

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation

December 28, 2025

1st Sunday after Christmas Day



We are the People of the United Methodist Church

Our Vision~ "Share Love and Give Hope"

December 28, 2025

10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE Christmas Bells **Leon Beaudin, Organist**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Kathy Erndt, Liturgist**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The spirit calls with power and strength

Praise God for His gift of praise

The spirit welcomes us with mercy and love

Praise God for this gift

HYMN Hark! the Herald Angels Sing **UMH 240**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Our fellowship is filled with teachers like Paul, who yearn to share the gospel. Our fellowship is filled with students like Timothy, who want to know the hopes to which they have been called. See these people in the faces around you, as you pass the peace of Christ.

If you are able, please stand and greet those around you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A READING FROM THE PSALMS **Psalm 147:1-11**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Brenda Scramlin**

HYMN In the Bleak Midwinter **UMH 221**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Brian Scramlin

GOSPEL READING

John 1:1-18

MESSAGE

The Greatest Light

Brian Scramlin

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

I Wonder as I Wander

Leon Beaudin

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

May these gifts bring hope to those who are despairing, comfort to those who are grieving, and inspiration to those who are striving to answer Christ's call. Amen.

HYMN

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Brian Scramlin

In joy and hope, we have come to worship. With strengthened faith, we go forth to love. With our calling renewed, we go forth to serve. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

Leon Beaudin, Organist

The Families of

Ron J. View, (the brother of Carol O'Neil and Janet Zerby)

Darlene Carper (the sister of Lois Soltysiak)

Charles Carper, (brother-in-law of Lois Soltysiak)

Pray For

Collins Noel Holsinger (great granddaughter of Marjorie Holsinger)

Wesley Augustine (the son of John and Sandy Augustine)

Pam Travers (the friend of Sally Roby)

Janice Oswald

Vickie (the church neighbor)

Zach Kramer (grandson of Joye & Gene Kramer)

Jim Merrill

Dave (the grandson of Joan Gray)

Betty Martinek

Leslie Wisniewski

Sue Lind

Ho-Ok Lim (the pastor's mother)

Tom Piotrowski (brother-in-law of Jan Deming)

Shut-ins

Ann Davis, Bob Davidson, Florence Decker, Sandy Gillam,

Marletta Gross, Susan Hendrickson, Betty Martinek, Barb Meyer, Melissa Morin, Phyllis Finn,

Ruth Matherne, Jane Russell, Jacky Sansburn, and Roger Trerice.

Please lift in prayer all who are suffering—from the devastation of war, the effects of climate change, violence, hatred, poverty, and grief. Remember especially those facing mental health challenges, whose struggles may be hidden but are deeply real. Pray for unity in our nation and for the freedom we find in Christ to guide and strengthen us. Hold close our church family members who are enduring illness, loss, or hardship. And ask God's blessing on the ministry of St. Luke's UMC, that we may continue to serve with compassion, courage, and grace.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

(John 14:27)

Requests will be kept on the list for 1 month. If you would like your prayer request to remain on the list or be re-added, please let us know. SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUEST through our website, email office@stlukesumcmi.org, by filling out a connection card, located on the pew backs, or the Prayer box located in front of the church.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blankets for the Dream Center

St. Luke's Mission Team is collecting new or gently used blankets for the Dream Center in Bay City. These blankets will be distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness or those in need within our community. Donations will be accepted through March 1, 2026.

Soup and Game night

January 30th, 5:30-9:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, enjoy a bowl of soup and then PLAY GAMES. Aggravation, Chinese Checkers, Euchre, Cribbage, Checkers, Sorry. Decks of cards will be available. Sign-up on the bulletin board or in the app.

Join the Adult Sunday Morning Bible Study beginning on January 4 at 9 a.m. for a fun, interactive study entitled "Famous Cows of the Bible" by Brant Baker. Please see Janie Good for the study book and make plans to join us for an enjoyable time before worship. All are welcome. This study will go through February 8th.

Golden Friends

The next Golden Friends event will be on **Tuesday, January 6th at The Silver Palace**, 1500 Woodside Ave, Essexville, starting at 12:00 pm. The registration sheet is available on the "Sign-Up" bulletin board across from the Fellowship Hall, with a deadline of December 28th. For more information, please reach out to Judy or Joe Fleming.

Once a month, members of our church community gather at a local food establishment to enjoy good company, meaningful conversation, and hearty fare. This special time offers more than just a meal—it's a chance to deepen bonds, share stories, and nourish hearts. Whether you're new to the group or a familiar face, pull up a chair and join in the joy that comes from simply being together.

Breakfast Book Club

Join us for a light breakfast and discuss our book choice, "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson, a historical fiction novel set in 1930s Appalachia. Good talks, laughs and fellowship. **February 28th from 10:00 - Noon** in Esther's Parlor. Free copies are available on the library shelf, and a light breakfast will be served. Sign-up on the bulletin board or in the app.

Thursday Bible Study: "Knowing Who We Are – The Wesleyan Way of Grace"

Join John and Sandy Augustine for a meaningful seven-week Bible study based on Rev. Dr. Lacey Warner's book, *Knowing Who We Are – The Wesleyan Way of Grace*. This study is designed to help participants explore and deepen their understanding of grace within the Wesleyan tradition.

Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in Esther's Parlor. A signup sheet for this study will be posted on the bulletin board. All are welcome to participate and grow together in faith and understanding.

Session Schedule:

- January 15: Introduction
- January 22: Finding Grace
- January 29: Saving Small Groups
- February 5: Local and Connectional
- February 12: Tenacious Mission
- February 19: Texts That Shape Us
- February 26: Growing Grace



Scan for the online Registration Form
or see the sign-up board

The church office will be closed on January 1.

Additionally, our pastor will be on vacation from December 26, 2025 through January 8, 2026. During this time, if you have any urgent matters, please contact Lay Servants Henry Roeder or Brian Scramlin.

Upcoming

Thu Jan 1, 2026 New Years Day [Pastor] On Vacation through Jan 8 Church office closed 7pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Sat Jan 3, 2026 9am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's Sun Jan 4, 2026 10am Worship Service – Led by Henry Roeder Mon Jan 5, 2026 7pm Youth group in Youth Room 4 Tue Jan 6, 2026 12pm Golden Friends at The Silver Palace 10:30am [Needleworkers] Meet-up 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 50560	Wed Jan 7, 2026 10:30am Wednesday Weavers Thu Jan 8, 2026 5pm Planning meeting for VBS 26 6pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Room 1 7pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Sun Jan 11, 2026 10am Worship Service Mon Jan 12, 2026 7pm Youth group in Youth Room 4 Tue Jan 13, 2026 10:30am [Needleworkers] Meet-up Wed Jan 14, 2026 10:30am Wednesday Weavers 6:30pm [Needleworkers] meet-up	Thu Jan 15, 2026 6:30pm Thursday Bible Study 7pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting Sat Jan 17, 2026 9am U.M.M. breakfast @ Krzysiak's 9:30am Missions Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Volunteers Sun Jan 18, 2026 10am Worship Service Human Relations Day Mon Jan 19, 2026 7pm Youth group in Youth Room 4 Tue Jan 20, 2026 10:30am [Needleworkers] Meet-up 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop 50560
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We've refreshed the bulletin board! **All volunteer schedules** are now combined into one easy-to-read document. Some sections are still being updated as details come in, so stay tuned. Want to sign up for Altar Flowers or Fellowship Time? Feel free to add your name by hand. Interested in helping in other areas? Just let the office know—we'd love to have you involved! We're especially looking for Sunday School teacher volunteers. Adjustments can be made anytime during the year—just share who, what, and when. Thank you for helping make our ministries thrive!

Volunteers

Serving This Sunday

Liturgist
Kathy Erndt

Children's Church
Sheila Good (L)
Karla Morgan

Ushers
Sandy Mercer, Janie Good,
Brenda Kemp, TBD

Counters
Brenda Kemp
Becky Scott

Serving Next Sunday

Liturgist
Eileen Casciano

Children's Church
Becky Scott
Linda Manyen

Ushers
Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming
and others TBD

Counters
Brenda Kemp
Char McGrath

Altar Flowers

The signup form for arranging altar flowers to adorn the sanctuary during Sunday's Worship service is available on the bulletin board designated for sign-ups.

Acolytes

(varies week to week)

**Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela,
Jazzlyn Jones, Kyliana Green,
Ethan Lanava**

To Sign up for our E-newsletter
Newsletter for December 26, 2025

<https://stlukesumcmi.org#newsletter-subscribe>
<https://bit.ly/newsletter-2025-12-26>

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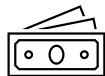
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Adult Sunday School

Fall, Winter, Spring
9:00 am in Esther's Parlor

Children's Church:

Following Children's Message
in Classroom 3

