

January

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Greetings and Happy New Year!

The new year has begun and we are fast moving through January. The holiday is now behind us and we are moving toward the Season of Lent. It will be here before we know it. Before we close out the holiday season and expressions of joy, I would like to thank all of you on behalf of the staff and myself for the blessings bestowed upon us during the Christmas season. The goodies, gifts, and love offerings are greatly appreciated and we thank you. It is an honor to serve the St Luke's congregation and the communities we represent.

I would also like to thank you for the sacrifices many of you have made in order to make the Christmas holiday special for persons in the Rochester - Rochester Hills - Auburn Hills - Pontiac area. Your support of Baldwin Center and the Neighborhood House Christmas programs and food outreach services has an impact that reaches hundreds of individuals. While we do not have the capacity to do these programs by ourselves, working with other churches, civic organizations, businesses, and individuals, these programs impact thousands of persons each year in our area. In the darkness of despair, uncertainty, and scarcity, you are bringing light into the homes and hearts of many. Your gifts have offered hope, joy, and encouragement to many, helping them know they are not alone.

This year we are also continuing our partnerships with these organizations. We will also partner with a new missional organization called The Helping Network, a coalition of religious, civic, and business partners, along with individuals and some governmental officials, that seeks to

find a way to assist immigrants in increased need during this time of uncertainty. We are seeking to help or be of compassionate assistance for persons in need

in our community, whether they have been born here, come here from near or far, to ensure that human dignity and basic needs are addressed.



At the end of 2025 we were able to meet our Ministry Shares Apportionment obligations in full, 100% for the first time since 2013. This apportionment is what we pay to the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church to help do our part in ministry beyond our parish boundaries. Your support has enabled ministries of evangelism (sharing the Good News and Bibles), health care, education, outreach, mental health, disaster relief, and so much more both here at home in Michigan and abroad throughout the world. In our small corner of the world, we are able to impact basic and spiritual needs of persons of all ages in more than 120 nations. Thank you for your commitment to sharing the love of Jesus Christ here and throughout the world. We can do huge works when we partner with other Methodists around the world together.

So, now we have begun 2026. There is much we can do together here as St Luke's UMC and with our partners in ministry across the globe as The United Methodist Church. Let us look, pray, and do boldly this year in the name of Jesus Christ.

Parking Lot Payments

Every year the finance committee asked for a special pledge to offset the monthly parking lot loan payment of \$235.00. Once again if you want to make a special pledge for the loan, please contact Corey in the office. He will be coordinating the schedule and sending the monthly email reminders. Our loan balance is approximately \$20,000 with several years remaining before it will be paid off. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Pastor Scott.. Thank you for your generous support of St. Luke's.

Months available: January, September, and November.

-Rich Gorman



WOW!!!

This week we delivered two bags of beautifully handmade winter hats to the Warming Center for distribution to their clients. Diantha Rhodes has been busy knitting!! The staff person we spoke with was delighted to have such a useful item to hand out to their homeless folks who spend so much time out in the winter weather. This is yet another way St. Luke's can help God's people in need. Thank you, Diantha, for sharing your talent.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE REPORT



Thanks to your generosity, St. Luke's provided many wonderful gifts to Baldwin Center and Neighborhood House again this year. It is such a privilege to be able to deliver these items to the agencies that work so hard all year to support folks who need financial assistance.

Neighborhood House sent the following email to our congregation.

"On behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of Neighborhood House, I would like to thank you for your support of our Holiday Giving Tree Program. Over 350 children were served by this program as a direct result of generous donations of toys, gift cards, board games, pajamas, hooded sweatshirts, hats and gloves. We are truly grateful to have community partners who share our vision of neighbors helping neighbors thrive. Thanks to your kindness, our clients will be able to share in the season of giving – which brings much joy to the Team at Neighborhood House."

Baldwin Center volunteers were delighted to accept your gifts. The volunteers who helped us with the drop off were excited to see such a bounty of items that will make life better for their client families. Our continuing support of Baldwin Center is needed and genuinely appreciated by all who work and volunteer there.

When you put that gift under our Giving Tree, know that it will make a difference in someone's life at Christmas. May God bless you!!!

-Kay Smith



Noisy Offering

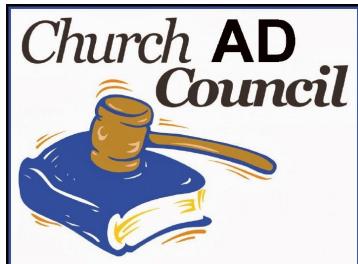
Noisy Offering takes place every fourth Sunday of the month. Please bring your spare change, as Noisy Offering goes towards our Ministry Apportionment Shares.



Blood Drive

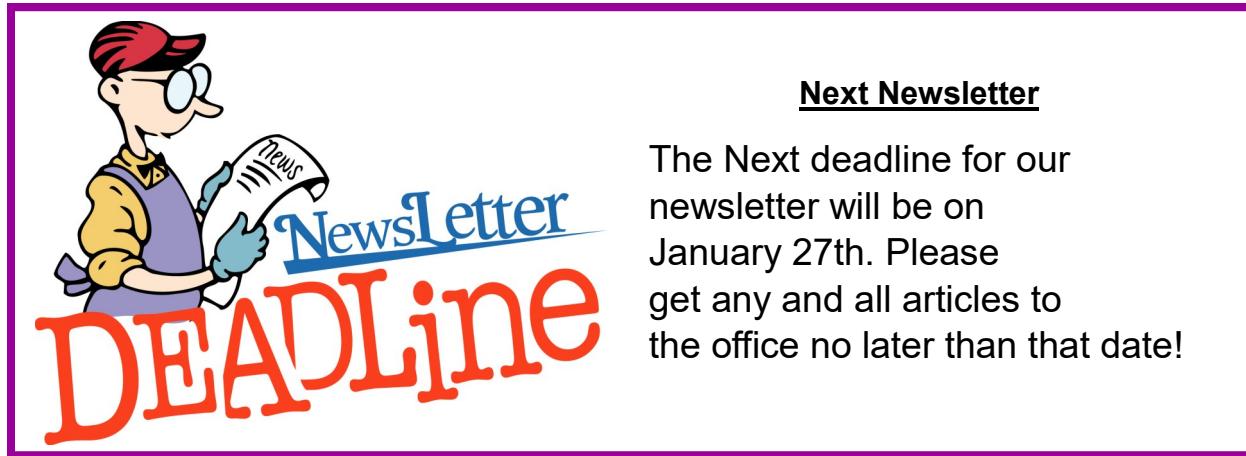
The next Blood Drive is on Wednesday, February 11 (note the time change) from 12:00pm-6:00pm.

Spread the word and sign up now on redcrossblood.org.



AD Council Meeting

The next AD Council meeting is on Thursday, January 15 at 7:00pm.



Next Newsletter

The Next deadline for our newsletter will be on January 27th. Please get any and all articles to the office no later than that date!



January

BIRTHDAYS

- 1/8 Scott Shultz
- 1/10 Neil Reinhout
- 1/12 Ken Miller
- 1/12 Austin Postek
- 1/15 Harriet Van Loo
- 1/19 Megan Postek
- 1/22 Kay Smith
- 1/23 Patricia Ceppi

January

ANNIVERSARIES

- None

February

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Ron Leasure
- 2/5 Frances Smith
- 2/7 Sophia Bachmann
- 2/8 Charlie Martin
- 2/9 Jose Ceppi
- 2/9 Meredith Michalec
- 2/13 Kyle Reinhout
- 2/19 Kim Gorman

February

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/22 Nancy Branstner
- 2/23 Davis Waterfield
- 2/25 Austin Waterfield
- 2/25 Logan Pizzurro
- 2/25 Mark Chockley
- 2/27 Sharon Bassett
- 2/28 Carlos Ceppi

February

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/2 Donald & Harriet Van Loo

If your Birthday or Anniversary does not appear in our monthly newsletter, please email the office at stlukesrh@gmail.com with that information.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Add your upcoming Meeting or Event to our Calendar by emailing: stlukesrh@gmail.com				1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 2:30pm-6:00pm 7th Day (Outside Group)
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by emailing:
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New Membership
Orientations are scheduled throughout the year. If you are interested in attending the next orientation, please call the church office to sign up at 248-373-6960.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH FAMILY?
*Come experience
the welcoming spirit of St. Luke's.*



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30-11:00 AM - FELLOWSHIP