 1941	George Beckmann
1941 – 1956	Edward T. Reiff
1957 – 1965	Dwain M. Olson
1962 – 1964	Gerald T. Kort
1965 – 1985	James R. Ohlrogge
1967 – 1974	H. Ulrich Gamb
1974 – 1992	Allen E. Wahl
1980 – 1986	Gary D. Simpson
1986 – 1991	Frederick T. Hallanger
1992 – 2007	Cynthia Ganzkow-Wold
1993 – 2000	Martin Ericson
1995 – 2002	Stanley Klyve
1997 – 2004	Karen Locken
2000 – 2007	Stephen Ganzkow-Wold
2002 – 2003	Theodore Kalkwarf
2004 – 2006	Peter Franson
2007 – 2019	Heather Hayward
2008 – 2018	Roger Eigenfeld



## Synod Affiliation

Our Synod organization has changed and grown through the years. At its formation St. Luke's was affiliated with the German-language Ohio Synod, which became part of The American Lutheran Church (ALC) in 1930. In 1960, three separate Lutheran bodies merged under the American Lutheran Church name. The last merger occurred in 1988 when the ALC, the Lutheran Church in America, and the Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, joined to form the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The ELCA is the largest Lutheran denomination in the United States, and St. Luke's continues to be a leader in membership growth, breadth of unique programs, and congregational engagement.

## Caring & Connecting Ministries

**Grief Share** – Small-sized group support for people experiencing loss of a loved one.

**Stephen Ministry** – St. Luke's members trained to provide one-on-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life.

**Forget-Me-Nots** – A program in tandem with the Middleton Senior Center, that helps individuals in early stage memory loss with activities to enhance and extend their quality of life.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Provides yarn and patterns to create a gift for times of baptism, illness, loss, or need. The shawl surrounds the recipient with the warmth and prayers of the entire congregation.

**Merry Mission Quilting Group** – Many hands come together monthly to sew quilts and share them with people in need through Lutheran World Relief. In 2019, 74 quilts were sent around the world.

**Puerto Rican Partnership** – Since 2013 St. Luke's has partnered with Inglesia Evangelica Luterana Divino Salvador. New church doors, tables, computer and financial support for a member completing her seminary training are among the ways St. Luke's has helped support this congregation.

**Senior Ministry** – Programs to help senior adults grow in their faith, demonstrate compassion for others, deepen relationships, and cherish life through worship, fellowship, education and service.

**Family, Men and Women's Ministries** – Fellowship opportunities for families, men, and women are offered throughout the year.

**Weekly Prayer Group** – Focused on the power of prayer, this group meets every Monday morning in the Church sanctuary.

## Learning Ministries

**ALPHA** is Christianity 101 – A chance to explore what it means to be a Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ.

**Adult Faith Academy** – Fosters lifelong learning about God, self, and all of creation, empowering Christians to effectively proclaim and serve Christ locally and throughout the world





## Serving Here, There and Everywhere

The Good Neighbor Church is not a building; it is a belief. As Christians, we are called to serve—not only our fellow church members, but all of our neighbors. With dozens of programs and services to participate in, hundreds of St. Luke’s members contribute thousands of hours of stewardship every year. For example, over 50 volunteers assist with worship services every Sunday. St. Luke’s offers a wide variety of ways to serve within the church, our community, and throughout the world.

### *There Are Many Ways to Get Involved!*



#### Music Ministries

The St. Luke’s music ministry is truly exceptional, offering a wide variety of instrumentation and musical selections. It’s goal is to create powerful worship

experiences that move the congregation towards a deeper relationship with Jesus. Consider joining **Adult Chorale**, **Praise Band**, **Choristers** (5–8<sup>th</sup> grade), **Cherubs**, (age 4–4<sup>th</sup> grade), **Grace Notes** (handbell choir), **Festival Choir** (Christmas/Easter), or providing **instrumental music**.

### St. Luke’s Lifers List

St. Luke’s is proud to have **80** life-long members. This means they were members at birth and have continuously stayed members of St. Luke’s throughout their lifetime. *Way to go Lifers!*

#### 80+

Carolyn Denson  
Dean (Don) Denson  
Helen Hartwig  
\*Edna Healy  
\*James Hinrichs  
Emily Knoche

\*Jay Redders  
Kurt Rongstad  
Wayne Round  
\*Tracy Yaktus

#### 18–29

Dylan Bram  
Julia Carey  
Peter Carey  
Seth Craker  
Isabel Dagitz  
Jordan Dalrymple  
Tucker Dalrymple  
Haley Denson  
Hayden Denson  
Vincent Hellenbrand  
\*Amanda Hinrichs  
Dana Hungness  
David Hungness  
Anaiah Kenas  
\*Jacob Musa  
Megan Norton  
Andrew Olson  
\*A.J. Redders  
\*Jordan Redders  
Derek Rongstad  
Mallory Rongstad  
Rachel Rongstad  
Matthew Roth  
Whitney Roth  
Erika Schoonveld  
Alex Selkirk  
Gabe Sobczak  
Peter Sobczak  
Austin Sukowatey

#### 40–49

Kristin (Johnson)  
Balistreri  
John Hamstra  
Mike Hamstra  
Scott Hamstra  
Shari Taylor  
Ben White

#### 70–79

John Cottington  
Kenneth Markart

#### 60–69

Tom Cottington  
Greg Dauck  
Ron Denson  
Bonnie Guest  
\*Wanda Hinrichs  
Julie Murray  
Steffi Musa  
David Rischmueller  
Cindy Sukowatey

#### 30–39

Chase Butler  
Ross Butler  
Amy Cottington  
Kelsey Cushman  
James DeWitt  
Leah Hellenbrand  
\*Ross Hellenbrand  
\*Aric Hinrichs  
Katie LaRocque  
Chad Murray  
Kim Murray  
Jason Olson  
Mike Patterson  
Jessica Scheidler  
Andrea Scott  
Danielle Scott

#### 50–59

Cheryl Byers  
Lisa Carey  
Judith Drunasky  
Dena Harter  
Karine Helmeid  
\*William Hinrichs  
Paul Ladd

\*descendant of Charter member

# Our Hope... St. Luke's Today and Tomorrow

The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year naturally turns our gaze back on the history of St. Luke's. It's amazing to realize how we've grown and to see how much has been accomplished! Our loving God is leading us and has so much in store for us today and into the future.



## The Good Neighbor Church

St. Luke's is an active congregation that connects through youth and multi-generational programs bringing the community closer together while serving God and sharing his Love. We are a church that reaches out to those in our congregation and our community who are in need both spiritually and physically. We are grounded by faith in Christ and live every day in His grace and hope.



## Our Congregation Today

St. Luke's has over **2,700** members today; and more than **60%** are 50 years and younger.

19 years or younger – 28.36%

20 years - 34 years – 18.31%

35 years - 49 years – 16.11%

50 years - 65 years – 18.63%

Over 65 years – 18.45%

## Years of Membership

We're also young in years of membership; more than **70%** of members were not here when St. Luke's celebrated its centennial anniversary in 1994.

0–10 years – 1,029

11–20 years – 669

21–30 years – 230

31–40 years – 127

41–50 years – 26

51–60 years – 32

61–70 years – 18

71–80 years – 8

81–90 years – 1