

# May

St Luke Union Church

**Reminder:  
Spring Group Sale and Bake Sale**

Friday, May 3 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Saturday, May 4 9:00 am to Noon



Group Sale Prep - church members moving some items out to make room for the sale. Great teamwork!

*Front: Denny Redick, Jim Munro*

*Back: Sally Parry, Brian Trower, Pastor Andy, Juan Galvan*

**Women's Fellowship Spring Tea  
-Save the Date-**

Women's Fellowship Spring Tea will be held Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 am. We plan to have a Wendell Niepagen Garden Center representative present to do a porch pot demonstration. You will have the opportunity to make your own porch pot. There will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall soon.

**Lamplighters Annual Dinner Out**

Lamplighters will have their annual dinner out on Tuesday, May 28th at 5:30 p.m. @ Jim's Steakhouse. We invite all women of the church to join us.

Please RSVP to Ruth Trower @ 309-531-2225

**Trivia:** When Peter was speaking to the crowd, what does the Book of Acts state he said would happen to the old men in the city?



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>01</b> Handbells 6:30p Choir Practice 7p	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b> Men's Breakfast 7a Group Sale 9a-5p	<b>04</b> Group Sale 9a-Noon
<b>05</b> Communion Choir Prac 9:30a Worship 10:30am	<b>06</b> Adult Ed 12p  Boy Scouts 7p	<b>07</b> Mission Team 5:30p	<b>08</b> Worship Team 5p Church Chat 6p Handbells 6p	<b>09</b> Crossroads Board 9a	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> DAR Chapter Mtg 10a
<b>12</b> Sun.School 9:30a Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a	<b>13</b> Adult Ed 12p  Boy Scouts 7p	<b>14</b> Resource Team 2p Finance Team 5p	<b>15</b> Handbells 6p Choir Practice 7p	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Faith Brews 5p	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> RaiseRight Sun. Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a	<b>20</b> Adult Ed 12p  Boy Scouts 7p	<b>21</b> VMC Mtg 5:30p	<b>22</b> Church Chat 6p Handbells 6p Choir Practice 7p	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Eagle Scout Court of Honor 12p
<b>26</b> Sun.School 9:30a Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a	<b>27</b> Office Closed  Boy Scouts 7p	<b>28</b> Lamplighters Dinner Out 5:30p @Jim's Steakhouse	<b>29</b> Handbells 6p Choir Practice 7p	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

**Happy Birthday!** Megan Rios-Paterson 5/4; Andy Kubiak 5/5; Nancy Davis 5/7; Linda Sellberg 5/8; Colton Mason-Barnes 5/9; Wyatt Klapp, Heather Paterson 5/10; Doug Ferrier, Aiden Wright 5/11; Sandy Allen, Tom Sellberg 5/15; Amanda Garard 5/23; Sanae Ferrier, Sarah Tunall 5/24; Lynn Warner 5/26; Talia Claucherty, Penny Kellogg 5/31

**Happy Anniversary!** Brian & Darlene Trower 5/22; John & Sue Boerner 5/26; Ben & Tarynn Gifford 5/27.

## Mark Your Calendar

The next show for Community Players is the comedy *I Hate Hamlet*, by Paul Rudnick, directed by Sally Parry, and sponsored by the Illinois Shakespeare Festival. The pay-what-you can preview is May 9, 2024, and the performances are May 10-12 and 17-19, 2024. The preview, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinees are at 2:30 pm. Community Players Theatre is located at 201 Robinhood Lane in Bloomington. For more information go to <https://communityplayers.org/show/i-hate-hamlet-2024/>

Here's a synopsis: Andrew Rally is a successful actor, who recently starred in a hit television series in Hollywood. When his series was cancelled, he accepted the role of Hamlet in the summer's Shakespeare in the Park and moved to New York. His rich and naïve girlfriend thinks that his becoming a serious actor is wonderful; he's not so sure. Andrew has moved into John Barrymore's former apartment, so it only makes sense that his agent, who had a brief fling with Barrymore years ago, would summon up Barrymore's ghost at a séance so that Andrew can be coached by Broadway's most famous Hamlet, in elocution, swordplay, and love. To complicate matters, a Hollywood producer wants Andrew to return to California and star in a great new series. What will Andrew choose—and how will his girlfriend and the ghost of Barrymore affect his choice?

## CHURCH CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Vision and Ministry Council alongside Resource, Green, Worship, Finance, and Technology teams are working together to identify and attempt to prioritize major projects facing the church in the next few years. Some projects will improve our efficiency, others improve our infrastructure or enhance our worship experience. Our next step is to establish priorities and funding. Stop me after worship to discuss and especially if you have thoughts on additional projects.

SOLAR - estimated out of pocket \$32,000; 4 1/2 year payback

PLUMBING - replace cast iron pipes in 60 year old part of our building; securing estimates

WINDOW REPLACEMENT - replace inefficient windows in old part of our building; securing estimates

SANCTUARY LIGHTING - replace burned out lights; \$5,200, complete

SANCTUARY TECH - upgrade audio and video capabilities; determine requirements

ORGAN REPAIRS - to be determined

ROOF - anticipated roof replacement in next 3-5 years; \$60,000+ estimate

LOWER LEVEL FLOORING - determine requirements; unknown estimate

John Boerner

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Finances

Actual Giving	Budget
\$78,014	\$76,398
Actual Expenses	Budget
\$73,204	\$74,931

**Trivia Answer:** Peter repeated the words that the prophet Joel had said in Joel 2 when he said that the sons and daughters would prophecy, the men would see visions, and the old men would dream dreams.

*The Worship Ministry Team is grateful to all who helped make the sanctuary so beautiful for Easter Worship Service and to those who made contributions to Recycling Furniture For Families.*

### **EASTER LILIES**

These gifts are given to the glory of God and:

Given by

Chris Bateman  
Amie & Joel Keeton  
Jerry Turley  
Debra Harrison  
Becky & Larry Blum  
Gavin Byrd  
Marshall & Nancy Davis  
Norm & Debbie Lopez  
Rebecca Hepner  
Karin Hunt  
David & Sandra Colee  
CJ Wahmann  
Nancy Proctor  
Larry & Marilyn Maffett  
Scott Luna Family  
Glenn & Sharon Stille

In memory of

Allen D. Bateman  
Our Grandparents  
Mary Bohlander  
Rose Menzel (my mom)  
Bob & Earlene Potts, Pam McClure, Jan Morris  
Katie Byrd  
Fred & Lucille Knee and George & Effie Davis  
Eric Lopez and Virgil Hulse  
My Parents-Ray & Virginia Hepner  
My Husband Ray  
Our Parents  
My Parents- Maynard & Laura Smith  
Ed and Aaron Proctor and Our Parents  
Ruth Ann Lowder  
Sue Hall, Butch Lyon  
Walter & Clara Stille

Given by

Ed Gottschalk  
Joyce Pomrenke  
Mindy Stille  
Colton Mason-Barnes

In celebration of

Susan, Jon & David Herman  
All My Blessings  
Our Family  
The Glory of God

### **Recycling Furniture For Families**

These gifts are given to the glory of God and:

Given by

Chris Bateman  
Pierre T. Roussey  
Ruth Trower  
Lin Walton  
James & Charlene Munro  
Ed Gottschalk  
  
Sandra and Pastor Andy  
Karen Walters  
Kevin & Rebecca Schaefer

In memory of

Marlys Brooks, Tom Narak  
Robert & Marjorie Roussey  
Mary Jane & Vernon Trower  
Michael Walton  
Sharon & Albert Beringer, Lorna & Richard Munro, Evelyne Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gottschalk, Rev. & Mrs. Delbert Herman-  
our mothers and fathers  
Allan Dobry & Douglas Gifford Sr.- our fathers  
Bill Walters and honor of Family  
Roger Ewert & Gary Upton

Given by

Joyce Pomrenke  
Ruth Trower  
Susan Trower  
John & Sue Boerner

In celebration of

God's Blessings  
William Brian Cheung  
My Family  
Our Family

Given by

Colton Mason-Barnes

In honor of

Your Efforts

## TROOP 19 NEWS

A Court of Honor was held in March to celebrate three new Eagle Scouts. Steve Robinson, Ryan Robinson, and Gabe Nelson have been active in the troop progressing through ranks, completed required and elective merit badges, and led a leadership service project. Congratulations to all three!

About twenty troop members ventured to Southern Illinois to view the total solar eclipse in April. While there, they canoed in the furthest north cypress swamp in the world on the Cache River near Vienna.



## Stand Down for Veterans 2024

Goodwill of Central Illinois is planning for the 2024 STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS. As in the past the Missions Team will be supporting this and asking for your support.

As always, we need XL winter gloves (men's and women's). Luckily, this was a mild year winter-wise and there have been some excellent sales already.

Johanna Wagner, Assistant Director of Program Services, is also looking for socks and diabetic socks this year. The goal is to provide three pairs of socks per client, and every year Stand Down has had about 200 clients.

For anyone who wants to donate but not shop, make checks payable to Goodwill Industries- with "STAND DOWN 2024" in the memo line. Send checks to:

Goodwill Industries  
Attn: Johanna Wagner  
2319 E War Memorial  
Peoria Il. 61614

I expect to get a more detailed list soon, and when I do I will share it with you. Thank you all for your support

-Jim Munro

At the age of two I began to sail on Lake Michigan with my family. My grandfather owned a 24-foot trimaran sailboat, which is a sailboat designed with three hulls. This feature came in very useful in the area of preferred seating by my brothers and me. We always wished to sit as far forward and as close to the water as possible. Three hulls meant we each had a front row seat. On days when the wind was light we would be forced to stretch our legs if we wished to get them in the water. On days when the wind would kick-up enough to turn the lake rough our hull location was a spot of anxiety and a constant pelting of waves. On days like this we would think twice before moving forward. Being wet would be inevitable, and staying on the boat also sat deep in our minds. On days like this our control of the elements was greatly diminished.

I have had the opportunity to listen to people over the years who feel they are living in a tempest and are just trying to hold onto the boat. Their burdens continue to become heavier and the control over what is happening in their lives slips away. Perhaps they sit quietly but they're soaked to the bone, cold and scared. We may think the solution is for these people to just head back to shore, get out of the wind, away from the waves, but their journey has taken them too far out to sea.

#### **Matthew 8: 22-26**

*22 But Jesus told him, "Follow me." 23 Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.*

The commonality between the people dealing with the burdens and storms of life and those who seem to have things well under control is the lack of humility. This is our lack of ability to turn your problems and anxieties over to Christ. A complete surrendering of ourselves to God and God's will. The, "I don't need anyone to get through," attitude.

#### **James 4:10**

*Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

We need to be able to humble ourselves in good times and in bad before our Lord. We need to surrender control and then be open and available to the wondrous things God will do in our lives. Then any storm can be tolerated until the sun again breaks forth from the clouds.

Peace  
Pastor Andy Gifford

## **CONTACT US!**

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### **Website:**

[www.stlukeunion.org](http://www.stlukeunion.org)

### **Facebook**

Like our Facebook page for updates on church news, events & Reginald's whereabouts! Sunday Worship will go Facebook LIVE at 10:30am!

[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

[stlukeunionchurch](https://www.facebook.com/stlukeunionchurch)

### **YouTube**

Search: [St Luke Union Church](#)

### **Church Office Hours:**

Monday: 9a – 3p

Tuesday: 9a – 3p

Wednesday: 9a – 3p

Thursday: 9a – 3p

Friday & Saturday: Closed

### **Worship**

Online + In-Person

Sunday 10:30am!



## **St Luke Union Church**

2101 E Washington St Bloomington, IL 61701

(Corner of Regency Drive and Washington St – open 24 hrs/7 days a week)

### **TerraCycle Programs & Other Collections**

Collection is in the garage behind the church where collection containers are labeled;  
**if you do not see a container, please DO NOT leave it.**

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**ARM & HAMMER® and OxiClean®:** ARM & HAMMER and OxiClean plastic pouches. (Must be these brands only)

**Bausch + Lomb ONE Contact Lens Recycling:** All brands of contact lenses, plus foil and blister packaging.

**GoGo SqueeZ Baby Food Pouches Recycling:** All baby and toddler food plastic pouches and caps (such as Go-Go Squeeze, Ella's, Earth's Best, etc.). **Please - Leave caps on to reduce smell and mold.**

**Brita® Recycling Program:** Brita pitchers, individual filtration bottles, filters, foil filter packaging, and faucet filtration systems. (Must be this brand only.)

**Burt's Bee Recycling:** Burt's Bee products packaging. (Must be this brand only.)

**Cigarette Waste Recycling Program: NO DROP OFF - PLEASE CONTACT AMIE ([joelamiekeeton@gmail.com](mailto:joelamiekeeton@gmail.com) or 309.242.8871) FOR MORE INSTRUCTIONS.** Program accepts cold extinguished cigarettes, cigarette filters, loose tobacco pouches, outer plastic packaging, inner foil packaging, rolling paper and ash.

**Colgate/Tom's of Maine Dental and Deodorant Recycling:** All brands toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, floss containers, mouthwash bottles and caps, plastic deodorant containers and caps; also, clear plastic cover from toothbrush/dental floss packaging (remove cardboard backing and put in city recycling first). **Please note: no aerosol cans which go into regular city recycling.**

**Honest Kids Drink Pouch Recycling Program:** Flat, flexible aluminum/plastic drink pouches and their straws. Any brand accepted. Must be completely empty.

**Entenmann's Little Bites Pouches Recycling Program:** Entenmann's brand Little Bites plastic pouches and clear Entenmann's Minis packaging. (Must be this brand only.)

**eos:** eos lip, lotion and shave packaging. (Must be this brand only.)

**Febreze® Air Care Recycling Program:** All brands of air freshener plastic cartridges, plugs, packaging and flexible plastic film packaging, trigger heads and Mr. Clean Deep Cleaning Mist bottles and trigger heads. **(Aerosol spray cans go into city recycling).**

**Garnier® Personal Care & Beauty:** Emptied Plastic Garnier personal care or beauty product containers, tubes and lids. (Must be this brand only.)

**Gerber®:** Gerber baby food packaging and small and large hook Gerber Baby clothing hangers. (Must be this brand only.)

**Gillette® Razor Recycling Program:** All brands of razor blades; plastic and metal razors; flexible plastic bags and rigid plastic razor packaging. Clean and dry before donating.

**GOLDTOE® Socks:** All brands of used, clean socks.

**Kroger - Our Brands Recycling Program:** Kroger flexible plastic packaging. (Must be this brand only.)

**Late July® Snacks Recycling Program:** Late July® brand plastic snack packaging and chip bags. (Must be this brand.)

**PopSockets® & Cell Phone Cases:** Grips, mounts, wallets, and similar phone accessories, this program is brand-specific, which means you can only collect PopSockets products. However, you can collect **phone cases from ANY brand** for recycling.

**Swiffer® Recycling Program:** Swiffer refills: Sweeper, Duster and WetJet pads. (Must be this brand only).

**Takis® Snacks:** Takis Snacks, Takis Rolled Tortilla Chips, Takis STIX, Takis POP!, Takis Waves, Takis Kettlez, and Takis Crisps flexible plastic bags and containers. (Must be this brand only).

**Tide Free Recycling Program:** Fabric care products and packaging from brands Tide, Gain, Downy, NBD & Dreft, including plastic components (dispensing cup, bag, nozzle clip) and plastic packaging wrap, flexible plastic bags, rigid plastic tubs and lids and Tide To GO pen. (Must be these brands only).

**Toys & Games: VTech and LeapFrog electronic learning devices and electronic toys program and Hasbro**

**Toys and Games:** For the full list of accepted items, [view the VTech & LeapFrog FAQ](#) and [Hasbro](#) list of accepted items. (Must be these brands only.)

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#### **Additional Recycling Collections at the St Luke:**

**Aluminum Can Recycling:** Please put cans in the Large labeled wooden box in the front and center of the garage. Please consider recycling your ALUMINUM cans with us instead of just putting them in city recycling. We recycle locally to get money for charity.

**Holiday-Type Light Strands & Cords/Wire/Cable Recycling:** Twinkle light bulbs ok to leave on; larger light bulbs should be removed and can be recycled at the lighting section of our local Menards, Lowes or Home Depot. Please remove any other plastic or metal decor before donating light strands.

**Lion's Club box:** Cell phones; small printer cartridges (**from home use only**); eyeglasses; hearing aids; keys. (ok to drop small items at Common Ground). Lion's Club volunteers manage this for charity. (ok to drop small amounts at Common Ground).

**\*Please - ONLY leave the items listed above.**

#### **TerraCycle Volunteers:**

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