

October

St Luke Union Church



Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Saint Luke Union Church,

You are a lifesaver...literally! Your donation of school supplies and women's underwear to Midwest Mission helps us provide life-saving and life-changing resources to someone in crisis.

In the Spring of 2024 four of our staff members traveled to Honduras to do site visits with one of our partners. We were thrilled to see **Midwest Mission Personal Dignity, Birthing, Student and Home Care Kits** being used.

Your heartfelt gifts bring hope and empowerment and show God's love in a practical way to those in need. Thank you for **"Bringing the hearts and hands of God's people together to transform resources into humanitarian relief"** through Midwest Mission.

-Chantel Corrie, Executive Director

Trivia Question: Where did Martin Luther nail his 95 theses of October 31, 1517?



OCTOBER 2024

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

		01 Women's Fellowship Fall Rally 6p	02 Church Chat 6p Choir Practice 7p	03 PEO Meeting 6:30p	04 Men's Breakfast 7a	05
06 Communion Choir Practice 9:30a Worship 10:30a	07 Adult Bible Study 12p Boy Scouts 7p	08 Resource Team 2p Finance Mtg 5p	09 Worship Team 5p Choir Practice 7p	10 Crossroads Board 9a SAR Meeting 9a	11 Piano Recital – Music Shoppe 7p	12
13 Sunday Sch 9:30a Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a Fall Group Sale Set-Up	14 Boy Scouts 7p	15 VMC Mtg 5:30p	16 Choir Practice 7p	17 Faith Brews 5p	**Fall Group Sale**	
20 RaiseRight Sunday Choir Prac 9:30a Worship 10:30a	21 Adult Bible Study 12p Boy Scouts 7p	22 Lamplighters 7p	23 Choir Practice 7p	24	25	26
27 Sunday Sch 9:30a Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a	28 Adult Bible Study 12p Boy Scouts 7p		30 Choir Practice 7p	31		

Happy Birthday! Katie Verplaetse 10/2; Kira Stevens 10/7; Pastor Andy Gifford, Diana McLean, Sally Parry 10/11; Dede Verplaetse 10/16; Charlene Munro, Jacob Rambo 10/17; Chris Bateman 10/21; Marsha Hinthorn, Savana Southwick 10/22; Skylar Wright 10/23; Seth Gifford 10/25, Linda Weirman 10/29

Happy Anniversary! John & Annie Otto 10/22; Chuck & Gwen Yurieci 10/26

2024 FALL GROUP SALE & BAKE SALE

Friday, October 18th – 9am – 5pm & Saturday, October 19th – 9am – Noon

Ready, Set, Go!!! It is time to look through your Fall/Winter clothing, kitchen items, children's toys, books, linens, jewelry, knick knacks and decide what gently used items you would like to pass on to someone else. There are so many in our community, now more than ever, who need affordable items. St. Luke Union Church group sale allows us to help the community by providing these items. The remaining items will be donated to local organizations.

We will begin set up after worship on Sunday, October 13th

Bring your items:

Monday, October 14th & Tuesday, October 15th – 8:30 am to 7 pm

Wednesday, October 16th – 9 am to NOON (please no items after noon)

Called to Serve – WE NEED YOUR HELP – Consider sharing your talents for a few hours, a day, or a few days. We also have “sit down” jobs. When you come to volunteer and are not sure where to start please see Karlene Bledsoe, Charlene Munro, or any of the ladies on the lower level, we will be happy to direct you where help is needed.

Workers are needed

- Sunday to help set up tables and bring in items from the garage.
- Monday – Thursday during the day and evening to help unpack, arrange and price items.
- Friday and Saturday to check-out, bag, help our customers and help keep everything organized.
- Saturday at noon to help pack up and load the Goodwill truck.

Sign up sheets for workers will be available Sunday, September 29th in Fellowship Hall.

Lastly, **DON'T FORGET THE BAKE SALE!!!** – Baked goods accepted during set up hours. Last call - Baked goods need to be at the church no later than 8:00 am on Friday and Saturday mornings to give the ladies time to package them. The bake sale is always a highlight of our sale!

Working together is a really great way to become better acquainted with other church members while providing items at a reasonable price for our community. We have a lot of fun and keep each other going!! We look forward to serving with you!

Blessings, Co-Coordinator, Karlene Bledsoe and Charlene Munro.

~Women's Fellowship Fall Rally~

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



6:00 pm – Gather for dessert and fellowship.

6:30 pm – Business Meeting, will vote on new officers.

7:00 pm – Speakers from Home Sweet Home Mission to discuss programs and services they provide.

Home Sweet Home Wish List: Ice Packs (for injuries), Ibuprofen/Tylenol, Allergy Meds, Toilet Paper, Snack Size Chips/Salty Snacks, Bottled Water, Zip Lock Snack Size Bags, Deodorant.

If you have questions, please contact: Marsha (309)310-5483 or Lori (309)531-7244

Peace & Global Witness Special Offering

Reminder: Peacemaking offering will be collected October 6. This covers many topics related to peacemaking at home & abroad. Special envelopes for your use are in the pew racks. Thank you for your participation.

SLUC members volunteering their time at Midwest Mission Distribution Center on September 4th.



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY IS ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Our next Salvation Army food drive is on October 6

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

Kartoon Korner



Memory Bricks for the Labyrinth

If you wish to order a memory brick to be placed around the labyrinth next spring, please submit a check and completed form in the offering or to the church office by 12/15/2024.

3 lines, 16 letters per line. Spaces count as a letter.

Price per engraved brick is \$50
Make checks payable to SLUC with Brick in memo

All orders must be submitted by December 15, 2024

SAMPLE:

Line 1: In Memory of (12 letters)

Line 2: Mary Jane Trower (16 letters)

Line 3: 1933-2010 (9 letters)

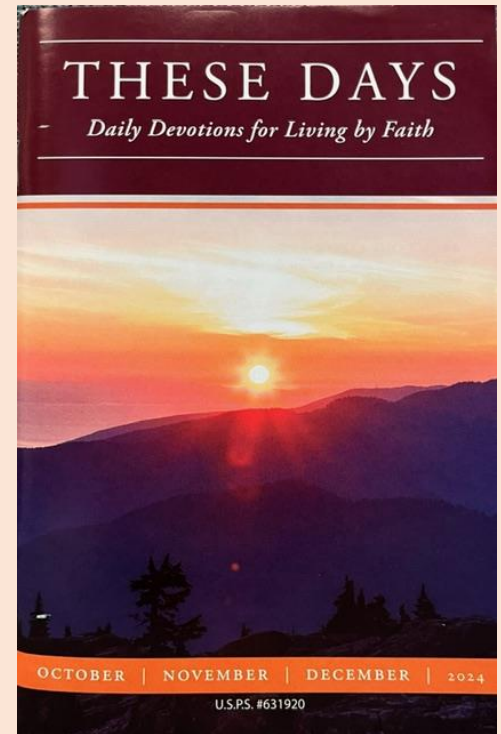
Line 1: _____

Line 2: _____

Line 3: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone # _____



New copies of *These Days* daily devotional for October thru December are available at the Welcome Table in Fellowship Hall. Pick up your copy today.



Youth Group getting ready to help at the Million Meals Pack at ISU on September 7.

*****Reminder!*****
Committee and Team budgets are due October 1st
to Brian Trower and Pastor Andy.

Trivia Answer: The door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

Newsletter October 2024

Revelation 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

It has been a difficult time for the mission and ministry of St Luke Union Church. In August we lost David Sulzberger, our Music Director of 17 years, to his now heavenly home. That loss has left a great hole in our hearts, while forcing us to look to the next chapter of music ministry. David and I had a plan to retire at the same time from ministry at St Luke Union, but fate and God’s providence saw another way. Over the years David and I became comfortable with each other, knowing when to step into each other’s realm and when to let things play out. We always had each other’s back, prayed for one another and looked for ways to bring a Holy Spirit filled worship experience each week. A good description of our relationship was that we understood each other and knew where God was calling us to take the congregation.

After David’s passing, we as a congregation were forced to close one chapter of St Luke Union music ministry and open another. It quickly became apparent that we would in no way be able to replace David, nor would we want to. That approach would only doom the success of the next Music Director. So we began to listen and seek God’s will. To our delight, we have asked Mr. Jeff Hendricker to become the next Music Director of St Luke Union Church. Jeff had been the Music Director at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln for 25 years. He currently teaches music within the Clinton school district. We welcome Jeff to be a gift and asset to where God calls St Luke Union Church in music and praise. Please reach out to Jeff and welcome him as we embrace his gifts of music.

One wise pastor once told me that Pastors and Music Directors are temporary but churches and their ministries are permanent. St Luke Union Church is forever, let’s embrace all that God has in store for us in this next chapter.

Exodus 15:2 (NLT)

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory.
This is my God, and I will praise him — my father’s God, and I will exalt him!

Peace
Pastor Andy

CONTACT US!

Rev. Dr. Andrew Gifford, Pastor

agifford@stlukeunion.org

Susan Walter, Office Manager

swalter@stlukeunion.org

Website:

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

YouTube

Search: [St Luke Union Church](#)

Church Office Hours:

Monday: 9a – 3p

Tuesday: 9a – 3p

Wednesday: 9a – 3p

Thursday: 9a – 3p

Friday & Saturday: Closed

Phone:

309-663-7437

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.

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 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.)

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:

Amie Keeton joelamiekeeton@gmail.com, Janet Guaderrama jquader@gmail.com,
Melanie Ziomek mziomek@my.heartland.edu Marcia Nagy trek2ak@frontiernet.net