

# St. Luke's NEWS & Notes

**Week of November 16, 2025**

St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
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**“Making Christ’s love visible through service and community connection.”**

## This Week at St. Luke's:

### Sunday, November 16

**Choir 8:50am-9:20am**

**9:30am Worship**

**Fellowship**

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

2:15pm-4:00pm Ignite Church (Outside Group)

### Tuesday, November 18

9:30am Prayer Group

11:30am Book Club

6:30pm-8:30pm Seventh Day Adventist (Outside Group)

### Wednesday, November 19

8:30am Wednesday Willing Workers

10:30am Yoga

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

### Thursday, November 20

10:00am Baldwin Advisory

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

### Sunday, November 23

**Choir 8:50am-9:20am**

**9:30am Worship**

**Noisy Offering**

**Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner**

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

2:15pm-4:00pm Ignite Church (Outside Group)

## 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.*

## BOOK CLUB

The next book is on Tuesday, November 18 at 11:30am, discussing “The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife: A Novel” Please contact Maura Cook with any questions.

## 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> |
|------------------|-----------------|
| \$1,027          | \$163,290.18    |

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

**Online Donations YTD: \$0**

**Noisy Offering : YTD: \$732**

*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!*

## STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT

Dear Friends,

It is the holiday season and once again, and we would like to ask you to include a gift for all the leadership of our pastor and our staff this year. While it is always important for us, as a congregation, to provide Pastor Scott and our staff with our thoughts, prayers, and encouragement throughout the year, this Christmas presents us with an opportunity to formally recognize them with a special gift.

If you are interested in contributing towards a gift to our St. Luke's staff, you may send your contribution to the church office by mail, postmarked by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, or drop it off in the office. Please mark your gift “Staff Christmas Gift”. We will present them at our Christmas Eve Service.

The money given will be split between the pastor, office manager, custodians, financial secretary, and nursery manager. Please note, Daniel's gift will be collected separately and given to him on his last Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The complete letter from the SPRC is available in the Narthex and via email.

## PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER

**11/23/25**

Hard to believe we're talking about Thanksgiving!

Our annual Pre-Thanksgiving dinner is Sunday, November 23 after service.

*In addition, we will be saying "goodbye" to our WONDERFUL Music Director -Daniel Bachelis as well as his sons Aaron and Ryan. They have been an important part of our St. Luke's family and will be missed!*

Look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall soon. We Methodists LOVE to eat! Invite your friends and family and let us know how many places to set!

### Thank You

Thank you to everyone for all of the phone calls, cards, food, concern, and well wishes during my recovery from my car accident. I am blessed to be a member of the St. Luke's community. From Donna Miller.

### Poinsettias

Time for our Poinsettia orders. This year 7.5in. pot (2 plants) cost \$16.00 and 8.5in. pot (3 plants) cost \$20.00. Order forms are available in the Narthex. Orders are due by Sunday, November 23 to the office in the black "inbox" on the desk. Be sure to put who they are In Honor or In Memory of and if you'd like to take your poinsettia home after Christmas on Sunday, December 28.

### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

**Sunday, December 7 / 5 PM**

Our annual ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT for ladies ages 13 and "more mature" is coming. This inspiring evening promises to prepare your hearts for the Advent Season.

Our program will begin at 5 PM followed by fellowship. Invite your friends and family! The more, the merrier!

### **SIGN UP TODAY!**

**\*\*\*RESERVE YOUR SEAT** - Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Amy at [camaiani3@gmail.com](mailto:camaiani3@gmail.com) or #248-505-3123.

**\*\*\*NEED A RIDE?** - If you would like a ride to and from St. Luke's, add that information when you sign up to reserve your seat.

**\*\*\*APPETIZER OR DESSERT?** - Small sandwiches will be served during fellowship. Sign up to bring a prepared and plated appetizer or dessert that can be served at room temperature. Remember - we will all want to sample everything, so small pieces are best.

### **NEW THIS YEAR!**

**\*A CHRISTMAS FAVORITE:** This year we would like to invite you to share a Christmas "favorite" - a tradition, an ornament, a song, a memory, a recipe... - and if you have a picture to go with it, we want that too! Start thinking! More details to come!

**\*DONATIONS TO BENEFIT BALDWIN CENTER** - All money collected will be given to Baldwin Center to purchase gift cards for mothers who need baby formula.

Read the expanded article in the November News & Notes! Hope to see you there!



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It's that time of year ... time to begin planning for the Christmas Holiday activities at St. Luke's UM Church. Once again, a giving tree with gift tag suggestions will soon be located in Fellowship Hall.

Neighborhood House and Baldwin Center are having their Christmas gift programs this year. Tags this year have a variety of suggestions. Gifts will be divided between both agencies and delivered the first week of December. Therefore, we are asking for the unwrapped gifts to be under the tree in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you are donating gift cards we ask that you take them to the church office and put them in the mailbox slot for the Treasurer. If you have any questions, please call Kay Smith at 248-884-2322. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

### 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

For Sinda Daugherty who passed away on 11/4 after a 4<sup>th</sup> battle with cancer. She was a former member of St. Luke's.

Also:

For Donna Miller on her recovery from a car accident.

For Mrs. Welch's doctor's exam to go well. (From Bob Teitler)

For cousin Ann Dee broken neck, nephew Jeff transplant and friend Renee ankle surgery) From Rebecca French)