

# JULY

St Luke Union Church



## Youth Mission Trip 2024

Five youth group members and three adults traveled to Las Animas, CO June 22-29 to participate in Group Mission Trips Workcamp. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. It was a wonderful week of growth and transformation by helping others. Also, thank you for the donations to fund our trips to get ice cream! It hit the spot after a hard day working in the heat!



**Trivia Question:** Every Independence Day, how many times does the Liberty Bell ring?



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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

	01	02	03	04	05	06
	Boy Scouts 7p			Office Closed	Men's Breakfast 7a	
Pastor Andy MC at GMT Workcamp East Bank, WV June 29-July 6						
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Communion Worship 10:30a	Boy Scouts 7p	Resource Mtg 2p Finance Mtg 5p	Worship Team 5p	Crossroads Board 9a		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Worship 10:30a	Boy Scouts 7p			Faith Brews 5p		
Pastor Andy at Mackinac Race July 13-19						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
RaiseRight Sun. Worship 10:30a	Boy Scouts 7p	Pack 33 Water Games 6p Lamplighters 7p			CornBelters Game 6:30p	
28	29	30	31			
Worship 10:30a	Boy Scouts 7p					

**Happy Birthday!** Jennifer Belletete 7/2; Yvonne Harrison 7/3; Paul Dehner 7/5; Diann Kamp 7/7; Ed Desmond, Debbie Lopez 7/8; Glenn Stille 7/9; Amanda O'Rourke, Wayne Warner 7/15; Tammy Desmond 7/18; Jacob Blankenship 7/19; Mindy Stille 7/20; Sheila Wells 7/21; Olivia Cheung, Norm Lopez 7/25; Marilyn Maffett, Adam Southwick 7/26; Anna DeBruine 7/27, Chuck Parlette 7/29; Jim Moore 7/31

**Happy Anniversary!** Delmar & Terry Small 7/2; Denny & Bonnie Redick 7/6; Marc & Stacy Herren 7/7; Wayne & Lynn Warner 7/14






Last month, church members gathered for our annual worship service and potluck at Funks Grove Church. It was a beautiful day to worship together and share a meal.



**We had 202 campers**  
**From 13 churches**  
**9 states**  
**35 crews**  
**Worked at 31 sites,**  
**Completed 100% of the projects.**  
**We worked 121,200 hours of service.**  
**We donated 11,198 items to CAPSIL**



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This summer, Pastor Andy is serving as MC at two Group Mission Trips. The first GMT Workcamp was located in Lincoln, IL. Next, he will serve in East Bank, WV during the first week of July.



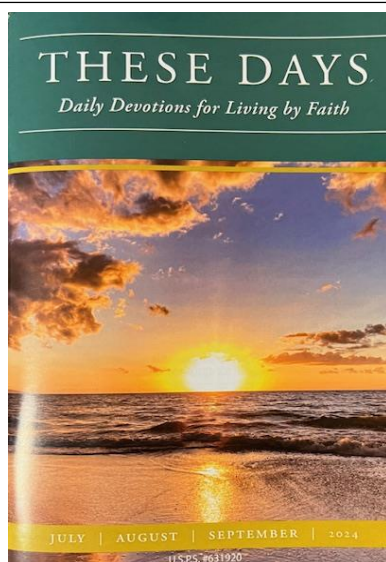
**Join us for a CornBelters Game and Fellowship!**  
**Friday, July 26 at 6:30 pm**

*The tickets are courtesy of LS Mechanical.*  
 There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

**Trivia Answer: 13**



The church office will be closed Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day.



Pick up a copy of *These Days - Daily Devotions for Living by Faith* for the months of Jul/Aug/Sept at the welcome table in Fellowship Hall.

## FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

### Our next Salvation Army food drive is on July 7

In choosing what to donate to the Salvation Army Food Pantry, let's make sure we help stock their shelves with what they need – and avoid what they don't need!

#### **What they need:**

High priority: Canned Soup (pop-top preferred) and Macaroni and Cheese  
 Canned fruit - preferably packed in natural juice  
 Canned meat – chicken, ham, SPAM  
 Canned fish – tuna and salmon  
 Soups, Stews, Chili - either canned or packaged  
 Boxed dinners – Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper  
 Boxed cereals – preferably whole grain, low in sugar  
 Canned beans – pinto, pork 'n beans, etc.  
 Applesauce  
 Peanut Butter  
 Crackers  
 Granola Bars  
 Instant mashed potatoes  
 Pasta – spaghetti, as well as spaghetti sauce  
 Rice  
 Powdered milk

#### **What they don't need:**

Anything that has to be baked  
 Junk food  
 Anything that needs a can opener -- (pop-top cans are best)  
 Anything in glass containers or cellophane wrapping

## 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.

Other items include:

Pillows – full size

Toiletries – men's and women's

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

Thank you all for your support.





Join us in marking the 10th anniversary of the Bread for Life Food Co-op with our Power of 10 Giving Campaign! [We're aiming for 1,000 generous donors to contribute just \\$10 each](#) with a total goal of \$10,000. Your support will help us continue empowering low-income individuals and families to provide for themselves, fostering self-sufficiency and dignity.

For a decade, Bread for Life has been building on the potential within every person, promoting fairness, equity, and mutual respect. Together, let's make a lasting impact in our community. Donate today and be a part of this incredible journey!

[Show your support now!](#)



Home Sweet Home  
Ministries  
303 E. Oakland Ave.  
Bloomington, IL 61701

**Building work at Church:** You may have noticed that from time to time the water that comes from our faucets can be rusty. This is because the original piping is 57 years old and was manufactured from carbon steel that rusts. Rusty water also indicates that the existing pipes will eventually fail, causing a flood. The Church Council has hired LS Mechanical to complete a piping change out in the original building. This will take place in the month of July, at which time the water maybe turned off while the plumbers work. Please be patient as this important work is completed.

**Lamentations 3:22-23** *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

I remember when I first began the sport of gymnastics. I was an 8th grader and when the bell rang at Sandberg Middle School, I would jump on my bike and ride with my books and gym clothes the mile or so to York High School. It's not likely allowed today, but as an 8th grader I worked out with the freshmen team. I did this each day because gymnastics was something that came pretty easy for me and I quickly came to love practice and the learning of new tricks. I was all in, and put my whole heart into getting better.

It wasn't until early in my college years that I began to approach my faith with the same energy as the sport of gymnastics. When I did, I soon realized that my efforts to grow closer to God were only exceeded by God's love for me. What I've learned in the depth of my faith is that God is reliable, loving, and personable. God answers when we call in our prayers, but God also calls us and wants us to respond to His words. God is real, God stands by us and God is faithful to us.

We each have loyal friends who we have found will stand by our sides during any highs or lows in life. The people we can call at any time and who will come at a moment's notice. These friends love you, encourage you, and will never leave you. This is the same with God. God is all in for you, are you all in for God?

**Psalm 138:1** *I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; I sing your praise; <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.*

Peace  
Pastor Andy

## 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/stlukeunionchurch](http://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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