

St. Luke's NEWS & Notes

Week of September 7, 2025

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Office Hours: Tuesday's 9am-3pm
Friday's 9am-12pm (Unless otherwise noted)
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“Making Christ’s love visible through service and community connection.”

This Week at St. Luke's:

Sunday, September 7

Choir 8:50am-9:20am

9:30am Worship

Communion

UMM Meeting After Service

Fellowship

10:00am-2:00pm Foundation Christian Church (Outside Group)

2:15pm-4:00pm Praise & Worship Center (Outside Group)

Tuesday, September 9

9:30am Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 10

8:30am Wednesday Willing Workers

10:30am Yoga

11:00am Book Study

1:00pm-7:00pm Blood Drive Lower Level

6:00pm Foundation Christian Church (Outside Group)

7:00pm AA Meeting (Outside Group) Fellowship Hall

Thursday, September 11

6:00pm-8:00pm Praise & Worship Center (Outside Group)

7:00pm AA Meeting (Outside Group) Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 13

9:30am-2:30pm Seventh Day Adventist

Sunday, September 14

Choir 8:50am-9:20am

9:30am Worship

Fellowship

10:00am-2:00pm Foundation Christian Church (Outside Group)

3:00pm-5:00pm Praise & Worship Center (Outside Group)

BY THE NUMBERS

Each week, we will report key financial results here. We welcome all questions about this and other financial data.

GENERAL FUND DONATIONS

| <u>Last Week</u> | <u>2025 YTD</u> |
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| \$4,588 | \$140,888.68 |

The following donations are included in the General Fund Donations YTD Total:

Online Donations YTD: \$0

Noisy Offering : YTD: \$619

Noisy Offering takes place every fourth Sunday of the month and goes towards our Ministry Apportionment Shares. THANK YOU for bringing in your spare change!

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will take place on Sunday, October 26 with SPRC meeting at 2:00pm and the Cluster Charge Conference at 3:00pm.

End of Summer Cookout

The Member Care Committee is sponsoring a "End of Summer Pot Luck Cookout." It will be held in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 6 at 5:00 pm. We will be using our new gas grill. The intention is to rally our troops for the upcoming fall season.

We hope our congregation will come and bring guests with them. The following will be provided: hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, beverages, and vanilla ice cream. If you could bring a dish to pass, that would be appreciated. There is a sign up sheet available on Sunday or you can call Bruce Stapleton at 248-375-1649 for more information.

UMM Meeting

St. Luke's Men's Group will meet after service on Sunday, September 7, 2025.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are TUESDAYS from 9am-3pm and FRIDAYS from 9am-12pm unless otherwise noted in the News & Notes.

Please call ahead to confirm these hours.

For urgent or time-sensitive matters, please reach out to Pastor Manning directly at #248-285-2051.

NEW BOOK STUDY (11AM)

PARABLES, PUTTING JESUS'S STORIES IN THEIR PLACE

The time has come for our next book study. This month, on September 10, we begin to explore PARABLES, Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place, as study by Rev. Josh Scott. We will look at six parables, explore their social and historical context and background, and how they may have been received in Jesus' day as well as how we are receiving them now.

Parables tell stories and invite us into them. Parables tell stories and help us to understand larger points and needs. Parables help us to interpret scripture, interpersonal relations, and our place in the larger community context. Parables have historical context and they offer us ways to look at them in a modern context.

Come, join Rev. Scott Manning in a six week study of parables that Jesus used to advance understanding of the kingdom and to cause both the individual and the community to think about what it means to be part of the kingdom and part of the community. Books for this study are available to be picked up. See Pastor Scott for a book and to sign up for this study.

Prayer Requests

The Worship Leader will read prayer requests from blue cards collected in the offering plates. Please be sure to write the names clearly, so we can lift these individuals in prayer. Prayers will be printed in the News & Notes for the following two weeks (unless noted otherwise on the card). Please let the office know if someone you have submitted for long term inclusion can be removed from the prayer list.

PRAYERS FOR THE ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY

Remember those for whom prayers have been requested:

Prayers and Condolences to:

For Ukraine



Fran Smith's sister, who was 95 and her last sibling, passed away on Wednesday. Please help lift Fran and family in prayer during this difficult time.

Cards may be sent to Fran at:

3770 Seebalt

Waterford, MI 48329

Also:

For Carolyn and Ron Williams as Carolyn undergoes treatment.

For the firefighters in California and Canada. (From Rebecca French)

For the people of Gaza, Sudan, and Ukraine.

For my sister-in-law Debbie Gibbs recovering from chemo and surgery. (From Karen Reinhout)

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