

Annoucements

Love in Action: Come join us February 9th for our Valentine's Love in Action event. Lunch is provided. We will be making Valentine's for the students at Sherwood Elementary. Please bring a dessert to share. *Please sign up at the Hospitality Hall Desk.*

SPRC: There will be a SPRC meeting today after worship in the Lounge.

ASP Annual Fundraiser Bake Sale: Take home some sweet treats while helping raise money for our trip to ASP this June on February 23.

February 23, 2025 is Leadership Sunday at St. Luke's!: In worship, our church leadership will be blessed as they begin a new year in service to our Lord, our church, and God's people. We especially need all clergy, staff, and members of the Program Planning team to attend worship and the special leadership meeting that will follow worship. Lunch will be provided. The leadership meeting will provide attendees with an opportunity to provide input as well as to receive tools for performing their leadership role that should be useful for both rookies and seasoned church leaders. Plan now to attend. Your church needs you!

Prayer Requests

Sheridan Harris, Tom Burkett, Marty Cobb, Diane Hayne, Judy Floyd, Betsy Coffey (friend of Bette Colter), and Phillip Pritchard and Kaitlyn Sayers.

Christian Love and Sympathy to the Taylor family in the death of Nita Taylor this week.

Christian Love and Sympathy to the Brown family in the death of Dan from Famous Leonard's BBQ and Nadine Hick's son in law.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

January 2024

Actual Giving: \$48,084

YTD 2024

Actual Giving: \$639,441

Budgeted: \$666,343

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

as I have loved you

John 13:34-35



February 2nd, 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.

Did You Know?

"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

St Luke's has a wonderful opportunity to share God's love to the children at Sherwood Elementary next Sunday. Join in the fun of making Valentines Day cards to be given to these children. See Love-In-Action announcement on back of bulletin.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm
Friday- Closed

Order of Worship

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in honor of Tracy Farnsworth for her much-needed help with Amazon orders for Sherwood Elementary School, from the Church Ladies Small Group.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Arr. Gayden Sikes

Love Divine

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, we come to worship today with expectations: how we expect to feel, what we expect to experience, songs we expect to sing, or prayers we expect to pray. We find comfort in the familiar.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Sometimes what feels familiar grows stale. We stop noticing the power of our prayers. We hear but don't listen to the Word. We sing without letting the music seep into our hearts. Yet, God is still here, moving and working among us.

People: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here.

Leader: Children of God, come! Let us worship, ready to embrace God's Word already at work among us, even when we are challenged to recognize God in the familiar and unfamiliar alike.

All: We come to worship, expecting God to meet us here. Thank be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

The Gift of Love

UMH 408

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Chapel during the **second** verse of the opening hymn

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Take my Life and Let It Be

UMH 399

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthian 13:13, John 13: 34-35

Pew Bible New Testament Page 164, 102

ANTHEM

Arr. Mark Hayes

Blessed Are You

Chancel Choir

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you who now weep, for you will laugh. Blessed are you who are meek, for you will inherit the earth. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you, blessed are you. Blessed are you, my children. Rejoice

and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Blessed are you who are merciful, for you will inherit the earth. Blessed are you who are pure in heart, for you will see God. Blessed are you who make peace, for you will be called the children of God. Blessed are you who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for yours is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you, blessed are you, blessed are you, my children. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and when they revile you, and when they defame you, on account of the son of man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy for surely your reward is great in heaven. Blessed are you, blessed are you, blessed are you, my children. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, we ask that you receive our gifts as a sign of our commitment to you and we pray that they, and we may honor you and serve you both in this world and in the next. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Arr. Rick Parks

*DOXOLOGY

AN INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*SENDING HYMN

TFWS 2223

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Arr. Douglas Wagner

*Congregation stand as able.

Recessional in C

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

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If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.

