

# ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH

## ANNUAL PASTORAL REPORT 2019



# A Message From Fr. Ken

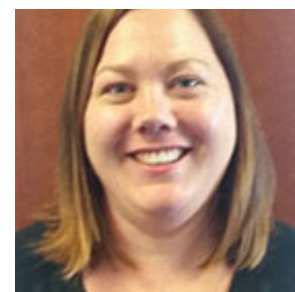
About a year ago, Bishop Pates called and asked if I would be willing to come to Ankeny and become the pastor at St. Luke. I have to admit, I was hesitant, not because I didn't want to come here, but because I didn't want to leave where I was at. While it has not been easy, it has been a blessed experience. Looking at the numbers I averaged 27 funerals and 14 baptisms a year in Creston and Afton, and I do many more baptisms a year here than funerals and what a wonderful thing. One of the greatest blessings that we have here is the sheer number of children around, and they are our present and future of the Church. The present, because they are here and are celebrating with us, and the future because with all of our help and guidance, they will be here in the future, continuing to build their relationship with God.



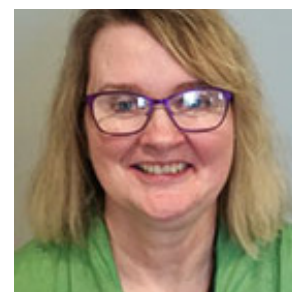
I have a couple of phrases that I often use. The first is that the primary mission of the Church is to bring all people to God. This is accomplished by both teaching about God, as well as living out the discipleship of Christ in our deeds and actions.

The second phrase I often use is to trust in God and everything will work out. I have tried to live this message out each and every day, even though I can still fall into worry about so many things, I really know in my heart that if we are living out the mission of leading people to Christ and doing the work, God will help us and everything will work out in the way that He wants. So as we see the many things that we do in this parish, I invite each and every one of us to pray and ask God where He is calling us, and have that courage to follow Him in the mission of being Christ's representative in the world each and every day.

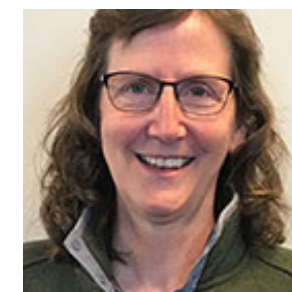
## Parish Staff



Vicki Gilloley  
Parish Growth  
Coordinator



Kendra Jorgensen  
Secretary



Annette Bailey  
Bookkeeper



Cari Higgins  
Director, Music Ministry



Pete Haak  
Director, Faith Formation

## Deacons



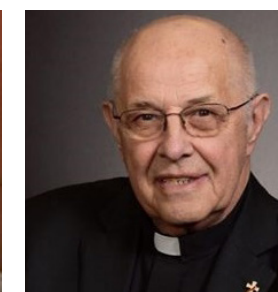
Deacon Fred Cornwell



Deacon Don Shannon



Deacon Matt Halbach



Deacon Fred Pins



### PARISH COUNCIL

ANDY CINK\*, TERESA BUSCH\*, JOHN McPHERSON\*, TONYA ALTHAUS, MARY JOHNSON, GARY OLSON, SHANI WAHL, DANA BASTIAN, BRIAN WERNER, JEN JOENSEN, JUDY JONES, JASON RICHARDS

\*Term Expired August 2019



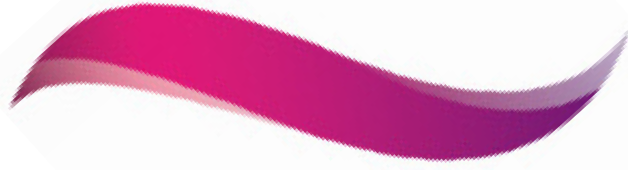
### FINANCE COUNCIL

RYAN SCHON\*, AARON SHELL\*, MIKE FITZPATRICK\*, WAYNE JOHNSON\*, ANDREW GALL, BRUCE MEHLHOP, CRAIG OBERREUTER, JORDAN NELSON, DAVID JONES, JIMMY BECKER, KEVIN FISHER

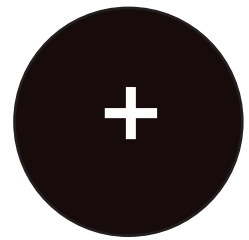
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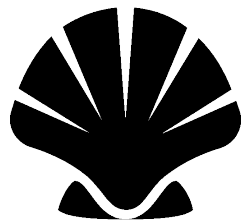
# We Worship



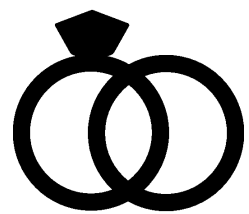
Almighty God, you inspired Your servant St. Luke the Evangelist and Physician to set forth in the gospel the love and the healing power of your Son. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, he also showed the divinity of Jesus and His genuine compassion for all human beings. May St. Luke intercede for us that we may deepen our understanding of the gospel and grow in compassion of Jesus. May his intercession enable our new parish to follow Your way and plan for us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



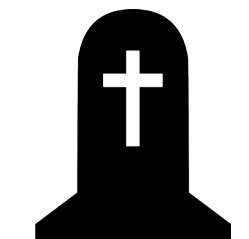
**750**  
APPROXIMATE HOURS  
OF ADORATION



**65**  
BAPTISMS



**6**  
WEDDINGS



**3**  
FUNERALS

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 committee consists of representatives from liturgical subgroups such as lectors, ushers (hospitality), altar servers, music, Eucharistic ministers, and environment.



## LITURGY COMMITTEE

FR. KEN HALBUR, DEACON FRED CORNWELL, KAREN BISHOP, MIKE OTIS, DANA BASTIAN, CARI HIGGINS, GARY OLSON, KYLE CURRAN



**1,000**  
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE AT WEEKEND  
MASSES

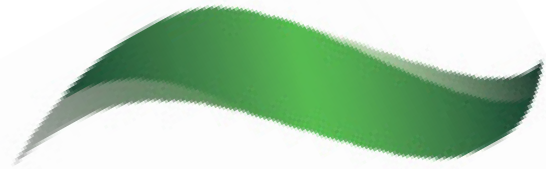


**97**  
RECEIVED 1ST  
COMMUNION OR  
CONFIRMATION



**87**  
NEW FAMILIES

# We Teach



Our mission is to create a Catholic identity with high academic expectations. We will provide a caring, safe and respectful learning environment. We will develop our students by ensuring that the teachings and values of Jesus Christ are integrated in all aspects of school life. We will serve as partners in the formation of life-learners and living witnesses of Christ by leading lives of faith and stewardship.



176  
ENROLLED STUDENTS



## St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic School Principal

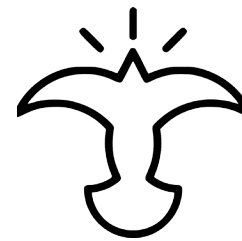
**MISTY HADE** Principal Misty Hade joined St. Luke in 2019. She brought with her a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for helping St. Luke to grow into a first class Catholic school. Misty helps lead the school staff at St. Luke to accomplish our mission of creating a Catholic identity and high academic environment. She guides the development of our students by ensuring that the teachings and values of Jesus Christ are integrated in all aspects of school life. Misty has made many improvements in her time here so far, and has outlined many improvements for the upcoming year.



342  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS



185  
CHILDREN ATTENDED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



6  
PEOPLE BECAME NEW MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THROUGH RCIA



8  
YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS ATTENDED STEUBENVILLE OF THE ROCKIES CONFERENCE IN DENVER. IT WAS A TRIP FILLED WITH HIKING, PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP.

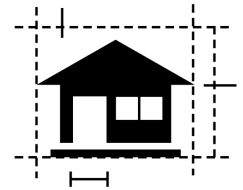


# We Care

St. Luke participates in providing meals for Catholic Worker house each month, Family Promise throughout the year, reverse school supply collection, Winter Apparel Drive, Angel Tree Advent Project and numerous other charitable efforts.



**40,000**  
MEALS PACKAGED FOR  
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND



**100**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



**195**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR  
CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL  
DISABILITIES & \$6,500 RAISED



BLUE/RED MASS  
HONORING FIRST  
RESPONDERS



# Tithe of the Tithe

The Lord said to Moses: Speak to the Levites and say to them: When you take from the Israelites the tithes I have assigned you from them as your heritage, you are to make a contribution from them to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe. (Numbers 18:25-26)

Stewardship and helping God's people is an important priority of St. Luke's. Each month, St. Luke's takes 10% of parishioner tithing and donates it to charities and those in need in our community & world. This is called "Tithe of the Tithe". The Social Concerns and Stewardship Committees alternate months of allocating funds.

St. Luke's has Reverse Collections regularly. Parishioners are called upon to donate diapers, winter hats, school supplies, and Christmas presents for needy families. But you may not have known that the money you put in the weekly collection baskets reaches the world!

In 2019 the Tithe of the Tither contributed over \$47,000 to various organizations. The Social Concerns Committee determines which organizations receive the tithe of the tithe funds.



Organization	Amount
Ankeny Service Center	\$2,000
Bread for the World	\$1,500
Catholic Charities	\$3,940
Center for Social Ministry	\$2,000
Connection Café	\$1,000
Des Moines Area Religious Council	\$2,000
Flood Relief	\$5,000
Habitat for Humanity (Catholic Circle of Faith)	\$5,000
House of Mercy	\$1,500
IMPACT for Energy Assistance	\$1,500
Inner Visions Health Care	\$1,500
Love Lunches (Ankeny schools)	\$1,500
Mary's Meals	\$3,000
Meals from the Heartland	\$4,200
Mosaic	\$1,500
Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	\$1,500
Ruth Harbor	\$1,500
Sacred Heart - Pine Ridge SD	\$2,000
Sisters of St. Francis - Water Project	\$3,500
World Mission Sunday	\$1,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,240</b>

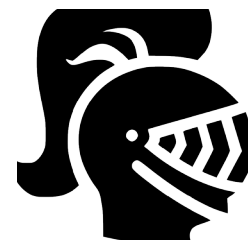


**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
RETA ALTHAUS, BART BLACK, PATSY CARLSON, DORIS LARKINS, JEAN McPHERSON, BRUCE MEHLHOP, EVA MORITZ, CHRISTINE YODER

# We Serve



In homage to God, the Holy Spirit, we at St. Luke recognize our call to serve those in need and compassionately embrace our surrounding community. Whether it is helping elderly in our parish move or coming to aid during flooding, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish is ready to serve our parishioners and our community.



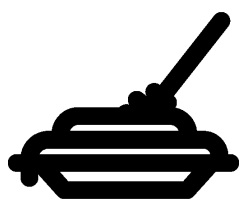
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MEMBERS OF THE RICHARD E. GUBBELS COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



475

PEOPLE SERVED AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH BREAKFASTS



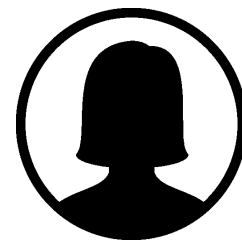
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PEOPLE SERVED AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PASTA DINNER/MEAT FEAST



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICERS

TERRY KRUSE (GRAND KNIGHT), TODD COGDILL, FR. KEN HALBUR, JASON RICHARDS, JIM ROTH, MIKE ROARTY, MITCH GEISTKEMPER, TOM JOENSEN, DAVID CLARKE, TONY McKILLIP, DAVE GREBASCH, JASON MADISON, STEVE CRANN, PAUL MORITZ, DCN. MATT HALBACH



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NEW WOMEN'S GROUPS FORMED



The Sisters of St. Luke is for all women ages 18+ to follow their hearts and give their gifts in helping St Luke's church thrive and grow. Our mission is to empower and support the women at St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Spirituality, Leadership, and Service. We see many things about our parish as we visit our church. Candles glowing, beautiful flowers, clean worship area, bibs for all our beautiful babies at baptism. This is just a few of the wonderful grace God has given to women in our parish. But we need more. We need you. We do not fund raise nor do we charge to be part of our group. We rely on your gifts of time and talent. We support God and each other as we build the Sisters of St Luke. vibrant.

Do you thirst to grow in friendship with other women at St Luke's? Do you have a literal thirst for a refreshing beverage shared among like-minded (and hearted) friends? Then come to Thirsty Thursday at the Well. This monthly event is open to all women 21 years and older. Come to some or all of the following which take place the first Thursday of each month with Mass at 5:30pm, Stations of the Cross, confession and adoration from 6-7pm, social with drinks from 7-9. Come when you can, leave when you want!



# We Celebrate

Fellowship for St Luke is done with a number of events including the Green Gala, as a benefit to the school and Donut Sunday. To celebrate the Feast of St. Luke (October 18), St. Luke's Parish hosts Oxtoberfest. Oxtoberfest is held in October and kicks off with a 5K run starting and ending at St. Luke, followed by fellowship and celebration including kids games, adult contests, entertainment, great food and a silent auction. The 2019 Oxtoberfest included hourly prayer, four rooms of kids games, two fitness events, beer stein holding contests, costume contests and wine pull.



**90**  
PARTICIPANTS IN THE 5K AND MINI STAMPEDE KID'S FITNESS EVENT



**\$12,000**  
RAISED THROUGH FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALES, 5K, SILENT AUCTION, WINE PULL AND MERCHANDISE. FUNDS TO BE USED FOR NEEDED PARISH ITEMS.



## Feast of St Luke the Evangelist October 18



# Oxtoberfest

Why the

# Ox

Saint Luke is represented by a bull or ox, which we see in the painting above, because his Gospel begins with the priesthood of Zachary (the father of St. John the Baptist), who was responsible for offering sacrifice in the temple, where oxen were one of the chief offerings. It also symbolizes our Lord's sacrifices and atonement.

Why the

# toberfest

Oktoberfest is a traditional Bavarian celebration of agriculture and unity. It is a common festival held all over the world in the month of October. The name would be the inspiration for Oxtoberfest where the "Ox" (symbol of St. Luke) was added. The celebration is scheduled around the Feast of St. Luke. Oxtoberfest is a parish festival to celebrate the unity of our church and school and the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, the namesake patron of our parish. St. Luke is also the patron saint of brewers, so we have beer in celebration of this.

# PARISH EVENTS

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR ANNUAL PARISH EVENTS



CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT  
ST. LUKE SCHOOL GREEN GALA  
ST. LUKE PARISH FISH FRY

PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT  
ST. LUKE PARISH PASTA DINNER/  
MEAT FEAST  
FOLLOWING CHRIST  
ST. LUKE SCHOOL LONGHORN DASH



ANKENY SUMMERFEST FIREWORKS  
ON THE LAWN  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FEAST OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST  
OXTOBERFEST  
TRUNK OR TREAT  
RE REGISTRATION  
SCHOOL REGISTRATION  
SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



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THE EVANGELIST HERE

