

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

Guest Speaker - Rev. Sandra Kolder

Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation

June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Augustine, Liturgist

PRELUDE Have Thine Own Way, Lord with, Freely, Freely

Leon Beaudin, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

When the Lord seems far away,
may we place our faith in God.

When God's face is hidden from us,
may we put our trust in God's steadfast love.

When our souls bear the pain of earthly trials,
may we seek God's strength, lest we break.

Let us place our trust in God's goodness and mercy.

Our hearts rejoice in God's salvation.

***HYMN**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH 185

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

God of pain and suffering, embrace us in our need.

As we enter this house of worship, you know our deepest needs, and you help us embrace our sincerest hopes.

Live in us this day, and quicken our spirits, that we may rise above the storms that threaten to overcome us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who came to bring us abundant life. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 13

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Sandra Kolder

***HYMN**

O Love, That Wilt Not Let Me Go

UMH 480

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Sandra Kolder

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

MESSAGE

Our Mission Is

Rev. Sandra Kolder

*Following the sermon, while soft music is played,
let us spend a moment of quiet meditation to allow our hearts to absorb God's Word*

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

On Eagle's Wings, in memory of Marilyn Pierce

Leon Beaudin

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Beloved God, as your Son is the living water that gives eternal life, so may these gifts we offer be the cup of cold water that will quench the thirst of the world. May our lives be cups of cold water to those who are perishing from unmet needs. Accept all that we have and all that we are, and grant us the privilege of being refreshment for a parched creation. Amen.

***HYMN**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

UMH 514

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sandra Kolder

Even when the Lord seems far away and our faith is sorely tested,

we will put our trust in God's steadfast love.

Even when our souls bear the pain of earthly trials and our strength seems to slip away,

we will trust God's goodness and mercy.

Even when we question God's presence in our lives and our hearts feel heavy with fear,

we go forth as those sanctioned with eternal life.

Go with God, remembering that:

Jesus is the way, walk with him.

Jesus is the truth, believe him.

Jesus is the life, entrust your life to him.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Darwall's 148th

Leon Beaudin, Organist

**Congregation stands (as able to)*

SERMON SUMMARY

Matthew 10:40-42, Jesus teaches that how people treat His followers reflects directly on Him and God the Father. He assures that even the smallest act of kindness – like offering a cup of cold water to a disciple – will be richly rewarded.

KEY THEMES

Identification - Jesus equates welcoming His disciples with welcoming Him, and welcoming Him is equated with welcoming God.

Hospitality: Those who show kindness to God's messengers (prophets, righteous people, or even ordinary "little ones" who follow Him) will share in their spiritual rewards.

Value of Small Acts: No act of service is too small. Giving "a cup of cold water" signifies that even modest, humble assistance is profoundly valued in the Kingdom of Heaven.

These verses are part of Jesus' "Missionary Discourse," where He prepares His disciples for the realities of ministry.

PRAYER LIST

The Families of

Beth Redifer

Dan Vanderbrink (friend of Jackie Schmidt)

Roger Wood (former member of Grace UMC on Fremont Avenue)

Pray For

Dave Reed

William Kozuch (husband of Fritzi Stevenson)

Rachel Lochinski (daughter of Fritzi Stevenson)

Lisa Coleman (mother of Tiffany Coleman)

Eric Ives

Lisa Killey

Jennifer Vaillancourt

Janet Zerby

Atley Gray (son of Joan Gray)

David (grandson of Joan Gray)

Bob Davidson

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

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.

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@stlulkesumcmi.org, by filling out a connection card, located on the pew backs, or the Prayer box located in front of the church.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potluck Picnic

Join us following today's worship service for some great food and fellowship.! The UWIF has provided hot dogs, condiments, and table service. Even if you didn't bring a dish to pass, please stay anyway—there's always plenty for everyone.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Our Baby Bottle Boomerang mission project has wrapped up—and wow, what a difference you made! Thanks to your incredible generosity we raised **\$1,211.72** with more coming in. Because of you, our local baby pantry will be better stocked with essentials like diapers, wipes, and baby hygiene items—supporting families right here in our community. It all started with a little change... and together, it became a whole lot of change! Thank you for giving generously and making a big impact.

Welcoming Reception

Join us in warmly welcoming our new pastor, Mark Huff and family, at a special Meet & Greet Reception on Sunday, July 12, immediately following the worship service. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce yourself and extend a heartfelt welcome as he begins his ministry with us. A food sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board, and contributions are greatly appreciated. Let's come together in fellowship and make them feel right at home!

Not One Moment Later is a women's Bible study led by Bill Sanders, inviting participants on a meaningful six-week journey to explore God's perfect timing and purpose in our lives. "Not One Moment Late" is a six-session women's Bible study by Lisa Toney. It explores the biblical story of Deborah to teach readers how to wait faithfully during seasons of delay, recognize God's divine timing, and step out in courage when He calls. Join us Thursdays at 10:00 AM on July 23 and 30 and August 6, 20, 27 and September 3 in Esther's Parlor for a welcoming time of learning, reflection, and connection with other women.

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.

Rummage Sale | August 13-15 | 9 AM – 4 PM

Items for the annual church rummage sale can be brought to the church in Room 1 starting **July 1st**; please note we cannot accept mattresses, box springs, tube TVs, or exercise equipment. Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board, and we encourage everyone to consider helping, even if only for a couple of hours, as this is a large event and all assistance is appreciated.

- **Set-up** will take place on **Sunday, August 9** immediately following fellowship. Volunteers will arrange tables and move all items out of Room #1; no sorting or pricing will be done that day.
- **Sorting and pricing** will occur **Monday, August 10 through Wednesday, August 12** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The **sale will run Thursday, August 13 through Saturday, August 15**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Volunteer sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board, and many helping hands are needed.

There will also be a bake sale, so donations of baked goods are needed. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Kemp at 989-326-2314. Thank you!

Got Milk? Jugs? We Need Them!

We are collecting gallon milk jugs for Vacation Bible School! Please rinse them out thoroughly, make sure they are clean, and leave the caps on before bringing them in. Thank you for helping us prepare!

Church Library Co-Volunteer Needed

Our hallway church library is a valuable resource for our congregation. Thank you to Char Reed for volunteering to care for this space. She would greatly appreciate a co-volunteer to help organize materials, keep the area tidy, and maintain this welcoming resource for all. If you feel called to assist, please contact the church office. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Memorial Garden Care – Volunteers Welcome

All are welcome to help weed and trim the Memorial Garden to keep it looking beautiful. Please bring your own garden tools. When: Wednesdays, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (weather permitting)

Dates:

- July 8 & 22
- August 5 & 19
- September 2 & 16

Narcotics Anonymous

After many years of NA using St. Luke's as their meeting spot, they are discontinuing meeting here. The numbers of attendees were dwindling since the toll bridges went in.

New Address for the Lim's

Seok Nam Lim & family
4033 Naomi Rd
Sodus, MI 49126-9768

Reassigned to
Chapel Hill UMC, Battle Creek
Riverside UMC, Benton Harbor

May Financials	Amount
General Fund Income/Contributions	\$10,830.00
General Fund Expenses	-\$14,805.00
Shortfall	-\$ 3,975.00

Vacation Bible School

VBS Dates: Monday-Wednesday | July 20, 21, 22 | 5-7:30 pm

VBS Setup: Saturday | July 18 | 10 am
Sunday | July 19 | Following Worship Service

VBS Planning Meetings

Mondays at 6-7 pm in Esther's Parlor and Sanctuary

June 29 | Lesson #5 | rehearsal

July 13 | Finalize the time for props and donations



VBS Missions: We are collecting donated plastic grocery bags for making mats for the homeless through July 13th.

VBS Props, Decorations, Supply Donations Needed:

All prop donations will be on loan and can be picked up after VBS is completed.

Unless stated "do not return to me".

Skis	Ski jackets	Snowmobile
Sleds	Ski goggles	Inner tubes or snow tubes
Toboggans	Scarves	Electric Campfire
Ice skates	Artificial snow	Hiking/walking sticks Styrofoam balls in various sizes to make snowballs
Ice hockey sticks	Polyfil	Cardboard boxes in various shapes and sizes
Artificial pine trees	White snow blankets	Plastic tablecloths
Winter hats	Snowshoes	<i>(primarily white) to create the illusion of snow other colors mostly pastel</i>
Winter gloves	Boots	

VBS Food Donations:

Hot dogs	Ketchup
Hot dog buns	Mustard
Mac & Cheese	Onion
Chicken Nuggets (Jack')	Sweet & Dill Relish
Tator tots (Jacks)	Veggie Tray
Cheese Pizza (Hot & Ready)	Watermelon
Pepperoni & Cheese (Hot & Ready)	Halos (Clementines) / Oranges
Bottled water	Apples for slicing
Country Time Lemonade	

Upcoming

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

Mon Jun 29, 2026

6pm VBS meeting

Tue Jun 30, 2026

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 1, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Sat Jul 4, 2026

All day Independence Day

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

Sun Jul 5, 2026

10am Worship Service - Led by Rev. Sandra Kolder

Tue Jul 7, 2026

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 8, 2026

10am Memorial Garden Weed and Trim

10am [Pastor Huff] Meet with
Brian Scramlin & Henry Roeder

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

6:30pm [Fellowship Hall & Kitchen reserved]
UWiF Make & Take

Thu Jul 9, 2026

6pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting in Room 1

6pm [Pastor Huff] Meet with Worship Team

Sun Jul 12, 2026

10am S State of the Church - Finance – Jason Hatton

10am Worship Service - Rev. Mark Huff - 1st service
with Communion

11am Welcoming Reception for the Huffs

Mon Jul 13, 2026

6:30pm UWiF Executive Meeting

Tue Jul 14, 2026

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Jul 15, 2026

All day UWiF - Helen Nickless Clinic Meal

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Jul 16, 2026

All day UWiF Central Bay District - Mission U

Fri Jul 17, 2026

All day UWiF Central Bay District - Mission U

Sat Jul 18, 2026

All day UWiF Central Bay District - Mission U

9am U.M.M. breakfast @ Krzysiak's

10am VBS setup

Sun Jul 19, 2026

10am Worship Service

11am VBS setup

Mon Jul 20, 2026

All day VBS

Tue Jul 21, 2026

All day VBS

10am Crew 206 Youth group

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

5pm VBS

6pm Missions Meeting

Wed Jul 22, 2026

All day VBS

10am Memorial Garden Weed and Trim

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

5pm VBS

6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

Thu Jul 23, 2026

10am Women's Bible Study

Sat Jul 25, 2026

12pm [Fellowship Hall] reserved for Private Bridal Shower

Sun Jul 26, 2026

10am State of the Church - UWiF - Becky Scott

10am Worship Service

Volunteers

Serving This Sunday

Liturgist

John Augustine

Children's Church

Joy Clark
Becky Scott

Ushers

Gloria Barriger, Hope Bertelsen
Kathleen Erndt, Sandy Mercer

Counters

Eric Yagiela
Brenda Kemp

Serving Next Sunday

Liturgist

Brian Scramlin

Children's Church

Becky Scott
TBD

Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming
and others

Counters

Eric Yagiela
Char McGrath

Communion will be held July 12th

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

Newsletter for June 25, 2026

<https://bit.ly/newsletter-2026-jun-25>

Acolytes

(varies week to week)

Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela,
Jazzlyn Jones, Kyliana Green

✿ Altar Flowers ✿

**The Altar Flowers are presented by Robert Pierce, Sr.
in loving memory of his wife, Marilyn Pierce (2nd year anniversary of passing)**

*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

Tuesdays at 10:00 am

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