

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Rev. Mark Huff

October 11, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation
We are the People of the United Methodist Church

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lukas Huff, Liturgist

PRELUDE

I Exalt Thee

Leon Beaudin, Piano

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

We come with gladness, for the Lord is near.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

We lay down our worries and bring our prayers with thanksgiving.

The God of peace invites us to a table prepared.

We come in answer to the call, for all are welcome here.

Let us worship the God who clothes us in grace.

Come, Lord Jesus, and fill this place with your peace.

***HYMN** *We Gather Together*

UMH 131

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, you call us to your feast and clothe us in your mercy. Open our hearts to your Word. Quiet our worries, and turn our minds toward what is true, honorable, and lovely. Speak to us now, and make us ready to answer your invitation. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 4:4-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Mark Huff

***HYMN**

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mark Huff

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

MESSAGE

“A Life Changed”

Rev. Mark Huff

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO GIVE

God has been generous to us beyond measure, and the invitation to the feast is open to all. As we respond to such grace, let us give with joy, trusting that what we offer will help others hear the call to come.

OFFERTORY

A Shaker Melody

Leon Beaudin

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

***PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**

Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude. Use them to open doors, set tables, and welcome the stranger. May all we have and all we are reflect the joy of those who have been invited and clothed by you. Amen.

***HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION**

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Go out with joy, for the Lord is near. May the love of God keep your hearts, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ clothe you in mercy, and the communion of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Marche Triomphale

Leon Beaudin, Organist

**Congregation stands (as able to)*

A few large print versions of this worship packet are available at the Welcome Desk

Worship Design Summary

Jesus tells a parable about a wedding banquet where the invitation goes out to everyone, and yet one guest shows up unchanged. Themes: invitation, the banquet table, being clothed in Christ, response to grace, going on to perfection, love in action.

PRAYER LIST

The Families of

William John "Butch" Reed (Brother-in-law of Fritz Stevenson and Uncle of Jazzy Jones)
Elizabeth "Betty" M. Doriean (Mother-in-law of Fritz Stevenson and Great Grandmother of Jazzy Jones)
Tom Nankerus (brother of Linda Sterling)

Pray For

Paul Gates (brother of Lois Soltysiak)
Eric Ives
Janet Zerby
Marjorie Holsinger
Susan Hendrickson
Helen Cummings
Marie Nutting
Rachel Lochinski and new baby boy (daughter of Fritz Stevenson)
Roger Trerice
Dave Reed
William Roeder (brother of Henry Roeder)
William Kozuch (husband of Fritz Stevenson)
Tom Piotrowski (brother-in-law of Jan Deming)

Shut-ins

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

Requests will remain on the prayer list for one month. If you would like your request to stay on the list longer—or be added again—please let us know.

*You can **submit a prayer request** through our app, our website, by emailing office@stlukesumcmi.org, by filling out a connection card (located on the pew backs), or by placing a note in the Prayer Box at the front of the church.*

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Appreciation Potluck – Following the service today

We've been blessed to have our pastor with us for just a few months, and today we get to celebrate this new season together with a Pastor Appreciation Potluck right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. It's a simple, joyful way to say "we're glad you're here" and enjoy some good food and fellowship. Whether you brought a dish or just bring yourself, we'd love to have you at the table.

All Saints Sunday – Submit Names for Remembrance

All Saints Sunday is approaching November 1, and we invite you to share the names of loved ones who have passed and whom you would like remembered in worship. Please email office@stlukesumcmi.org or call the church office by October 18. Include their full name and date of death. As a church family, we hold their stories and memories with care.

United Women in Faith Executive Meeting | October 12th

The time for tomorrow's meeting has changed to 4:30 pm

United Women in Faith Meeting | October 14th

The United Women in Faith will meet on Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 PM in Esther's Parlor. Together, we'll explore efforts to break the school-to-prison pipeline and discuss meaningful ways we can support the Bay County Juvenile Facility. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this important and informative conversation.

Michigan Conference UWIF Annual Celebration | October 17th

Anyone interested in attending the Michigan Conference United Women in Faith 8th Annual Celebration on October 16-17, 2026, at Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield is invited to join this inspiring event centered on the theme "Unstoppable: Bold Together!" The celebration includes worship, fellowship, leadership development, and special guest speakers. If you are interested in attending the Saturday session, please contact Gloria Gonzales or Brenda Scramlin for more information.

Prayer Walk – Tomorrow at 7 PM

Crew 206 will host a Prayer Walk inside the church to raise awareness of anxiety and mental health. This is an important focus for our youth group, and we invite the whole church to join us in prayer, support, and solidarity. Please wear something green as a sign of mental health awareness.

Missions Meeting

The Mission meeting will be on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM. Everyone interested in seeing what our church's mission outreach is doing is more than welcome!

Helping Hands Ministry

The Helping Hands Ministry invites St. Luke's members to share Christ-centered encouragement with the 1,400 individuals currently housed at the ICE Detention Center in Baldwin, MI. Blank cards are available on the Missions Table, and completed cards should be returned there as well.

With cold weather approaching and conditions in the facility remaining difficult, the Missions Team is also collecting new or like-new adult sweatshirts. Donations will be received now through November 1, 2026.

Letters should be addressed in a simple, friendly way (for example, *Dear Neighbor* or *Dear Friend*) and signed similarly (such as *Your Neighbor in Christ*). Members of the Missions Team will deliver all cards, letters, and sweatshirts to the detainees in early November.

Haunted Hallway | Saturday, October 31st | from 6-8 PM.

We are accepting donations of candy for the event. If you'd prefer not to donate candy, monetary donations can be given to Brenda Kemp for cider and popcorn. Please place candy donations on the main table. For any questions, see Brenda Kemp.

Fall Bazaar – Volunteers Needed!

Our Fall Bazaar will be **on November 14, 2026, from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM.**

We're looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen with set-up and clean-up.

Set-up: November 13, 3:00-7:00 PM

Clean-up: November 14, 4:00–6:00 PM

If you can help, please see the sign-up board. Thank you!

The next Golden Friends event will be on November 2nd at Castaways, 3940 Boy Scout Rd, Bay City, 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 October 25th. For more information, please reach out to Judy or Joe Fleming.

Upcoming

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

Sun Oct 11, 2026

10am Worship Service
11:30am Potluck following Worship service

Mon Oct 12, 2026

9:00am Onboarding in Esther's Parlor
4:30pm UWIF Executive Meeting
7pm Prayer Walk – Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Oct 13, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up
4pm Girl Scout Troop (Large classroom)
6pm Finance Task Group Meeting

Wed Oct 14, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers
6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up
6:30pm UWIF Tour/Field Trip

Thu Oct 15, 2026

6:30pm Thursday Bible Study

Fri Oct 16, 2026

All day UWIF Michigan Conference Annual Celebration
All day [Fellowship Hall] Girl Scout recruiting event

Sat Oct 17, 2026

All day UWIF Michigan Conference Annual Celebration
9am U.M.M. breakfast @ Krzysiak's

Sun Oct 18, 2026

All day Laity Sunday
10am Worship Service

Mon Oct 19, 2026

7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Oct 20, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up
11am Staff Meeting
6:30pm Missions Meeting

Wed Oct 21, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Oct 22, 2026

6:30pm Thursday Bible Study

Sat Oct 24, 2026

1pm [Fellowship Hall reserved] Ron Batzer

Sun Oct 25, 2026

10am Worship Service

Mon Oct 26, 2026

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

Tue Oct 27, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up
4pm Girl Scout Troop (Large classroom)

Wed Oct 28, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers
6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

Wed Oct 28, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers
6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

Thu Oct 29, 2026

6:30pm Thursday Bible Study

Sat Oct 31, 2026

6pm Haunted Hallway

Sun Nov 1, 2026

10am Worship Service – All Saints Sunday (no communion)
2:30pm Charge Conference for Zone 6

Mon Nov 2, 2026

12pm Golden Friends at Castaways
7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Nov 3, 2026

All day [Fellowship Hall] Reserved for State General Election
10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Nov 4, 2026

10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Nov 5, 2026

6:30pm Thursday Bible Study

Sat Nov 7, 2026

9am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's
9am [Fellowship Hall] reserved for Menards event

Sun Nov 8, 2026

All day Veterans Day celebrate
10am Worship Service – Communion
12pm [Fellowship Hall] Reserved for Baby Shower

Mon Nov 9, 2026

7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Nov 10, 2026

10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up
4pm Girl Scout Troop (Large classroom)

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 7-9pm

☉ Fellowship Time ☉

*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.*

✿ 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

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Brenda Kemp

Next Sunday

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Eric Ives

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Sheila Good (L)
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Ushers
Henry Roeder,
Joe Fleming,
and others

Counters
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