



ST. LUKE

THE EVANGELIST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE WORSHIP • WE TEACH • WE CARE

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish, endeavor to carry on Christ's mission with three vibrant centers, connected spiritually and physically.

- *In devotion to our loving Father, we host a worship center where all are welcome.*
- *In service to Jesus Christ, teacher and prophet, we offer a lifelong education center dedicated to enriching the faith and lives of all.*
- *In homage to the Holy Spirit, we recognize our call to serve those in need and compassionately embrace a senior living center.*

Nourished by God's abundant blessings, our mission grows from open farmland to a spiritual home for all seasons of life.



Parish Vision Statement

Imagine a trilogy of centers for all seasons of life: Saint Luke the Evangelist Catholic Parish accepts the mission of Jesus to proclaim his good news with compassion and mercy. Having been so greatly blessed by God, our faith community responds in love.

We worship. We teach. We care.

Parish Logo

St. Luke the Evangelist Logo Concept

1. THE HEART OF MINISTRY



Jesus Christ symbolized by the Cross and Golden Circle.
The Color Gold symbolizes Great Value.

John 3:16 = "For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life."

2. WE WORSHIP



The upward form symbolizes the true worshiper who worships in spirit and in truth.
The Purple Color symbolizes Worship.

John 4:23 = "A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers."

3. WE TEACH



The downward form symbolize teaching, giving, and humility, also the flow of blessing.
The Green color symbolizes growth like in plants. Teaching is giving others the ability to grow and bare fruit.

John 13:13-15 = "You call Me the Teacher (Master) and the Lord, and you are right in doing so, for that is what I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher (Master), have washed your feet, you ought [it is your duty, you are under obligation, you owe it] to wash one another's feet. For I have given you this as an example, so that you should do [in your turn] what I have done for you."

4. WE CARE



Care symbolized in a simple arm gesture; to hug, to protect, to care - formed in an arc.
The form is also holding 'The Heart of Ministry' which is Jesus Christ Himself who has given us the ability to care.
The Color Blue symbolizes this care, as for water used to care for people and gives life.

Matthew 25:35-36 = "For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you brought Me together with yourselves and welcomed and entertained and lodged Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me with help and ministering care, I was in prison and you came to see Me."

Parish History

On Friday, Dec. 17, 2010 Bishop Richard Pates announced the creation of a new parish called St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church in Ankeny, Iowa and the extremely generous gifts that will help lay the foundation for the new parish.

One of the original parishioners of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church (OLIH) in Ankeny, Fern Ringgenberg, gifted 35 acres of land along Weigel Drive to the new parish for the building of the church, school, and senior housing facility on the west side of Ankeny.

In addition, Don and Charlene Lamberti, also longtime parishioners of OLIH, gifted \$2 million for the future grade school (K-8) to be built at St. Luke's.

Father Lawrence Hoffmann was named as the first pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church.

When the first Mass was held at Ashland Ridge Elementary School on March 13, 2011, there were approximately 60 families registered in the parish. Since then we have grown to over 400 families. We have celebrated 131 baptisms. Ninety-nine children have received First Eucharist. We have confirmed 36 youths and 17 RCIA candidates. Seventeen couples have been united in Holy Matrimony. Funerals have been held for 18 members.

The ceremonial groundbreaking for Phase I of the new St. Luke's facilities was held on Sunday, September 8, 2013 after Mass was celebrated by Bishop Pates. Tree removal and ground preparation began on April 18, 2014.

The first Mass was held and our new worship space and altar were blessed on Saturday June 20, 2015.

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School opened on August 26, 2015 with 45 students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade. The 2016-2017 school year opened with two kindergarten classrooms, the addition of a 4th grade classroom, and more than double its enrollment from last year.

Schedule

Daily Masses:

Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:45am
Thursday at 5:30pm
Friday at 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4:30pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Holy Day Masses:

As announced. Please consult the church bulletin.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Eucharistic Adoration is available every Thursday evening from 6:00-7:00pm following the 5:30pm Mass. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary:

30 minutes before the weekend Masses



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Parish Phone 515-964-1278
Office Hours Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm
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Parish Website www.saintluketheevangelist.org

Bulletin Deadline: Submit articles to the parish office by noon on the Friday of the previous week. Email to sue@slte.org.

How to Register: If you are interested in joining St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, please pick up a form after Mass, stop in during office hours, or download at www.saintluketheevangelist.org to register.

Parish & School Staff

Pastor Fr. Lawrence Hoffmann
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Director of Music Cari Higgins
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School Principal Tonya Eaton
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Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled after the pre-baptism requirements are fulfilled. Baptism preparation classes are held the first Saturday of the month in February, May, August, and November. Call the office to register.

First Eucharist

Preparation for First Eucharist is offered through the Religious Education program. It is celebrated in the spring during a child's 2nd grade year in school.

Confirmation

Confirmation preparation is a two-year program offered through the Religious Education program. It is celebrated in the spring during 10th grade.

Marriage

Contact Fr. Larry at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Reconciliation

9:00-10:00am and 3:30-4:00pm on Saturdays. Two communal reconciliation services are offered each year during Advent and Lent.

Preparation for First Reconciliation is offered in 2nd grade and celebrated during Lent.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are ill or will be having surgery, contact the parish office to request the sacrament. Communal celebrations are held periodically during the year.

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to lead St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in carrying out its mission and vision. The Council works with unity, faith, and understanding to facilitate the development of St. Luke's Parish as it grows and flourishes into a spiritual home for all seasons of life. The Pastoral Council oversees the activities of the Liturgy Committee, Stewardship Committee, Social Concerns Committee, School Board, Welcome Team, and Facilities Committee. We communicate council activities and decisions to the parishioners to create and maintain a transparent and open environment. We make prayer and study a vital part of each meeting to help guide us in our decisions. The Council consists of nine volunteer members. Each of the current members is serving a three-year term and a succession plan is in place to phase in new members.

The Pastoral Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

Current members of the council are: Cari Higgins-Chair, Steve Wieneke, Paul Carlson, Nicole Lindsey, Jason Hatch, Jimmy Becker, Vlad da Costa, Teresa Busch, and Andy Cink.

Contact: Cari Higgins at cari@slte.org or 712-540-8619

Finance Council

The Finance Council is one of the two canonically prescribed councils to assist the pastor in planning and administering the parish. St. Luke's Finance Council is made up of six individuals appointed by the pastor to serve three-year terms. One third of the terms expire each year based on a fiscal calendar. The Finance Council is responsible for creating a budget based upon the resources of the parish and its mission in a financially sound manner. The Finance Council monitors revenue and expenses on a monthly basis and reports the results to the parish in the bulletin monthly and an annual financial statement. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

Current members of the council are: Michael Fitzpatrick, Kathy Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Shane Higgins, Aaron Shell, and Ryan Schon.

Contact: Parish office at 515-964-1278

Facilities Committee

The St. Luke Facility Committee oversees the operation and maintenance of all property and buildings used by the parish. The committee will also serve as planners for any construction of new facilities or remodeling of existing facilities. This committee will serve as the Safety Committee for the Church and School. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Contact: Dick Johnson at dickjohnson.hydro@yahoo.com or 515-344-1071

Stewardship Committee

The purpose of the Stewardship Committee is to help develop stewardship as a way of life at St. Luke's. The U.S. bishops wrote that stewardship is the response of the disciple to God's unconditional love for us. Stewards see everything good as gifts from God and they respond in gratitude with the gift of self. In order to promote stewardship in the parish, we sponsor the annual ministry fair each fall, we distribute the "tithe of the tithe" in conjunction with the Social Concerns Team, we prepare educational materials to be distributed to the parish, and we developed the Guide Book and Directory.

The Stewardship Committee generally meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm.

Contact: Kathy Lickteig at klickt@aol.com or 515-321-3507

Formation

Faith Formation Council

Volunteer parishioners represent education at every level. The council's goal is to find and serve the Catholic educational needs of the parish at each age level. Council members serve a three-year term. The council meets monthly and the meeting includes its own faith formation. If you have any questions about the council or want more information, you may contact Father Larry, Patsy Carlson, or council chair, Nate Meier at ffc@saintluketheevangelist.org

Adult Faith Formation

Led by the Faith Formation Council and feedback from the parish survey, we have offered many, varied opportunities for adults of the parish to grow in their faith. These are some of the programs and retreats we've offered: Bible study for the book of Luke, TEA CUPS, Strength Finder, Lenten retreats, Epiphany Fair, Pentecost Fair, Tuesday morning book group, Moms' Group, book studies for Exploring the Catholic Church and Behold the Mystery: A Deeper Understanding of the Catholic Mass, Bible Timeline, EPIC, Catholicism, 6 Dates, Right for Life talks, guest speakers for Apologetics, and Christ our Life discussion group. For updated information, check the bulletin and parish calendar.

Contact: Patsy Carlson at patsy.carlson@slte.org or call the parish office at 515-964-1278

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Children ages 3 through 1st grade are dismissed during the Sunday liturgy before the first reading. We gather and listen to the gospel, have a discussion about the gospel, say our own prayer intentions, and make a craft or do an activity that centers on the teachings in the gospel. The children are welcomed back into Mass just in time to bring their offerings to Father Larry. Parents are always welcome to come with their child. CLOW is always in need of extra adult volunteers.

Contact: Patsy Carlson at patsy.carlson@slte.org or call the parish office at 515-964-1278

Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)

CEW is a lay movement that uses a structured process to provide spiritual enrichment and promote Christian community in relationship with God, self, and others. It is open to Christians of any denomination, although the OLIH retreat incorporates many Catholic traditions. Participants must be at least 18 years old. These retreats have been instrumental in creating a strong sense of community. Participants usually return in subsequent years as part of the organizational team to create the same "experience" for others.

The Women's CEW retreat is generally held in January at OLIH and the Men's CEW retreat is generally held in February at OLIH.

Contact: Eva Moritz at paulneva@msn.com or 515-210-6302

Religious Education (RE)

For the 2016-2017 school year the classes for grades K-5 are held on Wednesday at 4:30pm and 6:00pm. Classes for grades 6-10 are held on Wednesday at 7:15pm. *Finding God*, by Loyola Press is the curriculum for grades K-6. Our Junior High curriculum is the *EDGE Program* with Lifeteen. Confirmation preparation takes place in the 9th and 10th grade years and uses *Decision Point*, from Dynamic Catholic. All calendars for the RE year are posted on the parish website.

Contact: Patsy Carlson at patsy.carlson@slte.org or call the parish office at 515-964-1278

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Adults who would like to become Catholic, in particular those not yet baptized, begin the RCIA in September with a period of Inquiry. The candidates deal with questions and concerns that they have about being Catholic. The second stage of RCIA usually begins after Thanksgiving and is a time of catechesis or instruction. The third phase unfolds as preparation for Easter and lasts during the season of Lent. The celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist is done at the Easter Vigil. Following Easter, a period of reflection on the mysteries celebrated is held called Mystagogia.

Various rites for these periods of the RCIA are celebrated throughout the year for candidates from St. Luke's. Sponsors and RCIA team members are encouraged to help from St. Luke's.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in the RCIA, please contact Fr. Larry Hoffmann at the parish office 515-964-1278.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS is offered for children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5. It is centered on a different biblical theme each year. Adult and student volunteers assist staff in carrying out the program. St. Luke's hope to offer their own Catholic VBS in June of 2017. We will be seeking both youth and adult volunteers.

Contact: Patsy Carlson at patsy.carlson@slte.org or call the parish office at 515-964-1278

Book Group

A book study group meets at 8:30 every Tuesday morning at St. Luke's. They discuss a book of the group's choosing related to themes and topics of the church year.

Contact: Patsy Carlson at patsy.carlson@slte.org or call the parish office at 515-964-1278

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School will prepare students for life by integrating Catholic values throughout each day. Students will learn about their faith, live out their faith by serving God and those in need, and receive top academic training in a safe, nurturing environment.

The school opened on August 26, 2015 with grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Each year, a grade will be added until it serves up to 8th grade. St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School will eventually have the capacity to grow to two or three sections of each grade, Kindergarten through 8th grade.

If you have any questions, would like a tour or are interested in sending your children to St. Luke's please contact Tonya Eaton, Principal at 515-985-7074.

Contact: Tonya Eaton at tonya.eaton@slte-school.org or 515-985-7074

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School Board

St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School Board is responsible for all aspects of the formal educational programs in the primary areas of our parish school including faith formation. The Board is the voice of the local Catholic community in educational planning, goal setting, and policy development in accord with the intent and spirit of the Diocesan Board.

School Board members are Fr. Larry Hoffmann-Pastor, Licia Pettit -President, Kayla Crann, Dennelle Hogan, Shawn Althaus, Amy Thompson, Katherine Rafferty, and Kelly Royal.

Contact: Licia Pettit at liciapettit@gmail.com or 515-965-1902

Family School Association

The Family School Association is a group of parents supporting the St. Luke's School. We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the media center. We assist teachers in the classroom and at home. We are currently raising funds for a playground that will support not only the school but the church and surrounding community as well. We work together to make St. Luke's School a fantastic place to learn, grow and serve through prayer and service activities. All are welcome to attend to support the students and staff.

Board Members: Susan Grebasch-President, Chrissy Eberhart -Vice President, Erin Schmitz -Secretary, and Eric Peters-Treasurer.

Contact the board at fsastluke@gmail.com

Prayer

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee is a “worship and spirituality” committee. This committee seeks to build up the Body of Christ through worship and prayer. Realizing worship is integral to the faith community, the liturgy committee explores and implements ways to make the liturgies at St. Luke’s prayerful, participatory, and celebratory. The group meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

Contact: Gary Olson at gtoly.o@msn.com or 515-208-3043

Ministers of Worship

Ministers of worship are scheduled on a quarterly basis. Schedules are emailed to all ministers prior to the beginning of the quarter and are available on the parish web site. In addition, the schedules for each week are published in the bulletin and email notices are sent during the week for the upcoming weekend. Group trainings are announced throughout the year and individual trainings are arranged as needed.

Altar Servers

All students in 4th grade and above are eligible to serve. Servers carry the candles, assist the presider at Mass, and serve as guides for the congregation.

Contact: Parish office at 515-964-1278

Cross Bearers

This minister leads the procession at the beginning and the end of Mass. All adults and high school students are welcome to join this ministry.

Contact: John McPherson at j.mcpherson@msn.com or 515-669-8617

Eucharistic Captains

Eucharistic Captains are responsible for helping Father set up for Mass. Tasks include preparing the bread and wine; setting out the bowls, cups, purifiers, and water on the credence table; and placing the Lectionary on the ambo and the Sacramentary in the servers’ pew. During Mass the captains help prepare for Communion and also act as a Eucharistic Minister. Captains are also responsible for making sure all liturgical ministry positions are filled for the Mass and with cleaning up after Mass. Eucharistic Captains need to be trained Eucharistic Ministers.

Contact: Kathy Lickteig at klickt@aol.com or 515-321-3507

Eucharistic Ministers

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. They also bring Communion to the sick and homebound. Eucharistic Ministers need to be practicing Catholics who are high school age or older.

Contact: Kathy Lickteig at klickt@aol.com or 515-321-3507

Hospitality Ministers

Hospitality Ministers serve as an outward sign of Christ's hospitality by welcoming those coming to worship, assisting with seating, taking up the offertory collection, and distributing the weekly bulletin after Mass. All adults and high school students are welcome to join this ministry.

Contact: John McPherson at j.mcpherson@msn.com or 515-669-8617

Lectors/Commentators

Lectors are members of the Assembly who proclaim the Word in the first two scripture readings. They need to be effective communicators and also need to absorb and express the spirit of the Liturgy. Lectors receive workbooks containing all the readings with helpful guides and suggestions about presenting, pronunciation, and correct emphasis.

Commentators read the Prayers of the Faithful and the weekly announcements at Mass. Lectors and Commentators need to be practicing Catholics who are high school age or older.

Contact: Brad Shell at alshell41@msn.com or 515-963-1268

Music Ministry

The music ministry provides music for weekend Masses and other liturgical celebrations. It consists of:

Cantors-lead sung prayer at all the Eucharistic liturgies

Adult Choir-sings at Mass once a month

Teen Choir-opportunities to sing throughout the year if there is enough interest

Children's Choir – for students in grade 2 and up. They sing on Christmas Eve and occasionally during the year.

Instrumentalists-accompany the cantor or choir at Masses

Contact: Cari Higgins at cari@slte.org or at the parish office, 515-964-1278

Environment Team

Guided by Father Hoffman and the Liturgy Committee, the St. Luke's Environment Ministry members decorate the worship space for each liturgical season.

Contact: Eva Moritz at paulneva@msn.com or 515-210-6302

Hospitality

Welcome Team

St. Luke's Welcome Team exists to welcome and invite others to join St. Luke the Evangelist Parish and to involve all current parish members to grow our lively faith community that builds on the St. Luke's vision and mission statement. The team plans, hosts, and contributes to several events throughout the year including the parish picnic, bi-annual new member welcome receptions, monthly new member donuts gathering, post cards welcoming new families, social media communications, a fall s'mores and bonfire party, and other fun filled and rewarding activities. The group meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at St. Luke's.

Contact: Tom Pettit at tomjpettit@gmail.com or 515-771-3953

500 Card Club

The "500 Card Club" meets the 3rd Friday night of each month at 7:00pm at St. Luke's (unless otherwise noted). You need not commit to every month so come if you are available. "500" is a card game with partners and bidding as to how many tricks you can take. We welcome all levels of playing skills, including beginners. Although the game is played with a partner, we have both single & married people playing. We draw for partners at the beginning of the evening and rotate partners throughout the night to meet new people.

Contact: Jim & Barb Roths at bjroths@hotmail.com or 515-422-4514

Parish Events

The parish hosts social events throughout the year to give people a chance to enjoy each other's company and to get to know each other better. Examples are the annual pasta dinner and the annual picnic.

Annual Pasta Dinner

Annually, on a Sunday afternoon on or near St. Luke the Evangelist's Feast Day (October 18), the parish hosts a pasta dinner and silent auction. Parishioners and friends from the community come together for fellowship and fundraising. Proceeds from the ticket sales and auction bids benefit the church building fund. Auction items come from school class projects, parishioners, and local businesses. Volunteers working in shifts for set-up, cooking, serving, desserts, silent auction, and cleanup make this fun event memorable and successful.

Contact: Email pastadinner@slte.org or call the parish office at 515-964-1278

Annual Picnic

St. Luke's annual picnic is held on the 2nd Sunday afternoon in June each year. This is a great event for the entire family. Meat, condiments, and paper products are provided by the parish. Potluck dishes provided by parishioners ensure that we have a wonderful selection of delicious food. Games are provided for young and old alike. The picnic will be held RAIN or shine...unfortunately it seems to rain more than shine on our picnic but we have a wonderful time despite all the rain!

Contact: Meg Schon at Meg@Schonfamily.com for more information or if you would like to help

Annual Bike/Walk/Run

This event is held annually and is fun for all ages. Participants can bicycle, walk, or run a four-mile path between St. Luke's and OLIH. There is a registration fee which includes a t-shirt. The proceeds go to parish and school projects. Information for this event will be provided several weeks before the event.

Contact: Contact the parish office for more information or if you would like to help.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be served once a month following each Mass. This is a great way to connect with other St. Luke's parishioners.

Contact: Contact the parish office if you would like to be scheduled for this ministry

Supper Clubs

The Supper Club is a group that meets monthly at either a local restaurant or the host's home for good food, good times, and good conversation. The purpose is to meet and get to know others from St. Luke's parish. There are currently two groups that are active.

Contact: Jack & Deb Troxel at jct6038@yahoo.com or 515-964-4432

M.I.S.C. (Many Interesting Social Catholics)

M.I.S.C. is a social group for the "miscellaneous" people at St. Luke's. We gather as a supper club about once a month to share in food, fellowship, and fun. We meet in the St. Luke's gym to allow the little ones time to run and play together while the adults are able to visit and get to know each other. Married couples, single people, young families, etc., are welcome to join us.

Contact: Kayla Crann at kaylac0727@gmail.com

St. Luke's Prime Timers

This social group is open to registered married couples or singles of St. Luke's Parish who are approximately 50 years of age or older. Socials are held monthly, with volunteer hosts responsible for deciding on the event and handling the details. Parish activities are considered as additions rather than substitutions for monthly events.

Contacts: Andy & Joyce Cink at ajcink@hotmail.com or 214-766-5556

Service

SCRIP

SCRIP is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase SCRIP, you’re purchasing gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use SCRIP to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, gifts, gas, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our Parish.

The SCRIP Program at St. Luke’s purchases SCRIP from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers at a discounted rate, and re-sells the certificates to participating families like yours for full face value. The discount, from two to twenty-five percent or more, is our revenue. *New to the program, SCRIP now gives you an opportunity for tuition reimbursement, a charitable contribution, or cash back. Stop by the SCRIP table for more details.*

Yes, we are always in need of more volunteers for weekend sales. No experience in sales needed, only a friendly and helpful attitude. We have two volunteers for sales at each Mass. We can always use subs as well.

Contact: Jim Roths at bjroths@hotmail.com or 515-422-4514

Social Concerns Team

The Social Concerns Team’s charter states that its purpose is “to lead St. Luke’s Parish in understanding the physical and material needs and the social injustices of our local, rural and global community, and to encourage our parish members to engage in service of those needs, as we become the manifestation of Christ’s hands and feet to those we serve.” The team meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Some of the activities the committee has sponsored this past year include providing Christmas gifts for families in Ankeny and Saydel as a parish Advent project, reverse collections to gather supplies for St. Joseph’s Emergency Family Shelter and school items for Ankeny’s Project Fresh Start, recruiting volunteers for the Habitat for Humanity build, writing letters to members of the Iowa congress in the “Bread for the World” campaign, participating in the quarterly Family Promise program at OLIH, and sponsoring a Meals from the Heartland event. The team also assists the Stewardship Committee in recommending funding for the St. Luke’s “tithe of the tithe.” The Social Concerns team encourages all parish members to take part in these activities. The team would welcome new members, as well as input on how to best reach people in need.

Contact: Scot Peil at scot3104@msn.com or 515-277-0187

Knights of Columbus (K of C)

The Father Richard E. Gubbels Council 15603 Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization based on the pillars of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We support the St. Luke the Evangelist parish, school, and the community in all activities we perform. We have an active Council that sponsors a Boy Scout troop, provides volunteers for Habitat for Humanity home build projects, Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (PID) Tootsie Roll Campaign, and conducts various culture of life, church, youth, family, and community activities. Council 15603 hosts a Regional Spelling Bee for 4th to 7th grade youth from several parishes in the Des Moines Diocese on an annual basis.

Membership is open to all Catholic gentlemen ages 18 and older. Our Council meets at 7:00pm on the 4th Monday of every month in the gymnasium of St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church. Meetings last approximately one hour followed by a social time.

Contact: Paul Moritz, Grand Knight at kofc@slte.org or 515-208-3891.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Luke's Prayer Shawl Ministry creates prayer shawls for those who are in need of comfort or solace. Members of the prayer shawl ministry knit or crochet the shawls as they pray for those who will receive them. The shawls are blessed upon completion and presented with a prayer and a Miraculous Mary medal. Our team meets weekly, currently Monday afternoons around 1:00pm, for prayer, lessons (many of us are beginners), and community love and support. We welcome new members of all skill levels-including those just interested in learning. Let us know if you would be interested in an evening group that would meet weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. We also welcome donations of yarn, Miraculous Mary medals, blank CD's and/ or gift cards for yarn.

Contact: Pat Brady at bradyville@q.com or 515-250-1443

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one confidential Christian caring ministry to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers are specially trained men and women who provide confidential Christian care to those going through a difficult time in life. For more information or to receive care from a Stephen Minister, contact Sr. Susan Widdel at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church at 964-3038.

JustFaith

JustFaith-a program of JustFaith Ministries-is for those seeking to live more deeply and with a greater sense of purpose. The JustFaith program is a small group process that offers an opportunity for people of faith to experience a spiritual journey that leads to a compassionate commitment. Offered in thousands of parishes, Catholic organizations, and communities across the country, the JustFaith program provides a lively format and transforms the world through modeling Jesus' call to love and serve others – especially the poor and vulnerable. The JustFaith website is www.justfaith.org.

Contact: Patsy Carlson at patsy.carlson@stlte.org or 515-964-1278

Baptism Bibs

Baptismal bibs are provided to babies during the celebration of the sacrament. These bibs are handcrafted by a small group of women, and are a beautiful keepsake for the babies and their parents.

Contact: Pat Olson at gtoly.o@msn.com or 515-964-5296

Loaves & Fishes

Do you love to cook? Do you love to help others? Then this ministry is for you! We will help St. Luke's families with a few meals when they have a new baby, a surgery, or other reasons that their family may need meals. We will also help provide food for funeral lunches when needed. If you would like to be added to the list to be contacted when meals are needed contact Meg Schon at meg@schonfamily.com or 636-542-3553. You will be contacted by email to sign up to take meals as the needs arise. If your family, or a family you know, needs meals you can contact Meg at the same email or contact St. Luke's office.

Nursing Home Visits

Vintage Hills Retirement Community

Volunteers trained as Eucharistic Ministers celebrate a Communion service outside of Mass on Sunday mornings with the Catholic residents. Each minister serves every eight weeks or so and the Sunday service takes about a half hour. Father celebrates Mass with the residents on the First Friday of the month throughout the year.

Contact: Kathy Johnson at rikatij75@yahoo.com or 515-344-1104

Polk City Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Volunteers trained as Eucharistic Ministers celebrate a Communion service outside of Mass on Sundays with the Catholic residents.

Contact: Please contact the parish office at 515-964-1278 if you would like to help with this ministry.