

St. Luke's NEWS & Notes

Week of October 18, 2026

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"Making Christ's love visible through service and community connection."

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.

This Week at St. Luke's:

Sunday, October 18

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship

9:30am-2:30pm Foundation Christian Church (Outside Group)

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

Tuesday, October 20

9:30am Prayer Group

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

Wednesday, October 21

8:30am Wednesday Willing Workers

10:30am Yoga

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

Thursday, October 22

11:30am Halloween Luncheon

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

Saturday, October 24

9:30am—2:30pm Seventh Day Adventist (Outside Group)

Sunday, October 25

9:30am Worship

Noisy Offering

10:30am Fellowship

9:30am-2:30pm Foundation Christian Church (Outside Group)

2:15pm-4:00pm Ignite Church (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 and OFFERING

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

October 11 \$2,580

2026 General Fund Total \$133,350.82

Noisy Offering : YTD \$823

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!

October 11 Attendance: 38

FALL/HALLOWEEN /OKTOBERFEST LUNCHEON

Our next Member Care Event will take place:

Who: St. Luke's All Church members and guests

What: The Fall/Halloween/Oktoberfest Luncheon

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Thursday, October 22, 2026

Why: Because we love you!

Yes, this is our annual dress up event celebrating the arrival of autumn, getting spruced up for the coming of trick or treat, and the flavor of old world German type food. Yes, we would like to see costumes and the wearing of orange and black. Yes, we will play Bingo. If you can attend, sign up in Fellowship Hall or notify Bruce Stapleton (e-mail bstapes@att.net or call [248-375-1649](tel:248-375-1649)). If you can bring a potluck type dish, please indicate that on another sign up list. Questions can be directed Bruce's way. Auf Wiedersehen!

Prayer Requests

2026 TRUNK OR TREAT

...has been CANCELED, but we hope to return in 2027!

Noisy Offering

Noisy Offering is on Sunday, October 25 during service. Please bring your spare change to service, as noisy offering supports our Ministry Apportionment Shares.

BALDWIN CENTER NEWS YOU CAN USE

Once again, St. Luke's hosted the Baldwin Center Interfaith Group for their September meeting. We presented the Baldwin staff representatives with the 180 children's books collected for the Baldwin client children. We are assured that the books will be distributed when parents are meeting with staff, picking up meals, signing up for holiday gifts and other points of contact throughout the year.

The Boots for Baldwin program is kicking off now with the ask being new or gently used adult and children's boots. St. Luke's will have a box for boot donations available near the front entrance of the church. The winter months are particularly hard for homeless people who are on the streets most of the time. If you examine your closet and find boots that are not being used, bring them into the church and we will see that they are transported to Baldwin Center. Perhaps there are boots that your children or grandchildren have outgrown just waiting for a new forever home?

Baldwin is currently collaborating with other agencies to address the growing homeless population in Pontiac. More information will be forthcoming as this initiative progresses. Also being considered is a system for assisting the Medicaid participants who will soon need to find suitable employment or volunteer work in order to keep their health coverage.

Many good things are happening at Baldwin Center in addition to the primary goal of feeding people. It is through the support of St. Luke's and other faith communities that these things are possible. Stay tuned for more updates to come!!

The Worship Leader will read prayer requests from the prayer form on the bulletin to be 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. 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 the family of Nancy Branstner on her passing.

For Victor Acosta recovery from broken leg.

(From Pastor Scott)

For my niece Michelle c-section- first baby.

(From Maura Cook)

For my cousin Janice, in ICU with sepsis. (From Rebecca French)

