

## Announcements

**Lunch for Young Adults:** Join us at Jason's Deli after Worship today, our treat.

*Meet at front of the sanctuary if you need a ride!*

**Scout Sunday will be March 30th.** A fundraiser luncheon celebration is planned following the service. Troop 40 will be 100 years this year. Anyone who has any scouting pictures or memorabilia from over the years, please bring it to the church by March 9th or contact Jonathan St. Gelais at 901-508-7207 or Lisa St. Gelais at 901-230-9174 or by email at [stgelaisfamily@gmail.com](mailto:stgelaisfamily@gmail.com). Please sign up at the front desk to make a reservation for lunch.

**Sherwood Elementary School Easter Clothing Drive** We will once again be collecting spring dress clothing for the boys and girls of Sherwood Elementary. Cute Spring sweaters and dresses, ties and dress shirts are welcome. If you would like to help, please hang or place the clothing on the rack located in the hospitality hall by the desk.

**Lenten Bible Study:** Come join us in a Bible Study for ALL ages of St. Luke's community Wednesday nights in Lent, March 19-April 16, 6pm-7:15p. Dinner will be included. Please sign up on the church's website or at the front desk.

**Lenten Worship Services at Noon:** Plan now to join us each Tuesday during Lent for a noon Lenten Service. There will be a complimentary soup and sandwich lunch immediately after in the Lounge. Please check the website for details on the guest speakers.

**Food Pantry:** The food pantry is starting to run low on donated paperback books for our clients. If anyone in the congregation has book paperback or hardback books that they don't want anymore, the pantry would love to have them. Thanks!

**VBS Interest Meeting:** It is that time of year to prepare for everyone's favorite week, Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held on June 9-12 from 5:30-7:30 pm and we will be holding an initial interest/planning meeting immediately following Church on Sunday, March 23rd in the Lounge. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to stay if you would like to help with VBS in any big or small way.

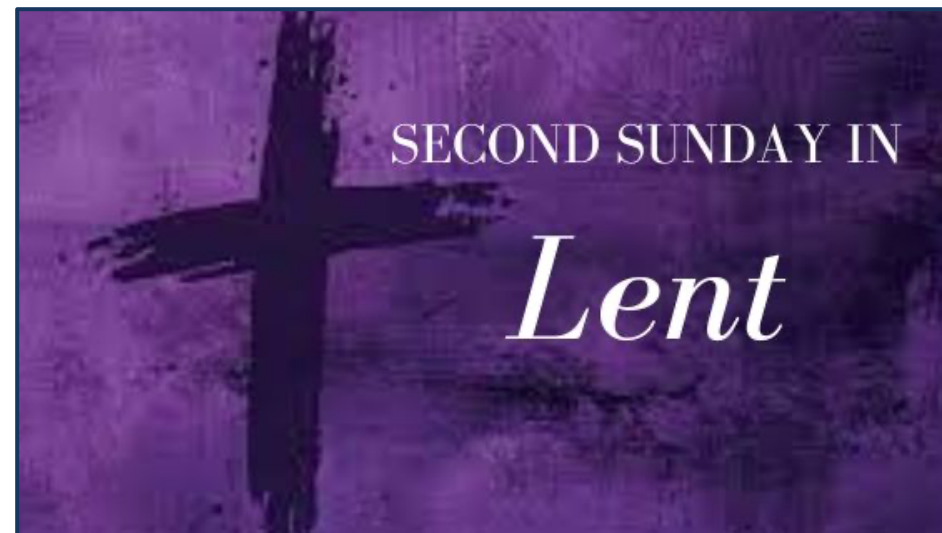
**Combined Kids Sunday School Class for Lenten Season:** Parents we will be bringing back our combined class for the Lenten Season that will start on Sunday March 23rd and will be meeting downstairs in the Day School building.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Volunteers are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The event will be held on Saturday 4/12 from 10:30a-12p in Fellowship Hall. In addition to needing helpers, we will be taking donations of small pieces of individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs with as well as Little Debbie Snack Cakes for the cake walk and empty easter eggs. Please leave donations at the front desk and reach out to Mary Page Contreras to volunteer.

### Prayer Requests

Tom Burkett, Marty Cobb, Diane Hayne, Fred Kuhns(friends of the Colters), Jill Dye Congdon(former member), Kim Davis (brother in law Melinda Kaler), David and Mike Smith, and Bette Colter.

*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*



**March 16th 2025**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**



*During this season of Lent, you are welcomed to use the chapel before or after worship for quiet prayer and meditation. Feel free to light a candle as a physical representation of your prayer.*

### 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.*

### 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 in honor of Evangelina Hendrickson from her family. To all God Be the Glory. Happy 12th birthday to Eva.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Craig Laumann

*The Bells of St. Andrews*  
Wesley Bells

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

**People:** God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

**Leader:** When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

**People:** God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

**Leader:** When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

**People:** Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**Leader:** Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

**All:** Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH 451

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Leader:** Let us declare our faith in God.

**All:** We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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#### \*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

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

UMH 140

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

### SCRIPTURE

Responsive Reading UMH 758

Psalm 27

#### ANTHEM

Arr. Mitchell Eithun

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Wesley Bells

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Harry Colter

#### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Gracious God, as we present to you our tithes and offerings we pray that you would help us to remember that all we have comes from you. Bless what is upon these plates and what is in our hearts that together we may bring you glory and show forth the wonder and the power of your love to the world. Amen.*

#### OFFERTORY

Arr. Sandra Eithun

*How Can I Keep from Singing?*  
Wesley Bells

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

#### \*SENDING HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

UMH 400

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

Arr. Douglas Wagner

*All Hail the Power*  
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

\*Congregation stand as able.

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

