

# May

St Luke Union Church

## 2025 SPRING GROUP SALE & BAKE SALE

Friday, May 2nd 9am – 5pm  
Saturday, May 3rd 9am – Noon

### Workers are needed

- 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.

### 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!

## Heartland Honors Top Teachers

NORMAL — Heartland Community College's Tom McCulley and Rebecca Schaefer were named the recipients of the 2025 Outstanding Full-Time and Part-Time Faculty Awards. McCulley received the full-time award and Schaefer the part-time award. One Heartland faculty member is chosen each year for these awards based on student nominations, according to a news release. Recipients are then submitted to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association for the statewide award.

Schaefer is a humanities and fine arts professor, teaching both in-person and online courses. She also works with high schoolers and prospective Heartland students through College Now teaching and community outreach. She is a success coach, working with students to help remove barriers, gain study strategies and access resources. Students often credit Schaefer's passion for teaching and learning along with her willingness to interact in a caring and kind way, the news release said. McCulley and Schaefer will be recognized at Heartland's Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, April 22, and at commencement on Friday, May 16.

Pastor Andy Joke: What did Spring say when it was in trouble?



# MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02 Men's Breakfast 7a Spring Sale 9a-5p	03 Spring Sale 9a-12p
04 Communion Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a	05 Adult Bible Study 12p Boy Scouts 7p	06 Mission Team 5:30p	07 Spiritual Growth Team 5p Church Chat 6p Choir Practice 7p	08 Crossroads Board 9a DAR Meeting 3p	09	10
11 Sunday Sch 9:30a Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a	12 Adult Bible Study 12p Boy Scouts 7p	13 Resource Team 2p Finance Mtg 5p	14 Worship Team 5p Choir Practice 7p	15 Faith Brews 5p @ Crawford's Corner Pub	16	17
18 RaiseRight Choir Prac 9:30a Worship 10:30a	19 Adult Bible Study 12p Boy Scouts 7p	20 VMC Mtg 5:30p	21 Church Chat 6p Choir Practice 7p	22	23	24
25 Sunday Sch 9:30a Choir Prac. 9:30a Worship 10:30a	26 Adult Bible Study 12p Boy Scouts 7p	27 Lamplighters 7p	28 Choir Practice 7p	29	30	31

**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; Martha Maney 5/25; 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.

*The Worship Ministry Team is grateful to all who helped make the sanctuary so beautiful and to those who made contributions to West Bloomington Revitalization Project.*

### **EASTER LILIES**

These gifts are given to the glory of God and:

Given by

Lisa, Anna & Emma DeBruine  
Linda Weirman  
Jerry Turley  
Deb & Jay Harrison  
Becky & Larry Blum

Gavin Byrd  
Rebecca Hepner  
Karin Hunt  
David & Sandra Colee  
Ed Gottschalk and  
Jon, Susan & David Herman  
Scott Luna Family  
Glenn & Sharon Stille  
Mark & LuAnn Bateman, Matthew  
Bateman, Michael Bateman, Erin,  
Dan, Jocelyn & Allison Zivilik

In memory of

Jeff DeBruine  
Gary Weirman  
Mary K Bohlander  
Rose Menzel  
Bob & Earlene Potts  
The Potts Girls: Barb, Jan and Pam  
Katie Byrd  
My Parents- Ray & Virginia Hepner  
My Husband Ray  
Our Parents  
Paul, Martha & Steven Gottschalk  
Rev. Delbert & Ieda Herman  
Sue Hall, Butch Lyon  
Walter & Clara Stille  
Chris Bateman

Given by

Sandra Gifford  
Denny & Bonnie Redick

In celebration of

Family Blessings  
The Wedding of Jack & Estelle Redick  
on April 19, 2025

### **WEST BLOOMINGTON REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Given by

Ruth Trower  
Lin Walton  
Karen Walters  
Kevin & Rebecca Schaefer  
Colleen Zerebny  
Brian & Darlene Trower  
Pierre T. Roussey  
Larry & Marilyn Maffett  
James & Charlene Munro

In Memory of

Vernon & Mary Jane Trower  
Mike Walton  
My Husband, Bill Walters  
Our Fathers, Roger Ewert & Gary Upton  
David Besler  
Elizabeth Weir  
Robert & Marjorie Roussey  
Carl & Helen Maffett; Jesse & Flossie Mills  
Albert & Sharon Beringer; Richard & Lorna Munro;  
Evelyn Thomas

Given by

Joyce Pomrenke

In celebration of

My "Truly Blessed" Family!

Given by

Virginia Kolze  
Karen Walters  
John & Sue Boerner

In honor of

My Parents  
My Children & Grandchildren  
Our Families

**Pastor Andy Joke Answer: May Day!!**

# Congratulations Graduating Seniors!!!

## Emma DeBruine

Emma is graduating from the University of Iowa May 17, 2025 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.

Emma is the Vice President of the American Cancer Society at University of Iowa. She works at the campus rec center at the climbing wall. She participates in intramural volleyball and is a LLS (Lifetime Leisure Skills) Outdoor Rock Climbing instructor.

After graduation, she will take a gap year and work in Iowa City. She will be applying to PT (Physical Therapy) programs this summer.

## Madeleine Luna

Madeleine is graduating from Eastern Illinois University this spring with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences, and a minor in Biological Sciences.

She is graduating with University honors, Summa cum laude. She is continuing her education in Eastern Illinois University's Speech Language Pathology graduate program.

## Cameron Luna

Cameron graduated from Sangamon Valley High School in December 2024. Cameron is the class Salutatorian. He was a high honor roll student throughout his high school career. He was a member of the National Honor Society and an Illinois State Scholar. He has been attending Heartland Community College this spring. He is currently pursuing enlisting in the military.

## Daniel Ferrier

Daniel will graduate May 4, 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business, Finance Concentration from Hope College in Holland, MI.

**Future Plans**

After graduation, Daniel plans to attend a wedding of a friend, visit family in Japan, and pursue a career in business in Western Michigan (Grand Rapids area).

### Honors/Accolades/Activities

#### HOPE COLLEGE:

- **George F. Baker Scholar** (Select group of Jr./Sr. students within the College of Business, committed to academic excellence and leadership development beyond the classroom. Activities included: Meetings with c-suite leaders of world-wide corporations, additional case studies, and bi-annual travel.)
- **Steve M. Kupres Business Leadership Award**
- **Presidential Scholar / Dean's List**
- **Applied Investment Management Program** (Student Investment Analyst)
- **Student Ministries** (Sr. Small Group / Weekly Chapel)
- **Team 43** (Student Athlete Mental Health Initiative based on Isaiah 43:2)
- **ACHA D3 Men's Hockey Team** (National Scholar Athlete)
- **Fly Fishing Club** (Board Member)

#### COMMUNITY

- **ACG Cup - 2025 National Runner-up** (Intercollegiate case study competition for business school students)
- **Run Klub** (Founder)
- **Golf, Running, Hockey, Outdoorsman**

### Open House:

The Luna's will host an Open House for Madeleine and Cameron at their home,  
518 Elizabeth Street, Illiopolis, IL  
Saturday, May 24, 2025  
2 pm – 6 pm



# Congratulations Graduating Seniors!!!

## Miles Keeton

Miles is graduating from Illinois Wesleyan University on May 4, 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies. He has been a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Fraternity since April 2022 and has served as the Vice President (January 2024 - December 2024) and Hypophetes (January 2023 - December 2023). Miles was also a Senior Titan Orientation Leader where he served as a leader, supporter, facilitator and mentor to first-year students and their families. While on campus Miles managed the Peace Garden where he tended the garden and sold produce on campus. He also participated in research - Determining the Distribution and Abundance of Wintering Red-tailed Hawk Subspecies in Illinois (Published 2022) & Sex Determination of Eastern Red-tailed Hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis borealis*) Using Morphological Measurements (Published 2022). Miles is in the process of interviewing for positions for after graduation.

## Savana Southwick

Savana will be graduating from Tri-Valley High School and will be studying nursing at the University of Iowa in the fall. During high school, she participated in volleyball, was on the national honor society, key club, student council, travel softball, youth group, and academic challenge.

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## Open House

The Southwick's will host an Open House for Savana at their home  
19704 East 850 North Road, Bloomington, IL  
Saturday, May 24th  
from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
the church family is invited to attend.

## Fun Fact:

The distress call **"Mayday"** originates from the French word **"m'aidez"**, which means **"help me"** It was coined in the 1920s by **Frederick Stanley Mockford**, a senior radio officer at Croydon Airport in London.

At the time, much of the air traffic between London and Paris involved both English and French speakers. Mockford was asked to think of a word that would be easily understood by both parties in an emergency. He proposed "Mayday" because it sounded like *m'aidez* and was easily recognizable over radio transmissions, even with poor audio quality.

The term was officially adopted in **1927** as an international distress call for voice communication, particularly in aviation and maritime contexts, to signal a **life-threatening emergency**.



Need a quiet place to pray, meditate, or contemplate? The Labyrinth is available and ready for you!  
It's a nice place to spend some time on these beautiful spring days.



### Funks Grove Worship Service Sunday, June 8, 2025 10:30 am

Our worship service will be at  
Funks Grove Church,  
7054 E 535 North Rd., McLean, IL 61754.  
Potluck to follow.  
Bring a side or main dish to share.  
*There will be no worship service at St. Luke  
Union Church that day.*

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

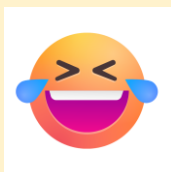
Total Income: \$75,763.86  
Total Expense: \$70,273.05  
Net Income: \$5,490.81

### Flooring Update:

The flooring on the lower level will be torn out the evening of Friday, May 9. The new flooring will be installed May 14 & 15.

### CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.



### UPDATE \* STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS WISH LIST YOU DID IT!!!

St Luke Union collected **796** pairs of Men's socks and **114** pairs of Women's Socks as of April 20 (Easter Sunday)! Goodwill Of Central Illinois had set a goal of 750 pairs of men's and 75 pairs of women's and **YOU CRUSHED IT!**

Those totals do not include diabetic socks, but we have collected those as well. Additionally, we have collected 20 pillows so far.

So, what's next? We are still collecting:

**Diabetic Socks-** black or white;

Goodwill would like to provide three pairs per veteran, so the target is **300** pair.

**XL Gloves-**at least 10-15 pair

**Hand and Foot warmers-** Goodwill tries to put at least one of each with the socks so they would like to get at least 250 of each.

**Pillows-** Standard size. Goodwill has a target of 250.

Stand Down can always use female undergarments. Usually 25 females or so show up during the event. And of course, we'll still take men's and women's socks.

The Stand Down donation bin is in the upstairs Fellowship Hall, bear the staircase.

If you would prefer to donate money instead of items you can send checks to:

Goodwill Industries

Attn: Johanna Wagner

2319 E War Memorial

Peoria Il. 61614

Write **Stand Down 2025** in the Memo line

**THANK YOU** for all your help! **YOU GUYS ROCK!!**

- James Munro

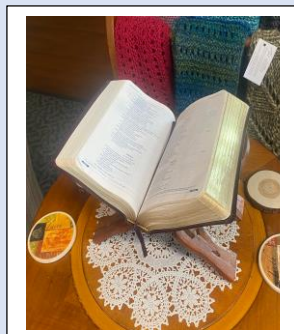
*Hebrews 4:12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

It is the practice of St Luke Union Church to give every third grade child a new Bible of their own. It's a special time when we as a church can share the Word of God and travel with these children one more step of their faith journey. Personally my third grade Bible sits on the shelf behind my desk. After praying over these Bibles the instruction we give is to read them often. If you have questions ask any of these church members, or come and see me. In my mind Bibles are to be read and not placed on a shelf to only collect dust. They should be used, explored, written in, book marked and always be available. If someone wears out their Bible, don't worry, we can get you a new one. Over the years I have also been known to give away Bibles to adults, who perhaps did not get one as a child, and I just recently read that the Bible is the most often shop lifted book from bookstores. God does a good job at getting the Word out to those who need and desire it.

Which brings me to my point. You all know that an old Bible sits on the alter behind the pulpit and communion table in the sanctuary. It is always open because the idea and image is that God's word is always open, and typically it is open to a Psalm. There is another open Bible in Fellowship Hall as the picture indicates. That Bible is open too, but the places it is open to are never the same. I have made it a common practice to see where that Bible is open and then imagine who was reading it and what understanding was conveyed. Does the page hold a verse with special meaning? Do the pages hold a favorite story? Has God drawn someone to a place to help in a difficult time or as part of a celebration? I will never know the answers to these questions, but the people who have placed the Bible to those pages do.

The Bible is a wonderful gift that hold the inspired Word of God. Open it, read it, and let God speak to you with his Word.

Peace  
Pastor Andy



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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

### Phone:

309-663-7437

### Worship

Online + In-Person

Sunday 10:30am!





# TerraCycle with St. Luke Union Church

TerraCycle collection is in the garage in the back of the parking lot  
2101 E Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701  
Collection containers are labeled - please sort all items.  
Open 24 hours

## ITEMS ACCEPTED

- **ARM & HAMMER™ and OxiClean™:** Plastic Pouches
- **Contact Lens Brigade:** Accepts all brands of contact lenses, plus foil and blister packaging.
- **Baby Food Pouch Brigade:** Accepts all baby and toddler food plastic pouches and caps (such as Go-Go Squeeze, Ella's, Earth's Best, etc.). Please leave the cap on to reduce smell and leaking.
- **Brita® or PUR Brigade®:** Accepts all brands of pitchers, individual filtration bottles, filters, foil filter packaging, and faucet filtration systems.
- **Burt's Bee Brigade:** Accepts any Burt's Bee products packaging (must be this brand only).
- **Cigarette Waste: NO DROP OFF– PLEASE EMAIL AMIE, joelamikeeton@gmail.com FOR MORE INSTRUCTIONS.** Accepts cold extinguished cigarettes, cigarette filters, loose tobacco pouches, outer plastic packaging, inner foil packaging, rolling paper and ash.
- **Colgate® Oral Care Free Recycling Program: Accepts all brands** toothpaste tubes and caps, toothbrushes, floss containers, mouthwash bottles and caps.
- **Drink Pouch:** Recycle all brands of drink pouches.
- **Entenmann's Little Bites Pouches Program:** Accepts only Entenmann's brand Little Bites plastic pouches and clear Entenmann's Minis packaging.
- **eos Brigade:** Packaging from eos brand only.
- **Febreze Air Care Program:** Accepts all brands of air freshener cartridges and plus, packaging and flexible film packaging, and trigger heads (plastic bottles/cans go in regular curbside recycling).
- **Garnier® Program:** Accepts all Garnier brand packaging.
- **GOLDTOE Sock Program:** Accepts all brands of LAUNDERED socks for recycling.
- **Kroger® Brands Program:** Recycle flexible plastic packaging from Kroger® brands through this program.
- **Gillette Razor Brigade:** All brands of blades, razors, and plastic packaging.
- **Garnier Skin & Hair Care Brigade:** Garnier® skin care and hair care packaging.
- **Swiffer® Recycling Program:** Recycle Swiffer refills (must be Swiffer)
- **Takis® Snacks Recycling Program:** Recycle Takis Snack packaging (must be Takis)
- **Tom's of Maine Recycling Program:** Recycle all Tom's of Maine packaging (must be Tom's of Maine)

## Additional items collected (not TerraCycle):

- **Lion's Club collection:** Cell phones; home computer printer cartridges (no business-size cartridges); eyeglasses; hearing aids; keys.
- Christmas/Holiday light strands
- Aluminum