

## Announcements

**VBS in Ancient Egypt!** Vacation Bible School will be held June 9-12, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Dinner will be served nightly and the week is completely FREE! This year we will travel back in time to ancient Egypt to learn about Joseph's journey from the prison to the palace. Registration is already live on our website and volunteers are still needed. Reach out to Mary Page Contreras if you have any questions or want to help and register to secure your spot today!

**St. Luke's Kid Summer Fun Camp:** May 28-May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9a-3pm. St. Luke's will host rising kindergarden through rising 5<sup>th</sup> grade for a free recreation, crafts, service centered camp. All participants must register at [www.stlukesumc.org](http://www.stlukesumc.org). Please contact [Sheridan.harris@stlukesumc.org](mailto:Sheridan.harris@stlukesumc.org) for any questions.

### Prayer Requests

Marty Cobb, Orabeth McIver(Sally McIver-Coulson's mother), Bob Smith (April Carpenter's dad), Rita Richardson, Jonathan St. Gelais, and Judy Floyd.

*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

#### April 2025

Actual Giving: \$56,116

Budgeted: \$53,384

#### YTD 2025

Actual Giving: \$235,201

Budgeted: \$213,534



**May 18th, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### 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 given in honor of Jacob Allen from the Choir. The choir wishes to express appreciation for the talent and dedication of Jacob Allen in directing the music in our worship services.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

Sergei Rachmaninoff

*Italian Polka*

Wes Kirkpatrick and Jacob Allen

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** In the beginning was the Dream.

**People:** And the Dream was with God and spoke for peace.

**Leader:** In the beginning was the Dream.

**People:** And the Dream was with God and spoke for justice.

**Leader:** In the beginning was the Dream.

**All:** We come to worship the God of the Dream in a spirit of peace, justice, and love, longing to glimpse the promise of a holy dwelling place for all creation.

#### \*OPENING HYMN

UMH 62

*All Creatures of our God and King*

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 888

**Leader:** This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**People:** Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.

*We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God,*

*the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead,*

*in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God*

*was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit.*

*Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. 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

UMH 547

*O Church of God, United*

### SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:1-18

New Testament Pew Bible Page 122

#### ANTHEM

Matt Taylor

*Song of Rest*

Chancel Choir

*Like a battered ship asea, far from harbor rest, tossed was I with no relief, drowning to sin's death. Then You gently came to me, oh Lord, calling me to come to you. Oh, how blest is now the rest that I find in You. All my fears are crashing waves breaking like a flood; My Rock of Ages hold me safe, on your love. All of my tomorrows are unknown, yet each moment held by You. Oh, how blest is now the rest as I trust in You. Clouds of sorrow hide Your face, dark has been the night, but my eyes foresee the day when my faith is sight. Lamp of heaven, light my hope again; steer me safely home to You. Oh, how blest will be the rest ever more, ever more, ever more with You.*

#### MESSAGE

Rev. Jim McKinney

#### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

*O God, you have poured out the riches of your grace! Help us to share these riches- bless what we offer here today on these plates and within our hearts. May it all be worthy of us and what you have done for us. Amen.*

#### OFFERTORY

Arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Draw Us to You*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

#### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

#### \*SENDING HYMN

UMH 548

*In Christ there is no East or West*

#### AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO JACOB ALLEN

**Congregation:**

*We feel sorrow in your leaving, yet we rejoice with you in anticipation of this new phase of your life. We will miss your love and support, yet we know you will add much to the lives of those with whom you live and work, as you have added much to our lives. We will pray for you and for the whole family of God.*

#### BENEDICTION(Sing Response on Screens)

#### POSTLUDE

Arr. Michael Burkhardt

*This Joyful Eastertide*

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist

\*Congregation stand as able.

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