

# 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. You are welcome to bring a dessert to share.

**Church Council:** There will be a Church Council meeting January 26 after worship in the Parlor.

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry is very grateful for all the food donations give by our generous congregation during 2024. We look forward to a busy new year. Thanks!

**New Study Opportunity:** Please join the Thursday morning small group, January 23, as we begin the study of Richard Rohr's book "Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount." We meet every Thursday from 11:00-12:30 in the church library. All are welcome!

**Contribution Statements:** Church Family: The 2024 Year-end contribution statements will be available Sunday, January 19 in the Hospitality Hall. In order to save on postage, we are asking those of you who can, to pick up your statement whenever you're at church. If you're not able to do so, please call the church office (901) 452-6262 to request to have a copy mailed to you. Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of St. Luke's!

## Prayer Requests

Bev Shepherd, Nita Taylor (Larry Kaler's niece), Sheridan Harris, Tom Burkett, Buddy Ellis, Isabel Paredes (Mirria's friend), Marty Cobb, Barbara Lockett (Stella Day's sister-in-law), Deborah Sanders, Betty Carter, Bette Colter, Diane Hayne, and Judy Floyd.

*Sympathy and Christian Love to the St. Gelais Family in the death of Barry Ware, Lisa's cousin.*

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

## Monthly Stewardship Report

### Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

#### December 2024

Actual Giving: \$77,552

Budgeted: \$55,529

#### YTD 2024

Actual Giving: \$639,441

Budgeted: \$666,343

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO



## January 19th, 2025

SECOND 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?

**John 10:14 ESV: I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.**

Each Sunday we have several choices of Christian Education classes to help you get to know the Good Shepherd Jesus. See the bulletin board across from the Hospitality desk for a listing of these classes. All are welcome to attend.

## 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 on the altar are given in honor of Mary Lou Cushing in appreciation for her dedicated service to St. Luke's.

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Arr. Rick Parks

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

**Leader:** When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

**Leader:** Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

**People: I will be with you.**

**Leader:** So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

**All:** Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*O Worship the King (vs. 1-3)*

UMH 73

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*I believe in God, whatever storms may rage about me. I believe in Christ, whatever the world may say about Him. I believe in the Holy Spirit, however hard it is to understand such things. I believe in the Church, whatever others may think about it. I believe in the forgiveness of sins, even though I often live as if I didn't. I believe in the life everlasting, whatever science may think about it. I believe that my life will be stronger, better, and more centered in God's will. Amen.*

#### \*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

**CANTICLE OF THE KINDER** (sing response on the screens) While we sing this song, children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to come forward for a children's sermon, then they are dismissed to Children's Worship in the Lighthouse.

**WORD AND WONDER-** A Time For Children

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH 529

Luke 3:21-22

#### \*SCRIPTURE

Pew Bible New Testament Page 56

*God of Wonders*

Chancel Choir

#### ANTHEM

Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

*Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky, the heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high! God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy. The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy. Lord of heaven and earth. Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light, and when I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night. God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy. The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy. Lord of heaven and earth, Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy. Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me. You are holy. Lord of heaven and earth, Hallelujah! God of wonders, Hallelujah!*

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

#### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Gracious God, receive and bless what we offer here! Take us and use us as you would see fit so that we might bring praise and glory unto your name both now and in the year to come.*

#### OFFERTORY

Arr. Lani Smith

*Brightest and Best*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

UMH 94

#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### \*SENDING HYMN

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Arr. Douglas Wagner

*Jubilation*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

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\*Congregation stand as able.

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

