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HOLY WEEK IS HERE!!

Holy Week is upon us and the good news of resurrection and new life is before us. We have journeyed with Christ in ministry and now follow his path of the triumphal entry, observance of the Passover, the great betrayal and execution. We wait with his disciples in sorrow and grief and then with them we celebrate in awe and wonder at the resurrection and the mystery of eternal life in Christ. In the midst of the chaos that surrounds us, like that which surrounded the disciples, we see miracles and hope, gathering and blessing, healing and restoration. Holy Week is upon us and Christ calls us in.

We are called into the story. We are in the story. We are delivered through the story. Christ is in the story. Christ is in our story. We are delivered in and through Christ, who has called us in -- into the story, in the circle, in the vision. Christ has called us in.

During Holy Week, we are invited to journey with our brothers and sisters from other congregations and with many around the world. We, in particular, journey with our sister churches: Clawson, Howarth, Lake Orion, and Paint Creek United Methodist Churches. We are called in and invited to journey with one another to be with Christ, with one another, and to enter into the story. We are called in.

Maundy Thursday is holy for Christians as we remember Christ's acts during the high holy Jewish feast of Passover. We remember the foot washing, the breaking and sharing of bread, the retelling of the exodus from Egypt, the institution of the Eucharist (Holy Communion), and the foretelling of the great betrayal. Maundy Thursday, sometimes called Holy Thursday, invites us into the story and to the table where Christ invites us into the mystery, into the communion, into a deeper sacred relationship. We are invited in.

Good Friday draws us into the story with its twists and turns. Jesus leaves the

Upper Room with some of his disciples to go to a secluded garden to pray. While Jesus pours out his humanity and takes on the armor of his divine relationship with Father God, the disciples

struggle and fail to stay alert and awake due to after affects of wine and the festal meal. While Jesus prays again and again, he returns to disciples who are passed out, sleeping. And, then we experience betrayal, chaos, anger, and mockery. We experience injustice, false accusation, and corrupt betrayal. We experience hate and sorrow. Though we do not experience it in the way Jesus and the disciples fully experienced it, we are invited into the story. We are invited into the witness of events. We are invited into the anguish and the pain, the questions and the shame, the sorrow and the valley of death. We are invited into the humility and the grace that Jesus brought on that most difficult of days. We are invited in.

Saturday gives time for pause and reflection. It is the sabbath. On this sabbath we are invited to take time for introspection, meditation, and to ask 'Where was I?' or 'Where do I see myself in the story?' Jesus invited us in.

Sunday is coming! Yes, we come with mixed emotions. We are invited in. On Easter we come with the joy and wonder of the ministry filled with miracles and the path of hopefulness that we got from Jesus as he walked the seashore, the valleys and up and down the mountain ways, as he shared the gospel of love and grace. We wonder at the miracles of healing, of life restored. We wonder about the workings of God. Jesus invites us in. We have the angst of division and chaos, the sorrow of betrayal and death, the unsettling emotions. We have the memories to share and the tears that flow, the gravesite to visit.



But, wait. That grave: Jesus invites us in. He invites us in to see that the grave, the tomb, is empty. Yes, there are linens there, but no body, no remains to be seen. What we have is light peering in and a voice that is booming from outside. We are invited in to see that death is not there! The voice of life is booming in and there is a story to tell, a path to run, a gospel to share.

We are called in. Called in to the journey. Called in to the kingdom. Called in to the story. Called in to the revelation. Called in to the victory of life in Christ. You have been called in. Will you accept the call.

Easter has come! Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We are called in.

2026 Easter Flowers



In Memory of Richard Daugherty. From Donna Miller.

In Memory of Bill Smith-Husband and Our parents. From Frances Smith.

In Memory of John & Evelyn Oldroyd (Lynne's parents) from Lynne Brink.

In Memory of F. Edward Rice. From Jennifer Rice.

In Memory of John & Reva Mitchell (Spencer's parents). From Spencer P. Mitchell Sr.

In Memory of John & Hazel DeNeal (Gail's parents). From Gail Mitchell.

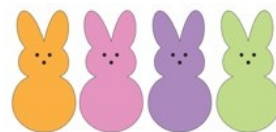
In Honor of our granddaughter Madeline Ann Carlson. From Mike & Sara Carlson.

EASTER BREAKFAST

WHAT? EASTER BREAKFAST

WHEN? April 5 / 8:30 AM

BRING? Sign up in Fellowship Hall so we know how many places to set and what dish you are bringing to pass. *(But you don't have to bring a dish to join us! There is always more than enough!)*



You won't want to miss it! Mark your calendars and dust off your Easter bonnets! We are "gonna have a good time!"

Questions? Contact

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ST LUKES JOINS THE HELPING NETWORK



St Luke's joins a coalition to assist immigrants in crisis. This past fall a new coalition organized in Oakland County to assist immigrants in crisis and St Luke's United Methodist Church serves as part of the core for this coalition; we serve as the sponsoring fiduciary/nonprofit agent for The Helping Network.

This community-based organization called The Helping Network was founded in Pontiac and seeks to serve the Metro Detroit area. The Helping Network will provide emergency funding to support immigrants and undocumented family members in the Metro area who are facing detainment and/or deportation of a household member.

The coalition is drawing together religious, community, and service professionals, as well as advocacy groups to find ways to assist and advocate for immigrants in our community. In addition to St Luke's being the fiduciary agent, Rev. Manning serves as the Co-Chair and Treasurer.

"We are seeing the devastation in our community," said co-founder Russ Russell, a Pontiac resident and lifelong fundraising professional. "Our neighbors and friends are losing their breadwinners, their parents, their friends. We are compelled to help them."

"I've spoken with family members who are in desperate need, said Debra Ehrmann, former Vice President at Centro Lafamilia and now President of SRA Consulting. SRA helps immigrant families navigate out of their situation with a plan to stay or go back to country of origin and is co-chair of the Program Team of The Helping Network.

"Our goal is to build a network of donors, volunteers, and community partners who will stand together in solidarity and compassion," said Rev. Scott Manning. "Helping people is what we are called to do."

Our work led to the coalition being publicly launched in December. The work of organizing and now beginning the process of assisting is ongoing. Initial work of the coalition includes assisting people with basic legal documents such as powers of attorney, property deeds, and other document assistance. Attorneys are being recruited and trained to assist with immigration concerns. And community volunteers are being organized to assist with other needs, such as food assistance.

St Luke's participation in this coalition is in alignment with efforts of The United Methodist Church through its General Agencies, The Michigan Conference and its Immigration Task Force, and our commitment to help persons in need with compassion and care. If you would like to know more about how you may participate or assist in the efforts of The Helping Network and our call to help those in our community, please contact Pastor Scott for more details.



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.

NOISY OFFERING



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive is on Wednesday, April 8 from 12:00pm-5:30pm. Spread the word and sign up now on redcrossblood.org.



AD Council Meeting

The next AD Council meeting is on Thursday, April 16 at 7:00pm.

HOPE WARMING CENTER

Week of Mon., April 13 - Sat., April 18

5-9 PM

(But NOT Wed., April 15!)

HOPE
shelters

The sign-up sheet for volunteers is in Fellowship Hall. Help us fulfill our mission of preparing and serving dinners to some very grateful people at Hope Warming Center!

Thank you for your generous donations! St. Luke's really does make a difference!

BALDWIN CENTER NEWS YOU CAN USE

St. Luke's is hosting monthly meetings of the Baldwin Center Interfaith Group. On Thursday, February 19th the group met and received an update on the current status of services and changes in programming since the last meeting in November. Highlights of that meeting include:

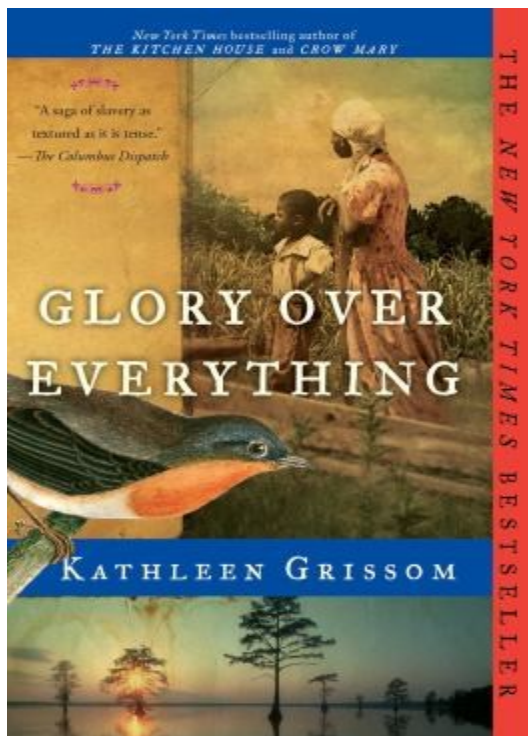
Food is Basic February Snapshot: On February 12th, during Wellness Wednesday at The Baldwin Center, 140 meals were served. They used 30 pounds of pork chops and 30 pounds of assorted chicken plus mashed potatoes, glazed carrots and salad. This update will give you one example of the scope of the food program at Baldwin.

The Clothing Services program has changed. Currently they are not collecting clothing for distribution to clients. At present they are providing coats, hats, boots, socks and emergency clothing to clients at the Baldwin facility. In the future they will continue to ask for boots, shoes, hats and socks. We have removed the plastic tub labeled "Baldwin" from the front hallway at the church. Stay tuned for updated information on this program.

Volunteer opportunities continue to include Soup Kitchen Volunteer Drop-Ins, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are interested, you are advised to go to the kitchen and ask for Altovise. They will put you to work preparing and serving meals.


The Baldwin Gala fundraiser is planned for May 15, 2026. This is the signature fundraiser for Baldwin. If you are interested in attending, let us know. We could reserve a table for St. Luke's and enjoy this evening together in support of Baldwin Center.

If you have any questions or suggestions, talk with Pastor Scott or Kay Smith. As one of the pastors at the meeting suggested we ask ourselves, "What is my gift?"



Book Club

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 11:30am at St. Luke's UMC. The book is "Glory Over Everything" by Kathleen Grissom. Please see Maura Cook with questions.



Next Newsletter

The Next deadline for our newsletter will be on April 26th. Please get any and all articles to the office no later than that date!



April

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/4 Thomas Vieira
- 4/10 Jeremy Smith
- 4/22 Cindy Cappelle
- 4/23 Dean Bachmann
- 4/24 Joanne Teitler
- 4/29 Brett Brink

April

ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/20 Ken & Donna Miller
- 4/28 Rich & Kathy Pizzurro

May

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/5 Elizabeth Botkin
- 5/6 Lynette Thompson
- 5/6 Kathy Pizzurro
- 5/7 Nancy Rice
- 5/15 Laura Shultz
- 5/21 Sarah Borkin
- 5/29 Jay Tragle
- 5/30 Kathleen Fisk
- 5/30 Lynne Brink

May

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/4 Rick Davis & Carla Lindeen
- 5/12 Rich & Kim Gorman
- 5/15 Keegan & Emily Smith

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



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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.

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*Come experience
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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 AM - WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30-11:00 AM - FELLOWSHIP