

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday



We are the People of the United Methodist Church

Our Vision~ “Share Love and Give Hope”

February 15, 2026

10:00 am

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Killey, Liturgist

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Susan Sundberg, Pianist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come worship the Lord,

Praise the Lord on high.

Worship the Lord from the mountaintop.

Worship our Lord and King.

Let the earth quake and the people tremble.

Let the nations revere the Lord of life.

HYMN *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

UMC 158

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God the Creator and the Redeemer, you are the Source of light and love.

Reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in power and might during our time of worship. As you revealed Christ's resplendent light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. Transform us with your glory, that our souls might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 99

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

HYMN *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

UMH 462

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-36

MESSAGE

Jesus Transfigured

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OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

Susan Sundberg

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

OFFERTORY PRAYER

The living God, you are the Light of Light. Even when our dreams grow dark, you bless us with your radiance and your love. Illumine the gifts we bring before you now, that the world may see your light in the shadow of our world. Illumine our very lives, that our souls may shine with Christ and bring his hope wherever we go. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH 526

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

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Climb the mountain of God.

We will walk in the light and truth of God.

Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens.

We will heed out our call to follow Jesus.

Draw near to God's holy fire.

We will bathe in the warmth of our God.

Shine the light of Christ in the world.

We will be bold, for God goes with us.

POSTLUDE

Praise Him, Praise Him!

Susan Sundberg, Pianist

Sermon Summary

Jesus Transfigured (Luke 9:28–36)

Summary: Jesus was transfigured to reveal his glory as the Christ of God, the crucified Lord, so that his disciples may live in imitation of him.

The background event of Jesus' Transfiguration: his prediction of what will happen to him as the Christ of God—his crucifixion and resurrection.

The Son of Man must suffer many things...be killed and on the third day be raised to life... If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

The event of Jesus being transfigured on the mountain is intended to teach his disciples the meaning of his crucifixion and discipleship in imitating him crucified (Lk. 9:22-23).

First, Jesus revealed his divine image as the Christ of God.

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning (Luke 9:29).

Jesus is a man of humility, being called the man of Nazareth. He will get through the most miserable and shameful thing in his time, which is the crucifixion. His transfiguration presents his heavenly image, his original image as the Son of God.

The Crucifixion itself is the revelation of the glory and power hidden in the humble image of Jesus as the Christ of God.

No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (1 Cor. 2:7-8)

Christ of God will reveal his glory and power on the cross. God is glorified not only through his resurrection but also his crucifixion.

The disciples are those who have seen the glory of God revealed in Christ the crucified Lord.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. We have seen the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

For the disciples, the cross of Christ is the power and wisdom of God. Crucifixion is not a defeatism but triumphalism. Christ the crucified Lord is our boasting.

Second, the Crucifixion is the Fulfillment of the Word of God

Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.” (Lk. 9:30-31)

The subject matter of the conversation between Moses and Elijah was the departure of Jesus from the world: the crucifixion would accomplish what the whole Scripture promises and testifies.

The Gospel of God is “the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son” (Rom. 1:2).

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us (Luke 1:1)

The Gospel of Luke is the record of “the things that have been fulfilled among us” through Christ (Luke 1:1). Jesus’ crucifixion has accomplished what the prophets, Moses, and Elijah had spoken: God’s promise of salvation is accomplished through the crucifixion of Christ.

Jesus is the key to understanding the whole Scripture:

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ. (Phil. 3:8)

A. Discipleship: Listening to Christ through the Word of God

A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” (Luke 9:35)

We can experience the glory of Christ revealed in the Word of God.

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor. 4:4)

Our reading and study of the Word of God leads us to the knowledge of Christ and to discipleship. When we listen to the Word of God, Jesus Christ is sanctified and honored as the Son of God within us.

B. Discipleship – Imitating Christ crucified: we are called to participate in the suffering of Christ

I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. (Phil. 3:10)

This is the main reason Jesus took his disciples to the mountain and showed them his glory: Jesus should give up his power and authority to the cross and be raised from the dead. Likewise, his disciples should deny themselves, take up their own crosses, and live imitating Christ, the crucified Lord. We are called to live in self-effacement and self-denial for the glory of Christ. God will not forget our works for the kingdom of God and reward us with eternal life and glory.

The Families of

Scott Stevenson (the friend of Nancy Tacey)
Melissa Morin

Pray For

Bob Davidson

Sandy Augustine

Gene Vandemark

Anne DeShaw (the daughter of John and Gloria Barringer)

William Kozuch (husband of Fritzi Stevenson)

Rachel Lochinski (the daughter of Fritzi Stevenson)

LaShawn Madrid (the daughter of Joan Gray)

David (the grandson of Joan Gray)

Lisa Coleman (the mother of Tiffany Coleman)

Ho-Ok Lim (mother of Pastor Seok Nam Lim)

Tom Piotrowski (brother-in-law of Jan Deming)

Shut-ins

Ann and Frank Davis, Bob Davidson, Florence Decker, Sandy Gillam, Marletta Gross, Susan Hendrickson, Betty Martinek, Barb Meyer, Phyllis Finn, Ruth Matherne, Lorane Peglow, Jane Russell, Jacky Sansburn, and Roger Trerice.

Please lift in prayer all who are suffering—from the devastation of war, the effects of climate change, violence, hatred, poverty, and grief. Remember especially those facing mental health challenges, whose struggles may be hidden but are deeply real. Pray for unity in our nation and for the freedom we find in Christ to guide and strengthen us. Hold close our church family members who are enduring illness, loss, or hardship. And ask God's blessing on the ministry of St. Luke's UMC, that we may continue to serve with compassion, courage, and grace.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

(Philippians 4:6-7)

Requests will be kept on the list for 1 month. If you would like your prayer request to remain on the list or be re-added, please let us know. SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST through our website, email office@stlukesumcmi.org, by filling out a connection card, located on the pew backs, or the Prayer box located in front of the church.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Food Baskets

We are assembling 30 Easter food baskets for distribution on March 18th and 19th. We are still in need of the following items: scalloped potatoes, canned fruit, baked beans, carrots, chicken noodle soup, tomato soup, jello, cake mix, and tub frosting. Please remember that monetary donations for the Food Pantry may be placed in the designated baskets at the front of the sanctuary on Communion Sundays.

VBS Volunteers Planning Meeting – Thursday, February 19, 2026

We're gearing up for Vacation Bible School, happening July 20–22 from 5–7:30 pm, with set-up on July 19 after Fellowship Time. Since we're building a brand-new volunteer team, anyone interested is invited to a short meet-and-greet to review preliminary plans with our VBS Coordinator, Janie Good. The meeting will be held in Esther's Parlor. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available on the sign-up board and online. Your ideas, energy, and gifts make VBS possible.

Taco Bar and Game Night

Join us for a fun-filled Taco Bar & Game Night on Thursday, February 27, 2026, from 5:30–9:00 PM! Build your own tacos with all your favorite toppings, then settle in for an evening of games, laughter, and great company. Enjoy classic favorites like Euchre, Cribbage, Sorry!, Aggravation, Dominoes, and many more. Please be sure to see the sign-up board to register and indicate what food item you'd like to bring to help make the taco bar a success. Whether you're in it to win or just here to have fun, there's something for everyone. Come hungry and ready to play!

Make Some Noise for Heifer International!

Beginning February 22 and continuing through Easter, St. Luke's Mission Team invites everyone to join in supporting Heifer International's mission to end hunger and poverty. Throughout Lent, you are encouraged to make a "noisy" offering during Sunday worship by placing spare change in the offering plate. Younger worshipers are welcome to bring their coins to the altar during the Children's Sermon and place them in the provided bucket. For quieter gifts, please use a pew envelope and write "Heifer International" on it. Together, let's collect enough change to purchase barnyard animals and make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Crew 206 Music & Crafts

On March 7th from 1:30 to 4 pm, at Carriage House Nursing and Rehab (2394 Midland Rd, Bay City), the Jolly Hammers will join Crew 206 for an afternoon of enjoyable music. Crew 206 will also offer a craft activity.

Golden Friends

The next Golden Friends event will be on March 2nd at the Turkey Roost Restaurant, 2273 S Huron Rd., Kawkawlin starting at 12:00 pm. The registration sheet is available on

the “Sign-Up” bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall, with a deadline of February 22nd. For more information, please reach out to Judy or Joe Fleming.

Blankets for the Dream Center

St. Luke’s Mission Team is collecting new or gently used blankets for the Dream Center in Bay City. These blankets will be distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness or those in need within our community. Donations will be accepted **through March 1st**.

Thursday Bible Study

A 12-week Psalms study, led by Jodi Shaw, will meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm throughout March, April, and May. Using Max Lucado’s Life Lessons from Psalms: A Praise Book for God’s People, participants will explore central themes such as worship, trust, lament, and joy, and reflect on how these ancient texts speak to life today. The study is open to all, whether new to Bible study or seasoned participants. Registration is available on the bulletin board, online, or in the app.

Breakfast Book Club

Join us for a light breakfast and discuss our book choice, “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson, a historical fiction novel set in 1930s Appalachia. Good talks, laughs and fellowship. **February 28th from 10:00 - Noon** in Esther’s Parlor. Free copies are available on the library shelf. Sign-up on the bulletin board, online, or in the app.

UWiF Spiritual Enrichment Brunch

Join the Central Bay District United Women in Faith for a Spiritual Enrichment Brunch on **Saturday, March 7** at Auburn UMC. Registration starts at 9:00 am, brunch at 9:30 am, and the program begins at 10:30 am. Taylor Bailey, a native Liberian, will be the keynote speaker. Participation costs \$20, and you need to register by February 24. To sign up, please contact Gloria Gonzales.

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on **Saturday, March 28th** for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt will begin promptly at 10:00 am, so be sure to arrive early. Kids rush to find eggs quickly, so arriving ahead of time will help you pick a good spot and enjoy the festive community atmosphere. Remember to bring a basket for the children to collect their eggs and a camera to capture all the excitement. After the hunt, stay for fun activities and refreshments for everyone to enjoy. If you would like to help, please sign up on the volunteer sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Upcoming

Mon Feb 16, 2026 7pm Crew 206 Youth group	Fri Feb 27, 2026 5:30pm Taco Bar and Game night
Tue Feb 17, 2026 10:30am Needleworkers 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 50560	Sat Feb 28, 2026 UWiF Soup Sale pickup 10am Breakfast Book Club
Wed Feb 18, 2026 10:30am Wednesday Weavers 3:30pm UWiF - Helen Nickless Clinic Meal 8-10am Distribution of Ashes 12-2pm Distribution of Ashes 7pm Ash Wednesday service	Sun Mar 1, 2026 10am Worship Service
Thu Feb 19, 2026 5pm VBS Volunteers Planning Meeting 6:30pm Thursday Bible Study 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	Mon Mar 2, 2026 12pm Golden Friends @ The Turkey Roost 7pm Crew 206 Youth group
Sat Feb 21, 2026 9am U.M.M. breakfast @ Krzysiak's 9:30am Missions Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Volunteers	Tue Mar 3, 2026 10:30am Needleworkers 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 50560
Sun Feb 22, 2026 10am Worship Service	Wed Mar 4, 2026 10:30am Wednesday Weavers
Mon Feb 23, 2026 6:30pm Governance Board Meeting 7pm Crew 206 Youth group	Thu Mar 5, 2026 6:30pm Thursday Bible Study: "Psalms" 7pm Narcotics Anonymous
Tue Feb 24, 2026 10:30am Needleworkers	Sat Mar 7, 2026 All day Central Bay District UWiF Spiritual Enrichment Brunch 9am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's 1:30-4 Crew 206 Music & Crafts @ Carriage House
Wed Feb 25, 2026 10:30am Wednesday Weavers 6:30pm Needleworkers	Sun Mar 8, 2026 2am Daylight Savings Time starts 10 am Worship Service
Thu Feb 26, 2026 6:30pm Thursday Bible Study 7pm Narcotics Anonymous	Mon Mar 8, 2026 7pm Crew 206 Youth Group
	Tue Mar 9, 2026 10:30am Needleworkers

Volunteers

Serving This Sunday

Liturgist

Lisa Kiley

Children's Church

Dan Morgan

TBD (need helper)

Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming,
and others TBD

Counters

Eric Yagiela

Char McGrath



Serving Wednesday

Liturgist

Mary Lewis

Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming
and others

Counters

Eric Yagiela
Brenda Kemp

Serving Next Sunday

Liturgist

Stephen Lim

Children's Church

Sheila Good

Dan Morgan

Ushers

Gloria Barriger, Joye Kramer
Char McGrath, Sandy Mercer

Counters

Eric Yagiela

Becky Scott

Acolytes

(varies week to week)

Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela,
Jazzlyn Jones, Kyliana Green, Myles Sullivan

✿ Altar Flowers ✿

*If you'd like to offer altar flowers in honor or celebration of someone or something meaningful,
please add your name to the sign-up board for an upcoming Sunday.*

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Newsletter for February 12, 2026**

<https://stlukesumcmi.org#newsletter-subscribe>
<https://bit.ly/newsletter-2026-feb-12>

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Adult Sunday School

Fall, Winter, Spring
9:00 am in Esther's Parlor

Children's Church:

Following Children's Message
in Classroom 3

Youth Group

Mondays at 7:00 pm

Online Giving

<https://www.stlukesumcmi.org/give>

