

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Rev. Seok Nam Lim

Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation

**May 17, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter**



**We are the People of the United Methodist Church
Our Vision~ "Share Love and Give Hope"**

May 17, 2026

10:00 am

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Scott, Liturgist

PRELUDE How Majestic is Your Name

Fletcher Wernholm, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Resurrection was not the end, it was the beginning.

The Mission Continues, we are called to be witnesses.

From this place to the ends of the earth, we are sent out.

Where God sends us, we will go.

Give God the glory.

HYMN God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

Prayer of Illumination

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Brenda Scramlin

HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 1:6-14

MESSAGE

The Mission Continues

Brian Scramlin

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Majesty

Fletcher Wernholm

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Lord, whose light guides our steps, we bring these gifts in humble adoration. May they be used to spread your truth and love to all nations. As we journey into this new year, let our hearts remain focused on your presence and our hands open to your service. In the name of Christ, our guiding star, we pray. Amen.

HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 715

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

Brian Scramlin

May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back

May the sun shine upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord

Fletcher Wernholm, Organist

PRAYER LIST

The Families of

Deena Schubach (the aunt of Ashley Markham)

Pray For

Gerry Morin (brother of Sue Lind)

Jennifer Vaillancourt

Sarah Turner (daughter of Judy and Joe Fleming)

Sharon VanEvery

Jim Merrill

Janet Zerby

Atley Gray (son of Joan Gray)

David (grandson of Joan Gray)

Bob Davidson

Shut-ins

Ann and Frank Davis, Bob Davidson, Florence Decker, Sandy Gillam, Marletta Gross, Susan Hendrickson, Jean Killey, Betty Martinek, Barb Meyer, Phyllis Finn, Ruth Matherne, Lorane Peglow, Jane Russell, Jacky Sansburn, and Roger Trerice.

In gratitude for God's sustaining grace and for all we have received, we pray even amid suffering. We lift before God all who suffer in our world—those affected by war, disaster, violence, poverty, grief, and mental health challenges. We pray for those carrying heavy burdens, asking for healing, hope, and peace. We seek unity within our nation. We hold the St. Luke's family in prayer, especially those who are ill or grieving.

With thankful hearts, we give thanks for the ministry of Rev. Seok Nam Lim, who will be deeply missed, and we pray God's blessing on Rev. Mark Huff as he begins his ministry among us.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

(Romans 12:15)

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 app 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

Nurture Group Meeting | Today, May 17 | During Fellowship time

Governance Board Meeting | Monday, May 18 | 6:30 PM

Mission Team Meeting | Monday, May 19 | 6:00 PM

All are welcome to attend these meetings in Esther's Parlor

St Luke's Ruth's Circle Needleworkers

We are so proud of St. Luke's Ruth Circle Needleworkers! They have just completed their 26th plastic-bag sleeping mat for Midwest Missions. Because of their faithful dedication, more than two dozen people now have something to sleep on instead of the bare ground—something many of us can hardly imagine. Thank you, Lord, for such devoted and generous hearts!

Baby Bottle Boomerang: *A little change... changes lives.*

St. Luke's UMC has kicked off our Baby Bottle Boomerang mission project, and your generosity will directly support our local baby pantry—helping families with essentials like diapers, wipes, and baby hygiene items.

Here's how you can take part:

- Pick up a baby bottle from the Missions Table.
- Fill it with change, cash, or a check payable to *St. Luke's UMC, with Baby Bottle Boomerang* in the memo.
- Return your filled bottle to the Missions Table by Father's Day.

Your small acts of kindness help fill the gaps where other support may not—providing real hope to families who need it most.

Let's share love. Let's give hope. Let's make a difference together.

Before you toss out those used school supplies!!

It's the end of the school year, and your children will soon be cleaning out their desks and bringing home backpacks filled with used school supplies. Many of these items still have plenty of life left in them! This year, instead of throwing away new or gently used supplies, consider donating them. Even items like broken crayons, dull pencils, or partially used notebooks can be repurposed. Your child's backpack from this year could become the only one another child has. St. Luke's Mission Team will be collecting school supplies from May through July in the bins located across from the reception desk. These supplies will help stock our growing Sunday School supply closet and will also be shared with mission schools supported by the United Methodist Midwest Missions group.

Golden Friends

The next Golden Friends event will be on June 1st at the North Point Grill & Bar, 2495 S Huron Rd, Kawkawlin, 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 May 24th. For more information, please reach out to Judy or Joe Fleming.

Share the Care—Help Us Reach Those Near and Far

Do you have loved ones who are homebound, away at college, or serving in the military? St. Luke's Mission Team would love to connect with them by sending occasional and holiday cards to remind them that our congregation is thinking of them and keeping them in our prayers. If you have someone you would like included, please contact the church office or Kathy Erndt at (989) 860-2655.

Picnic & Game Night | Friday, May 29 | 5:30 – 9:00 PM

Join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for and what food you'd like to bring. Suggested sign-up items include hot dogs, buns, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and chips, with additional favorites like pasta salad, deviled eggs, fruit or veggie trays, cookies, Rice Krispie treats, or cupcakes. Enjoy a variety of classic games—whether you're aiming to win or just play for fun, there's something for everyone. Come hungry and ready to play—we look forward to seeing you there!

Church Spring Clean-Up Day | Wednesday, June 3 | 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Join us as we spruce up our church inside and out! We'll be cleaning windows, tidying the church interior and exterior, and trimming landscaping. Some supplies will be available on site. Please bring Windex and rags for window washing, and garden tools for landscaping if you have them.

Pastor's Schedule Update

Pastor Lim will be on vacation May 8–21, 2026.

He will attend the 2026 Michigan Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church in Traverse City from May 28–31, 2026.

The Lim family is scheduled to move June 23rd.

Guest Speakers / Coverage

- May 31 – Rev. Bill Sanders
- June 21 – Jodi Shaw
- June 28 – Rev. Sandra Kolder
- July 5 – TBD

Pastor Seok & Family Farewell Gathering | Sunday, June 14 | 11 AM

Please join us on Sunday, June 14, following the worship service, as we gather to express our heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Seok and his family. This will be a meaningful time to thank them for their faithful service, share memories, and wish them God's blessings as they transition to a new congregation. Refreshments will be provided by the Governance Board. All are invited to attend.

Volunteers Needed

Nurture Group

Join us for a Nurture Group organizational meeting today during Fellowship Time in Esther's Parlor. We'll discuss ways to support our church family through senior and shut-in visits, transportation, help with minor tasks, and other caring outreach opportunities. All are welcome—come help us plan and serve together!

Missions Opportunity

Sign up to help at Matthew25 Cafe' on Saturdays, 10:30 am–1:00 pm (410 10th St, Bay City). Tasks include prep, cooking, serving, and clean-up. We need 3 volunteers for each of the following dates: June 20. See the sign-up board or register online at <https://www.stlukesumcmi.org/calendar>. For more information see our Missions coordinators: Kathy Erndt and Becky Scott.

Finance Committee Members

St. Luke's is seeking dedicated and thoughtful individuals to serve on the Finance Committee. This important ministry works collaboratively to support the stewardship of our church's resources, promote transparency, and contribute to informed decision-making alongside our Governance Board. Financial responsibilities will be handled in coordination with other designated individuals or teams, allowing committee members to focus on oversight, planning, and guidance. Whether you bring professional experience in finance or simply a willingness to learn and serve faithfully, we welcome your interest. If you feel called to be part of St. Luke's financial ministry, please reach out to Karla Morgan.

Sunday School Teachers

Our church family is growing, and so is our children's Sunday School! Each week we are blessed by the joy and energy of the children who attend, and we are deeply grateful for our dedicated Sunday School teachers who faithfully share their time, gifts, and love—your service truly makes a difference. With more children attending, we may soon need to divide into age-appropriate classes, and to make this possible and keep the program strong, we are seeking additional volunteer teachers. Serving in Sunday School is a meaningful way to share God's love, support our current teachers, and help nurture the faith of our children. No prior experience is needed; training and support are provided every step of the way. If you feel called to serve, please see Janie Good for more information.

Upcoming

Online calendar: <https://www.stlukesumcmi.org/calendar>

Sun May 17, 2026

10am Worship Service – led by Brian Scramlin
11am Nurture Group meeting

Mon May 18, 2026

6:30pm Governance Board Meeting
7:30pm Crew 206 Youth Group

Tue May 19, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers
6pm Missions Meeting

Wed May 20, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu May 21, 2026

6:30pm Thursday Bible Study
7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Mon May 25, 2026

Memorial Day

Tue May 26, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers
5:30pm Girl Scouts

Wed May 27, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers
6:30pm Needleworkers

Thu May 28 – May 30, 2026

Pastor attending Michigan Annual Conference

Fri May 29, 2026

5:30pm Game Night/Picnic Food Theme

Sat May 30, 2026

1-5pm Fellowship Hall reserved – private birthday party

Sun May 31, 2026

Peace with Justice Sunday
10am Worship Service - Rev. Bill Sanders

Mon Jun 1, 2026

12pm Golden Friends @ North Point Bar & Grill
7:30pm Crew 206 Youth Group

Tue Jun 2, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers

Wed Jun 3, 2026

9am-2pm Church Spring Clean-up
10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Jun 4, 2026

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sat Jun 6, 2026

9am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krysiak's

Mon Jun 8, 2026

7:30pm Crew 206 Youth Group

Tue Jun 9, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers

Wed Jun 10, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers
6:30pm Needleworkers
6:30pm UWif Gathering

Thu Jun 11, 2026

6pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting Room
7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sun Jun 14, 2026

10am Worship Service
11am Pastor Seok & Family Farewell Event

Mon Jun 15, 2026

7:30pm Crew 206 Youth Group

Tue Jun 16, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers

Wed Jun 17, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Jun 18, 2026

7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sat Jun 20, 2026

9am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krysiak's

Sun Jun 21, 2026

Father's Day

Volunteers

Serving This Sunday

Liturgist
Becky Scott

Children's Church
Joy Clark (L)
Brenda Toyzan

Ushers
Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming
and others

Counters
Eric Yagiela
Brenda Kemp

Serving Next Sunday

Liturgist
Lisa Foster

Children's Church
Becky Scott (L)
Linda Manyen

Ushers
Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming
and others

Counters
Eric Yagiela
Char McGrath

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<https://stlukesumcmi.org#newsletter-subscribe>

Newsletter for May 14, 2026
<https://bit.ly/newsletter-2026-may-14>

Acolytes
(varies week to week)

Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela,
Jazzlyn Jones, Kyliana Green

🌸 Altar Flowers 🌸

If you'd like to offer altar flowers in honor or celebration of someone or something meaningful, please add your name to the sign-up board for an upcoming Sunday.

🕒 FELLOWSHIP TIME SIGN-UP 🕒

Fellowship Time following worship provides a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to connect and engage with one another. Those interested may sign up on the bulletin board located across from the Fellowship Hall. Your participation is sincerely appreciated. For new volunteers, guidelines, procedures, and helpful suggestions are posted on the refrigerator in the kitchen for your reference.

Stay Connected



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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

Youth Group

Mondays at 7:00 pm

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