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

November 1, 2026
All Saints Sunday



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

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Becky Scott, Liturgist**

ALL SAINTS DAY PRESENTATION

IN MEMORY OF ALL SAINTS **John Augustine, Pastor Mark Huff**
Karla Morgan, Lisa Foster

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River Medley* **Leon Beaudin, Piano**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
We come to God with open hands and empty pockets.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
We bring our sorrows to the One who holds us.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
We come to be humbled and held by the grace of God.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
We come hungry for the bread that only Christ can give.
Blessed are the merciful and the pure in heart, for they will see God.
We come to be shaped by mercy and made new.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Let us worship the God who blesses us and sends us.

***HYMN** *For All the Saints VS 1, 2, 4 + 6* **UMH 711**

***PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**
Holy God, as Jesus sat down on the mountain and opened his mouth to teach, open our ears and our hearts this day. Quiet the noise within us. Soften what has grown hard. By your Holy Spirit, let your Word speak to the places where we hurt, hope, and long to be made whole. Help us hear not only what is difficult but what is true: that you bless us, you hold us, and you are making us new. May we receive your Word and live it in the week ahead. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT **Revelation 7:9-17**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE **Rev. Mark Huff**

***HYMN** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Alt tune: Hyfrydol)* **UMH 384**

PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Mark Huff**
THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 5:1-12**

MESSAGE "Blessed" **Rev. Mark Huff**

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO GIVE
Friends, everything we have is a gift from God. Out of gratitude for grace we did not earn, let us give our tithes, our offerings, and ourselves, trusting that God can bless what we bring and use it to bless others. Let us give with joyful and generous hearts.

OFFERTORY *I Am a Poor Way Fairing Stranger* **Jon & Paula Timm-Potrykus**

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UMH 95**

***PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**
Generous God, you have given us life, love, and every good thing we have. Receive these gifts, and receive us along with them. Bless what we give so that it may feed the hungry, comfort the grieving, welcome the stranger, and make peace where there is conflict. Use our offerings and our lives to show your kingdom to the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

***HYMN** God of the Ages **UMH 698**

SENDING FORTH

***BENEDICTION** **Rev. Mark Huff**
Go now as people who are blessed. Carry mercy into places that need it. Carry peace into places that are divided. Carry hope into places that are weary. And may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Song for All Saints* **Leon Beaudin, Organist**

**Congregation stands (as able to)*

A few large print versions of this worship packet are available at the Welcome Desk or you may ask an Usher.

Worship Summary

On All Saints Sunday, we remember the ordinary people who were shaped by God's grace and showed His love through mercy, kindness, faith, and service. Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes that God's Kingdom belongs to the grieving, the meek, the merciful, and those the world often overlooks.

Revelation gives us the promise that one day God will wipe away every tear. The saints who have gone before us are safe in His hands, and the same grace that shaped their lives is still at work in us today, calling us to love, serve, make peace, and become more like Jesus.

PRAYER LIST

The Families of

Janet Zerby
Paul Gates (brother of Lois Soltysiak
Randy VanTol (son-in-law of Bev Walker)
William Roeder (brother of Henry Roeder)

Pray For

Sally Roby
Lisa Killey
Joan Gray
Arlene Davis
Aaron Markham
Eric Ives

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.

All-Saints Sunday 2026

Today we honor the saints—those whose lives touched ours, whose presence helped shape our own journeys, and whose memory continues to warm our hearts. As we speak their names, we give thanks for the gift they were among us and trust in the promise that nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God.

Gordon Daniel Casciano	*2/23/2026*	grandson of Phil and Eileen Casciano
Joan Burton	*5/13/2026*	friend of Joy Clark
Rudy Horvat	*6/21/2026*	friend of Joy Clark
Theresa Hawn	*8/10/2026*	friend of Joy Clark
Tammy Jean Kolder	*10/7/1970*	parent of Sandi Kolder
Joan Kolder	*5/29/2023*	parent of Sandi Kolder
Joe F. Kolder	*7/21/2024*	parent of Sandi Kolder
Ruth Felch	*10/3/2025*	wife of Neal Felch and mother of Andrew Felch
Carol Gibelyou	*6/20/2025*	wife of Rober Gibelyou
Patricia Irene Foldenauer	*9/19/2024*	parent of Sandi Kolder
Frank K. Lewis	*6/13/2013*	husband of Mary Lewis
William Paul Roeder	*10/10/2026*	brother of Henry Roeder
Darlene June Carper	*11/20/2025*	sister of Lois Soltysiak
Gerald “Paul” Gates	*10/16/2026*	brother of Lois Soltysiak
Mary Elizabeth Gates	*4/14/2025*	sister-in-law of Lois Soltysiak & wife of Gerald “Paul” Gates
William John "Butch" Reed	*8/31/2026*	brother-in-law of Fritzi Stevenson and Uncle of Jazzy Jones
Elizabeth "Betty" M. Doriean	*9/27/2026*	mother-in-law of Fritzi Stevenson and Great Grandmother of Jazzy Jones
Richard Lee Stone	*3/19/2023*	son of Arlene Stone
Randy Vantol	*10/10/2026*	son-in-law of Bev Walker
Carol Wood	*8/12/2026*	daughter of Millie Willett
Janet Sue Zerby	*10/16/2026*	sister of Carol O’Neil
Ronald J. View	*11/10/2025*	brother of Carol O’Neil

When your loved one’s name is read—whether one or several—you’re welcome to come forward, and anyone with you may join. A rose will be given in their honor, and you may return to your seat afterward.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charge Conference – Today, November 1 at 2:30 PM

St. Luke's will participate in the annual Charge Conference, which will be held at Auburn United Methodist Church, 207 S. Auburn Rd, Auburn. All are welcome to attend this important gathering where we review ministry reports, celebrate the past year's work, and prepare for the year ahead. It's a time of connection, reflection, and shared mission across our local churches.

Interested in Becoming a Member?

Thinking about becoming a member of St. Luke's UMC? We'd love to welcome you! A New Member ceremony is planned for November 22. If you're interested, please let Pastor Huff know by November 15. He'll connect with you beforehand for a brief conversation, either over the phone or in person.

United Women in Faith November Meeting

UWiF will meet Wednesday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m. Please note the time change. Sandy Augustine will share *Berry Song* by Michaela Goade, the story of a young girl and her grandmother living in the Pacific Northwest. We will also take up our World Thank Offering as an expression of gratitude for all that we have and to support mission work around the globe. Please join us for an enjoyable time of fellowship and learning. All women and young ladies of the church are welcome.

Liturgists & Communion Servers for 2027

As we prepare the schedule for 2027, we'd like to hear from our current liturgists and communion servers. If you'd like to continue serving, or if you've decided it's time to step away, please let the church office know. We'd also love to hear from anyone interested in joining either team! Please contact the church office by November 15. We'll share your responses with Fritzi Stevenson as she begins working on next year's schedule.

Could a Choir Be in Our Future?
We're looking at forming a choir and would love to know who might be interested! The details are still being worked out, so signing up is simply a way to let us know you'd like to hear more. Add your name to the sign-up form, and we'll keep you posted as plans come together.

Fall Bazaar – Volunteers Needed!
Our Fall Bazaar will be **on November 14, 2026, from 9:00 AM–3:00 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!

Help Us Fill Thanksgiving Bags!
We're packing bags, and we'd love your help in making this season brighter for families in need. You don't have to bring everything—just pick a few items from the list below and make a meaningful impact! Distribution dates are Nov. 18th & 19th. Every donation helps share the spirit of Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity!

Items Needed:

Canned Cranberries	Yams	Canned Fruit
Canned/Bottled Gravy	Mac 'N Cheese	Cereal
Box Mashed Potatoes	Green Beans	Cake Mix
Box Stuffing	Corn	Frosting

Thanksgiving Potluck | November 20, 2026 | 5:00 - 8:00pm
Join us for a cozy evening of gratitude and good food! Please sign up to let us know who's coming and what dish you'll bring. See the sign-up form on the bulletin board at the church. Deadline is November 13th. Turkey and beverages provided.

✨ Christmas Pageant Volunteers & Participants Needed — December 13 at 6:30 PM

Our Christmas Pageant is coming up, and we'd love your help to make this joyful evening shine. We're looking for volunteers to sign up for prop setup before the program and tear-down afterward, as well as helpers for costume construction and dressing participants before the event. We're also welcoming all-ages participants who would like to be part of the program itself—no experience needed, just enthusiasm and Christmas spirit.

Upcoming Medical Leave

I will be away from the office beginning November 9 [rescheduled] for surgery and recovery, approximately 6–8 weeks. I plan to work from home as I am able, but will be unable to print materials during this time. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and prayers!

Church Directory Update

Need contact information for someone mentioned in an announcement? Check the church directory at the Welcome Desk! We'll be updating it after the first of the year and would like to include those who attend so we can better put names with faces. Permission forms are available at the Welcome Desk, and you may choose whether to include your photo, email, and/or phone number. Photos should be of individuals rather than couples and may be emailed to office@stlukesumcmi.org. Don't have a photo? Sheila can take one for you once she returns from medical leave. Simply indicate on the Member Information Form that you'd like to have your photo taken. Completed forms may be placed in the Administrative Assistant's mail slot in the hallway across from the restrooms. Once the directory has been updated, new copies will be printed and distributed. This is a simple, in-house directory designed to help us put names with faces and get to know each other better.

Pastor Huff will be on vacation November 23–29. We hope he enjoys a restful and refreshing week away!

It's That Time of Year!
As we enter the season of giving, the Mission Team invites you to put your faith into action. Whether you fill a stocking, ring a bell, serve a meal, or help prepare Christmas gifts, there's a way for everyone to share God's love with others.

🎄 Stockings for Soldiers
Once again this year, St. Luke's Mission Team is providing a way for our congregation to say "thank you" to the wonderful men and women serving in our country's military and spending the holidays away from their families. Empty stockings can be found on a tree across from our Welcome Desk. There's a note inside with suggested filler items, or use your own ideas to let them know they're not forgotten. Please return filled stockings by November 22.

🔔 Bell Ringers at Kroger (*Date corrected*)
Help ring the bells of Christmas! Volunteers are needed Saturday, ***December 5*** from 10:00 AM–7:00 PM at the Essexville Kroger. Teams of two can sign up for 1–2 hour shifts. Funds collected support the Salvation Army's year-round community service programs.

🎁 Christmas Gift Distribution
The Salvation Army needs volunteers to help organize Christmas gifts for distribution December 14–18, 2026. Shifts are available each day from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM and 1:00–3:00 PM. Consider giving a few hours of your time to help bring joy and hope to our neighbors this Christmas!

Sign-up sheets are available on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall entrance. See Kathy Erndt for more information.

Upcoming **Online calendar:** https://www.stlukesumcmi.org/calendar

Sun Nov 1, 2026
All day Daylight Saving Time ends
10am Worship Service - All Saints Sunday (no communion)
2:30pm Charge Conference Auburn UMC

Mon Nov 2, 2026
12pm Golden Friends at Castaways
7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Nov 3, 2026
All day [Fellowship Hall] Reserved for General Election
10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

Wed Nov 4, 2026
10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Nov 5, 2026
6:30pm Thursday Bible Study

Fri Nov 6, 2026
12pm [Fellowship Hall reserved] Brenda Kemp

Sat Nov 7, 2026
9am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's
9am [Fellowship Hall] reserved for Minards event

Sun Nov 8, 2026
10am Worship Service - Communion Sunday – Veterans Day
12pm [Fellowship Hall reserved] Brenda Kemp

Mon Nov 9, 2026
7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Nov 10, 2026
10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up
4pm Girl Scout Troop

Wed Nov 11, 2026
All day Veterans Day
10:30am Wednesday Weavers
4:30pm UWiF Gathering
6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

Thu Nov 12, 2026
6pm Girl Scout Leader's Meeting (Room 1)
6:30pm Thursday Bible Study

Fri Nov 13, 2026
3pm Fellowship Hall reserved (Fall Bazaar setup)

Sat Nov 14, 2026
All day [Fellowship Hall reserved] Fall Bazaar all day

Sun Nov 15, 2026
10am Worship Service

Mon Nov 16, 2026
7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Nov 17, 2026
10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up
6pm Missions Meeting

Wed Nov 18, 2026
10:30am Wednesday Weavers

Thu Nov 19, 2026
12pm Thanksgiving Potluck Prep – 12-6 pm

Fri Nov 20, 2026
5pm Thanksgiving Potluck

Sat Nov 21, 2026
9am U.M.M. breakfast @ Krzysiak's

Sun Nov 22, 2026
10am Worship Service - New Member Sunday

Nov 23-29, 2026
[Pastor] Vacation

Mon Nov 23, 2026
6:30pm Governance Board Meeting
7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Nov 24, 2026
10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up
4pm Girl Scout Troop (Large classroom)

Wed Nov 25, 2026
10:30am Wednesday Weavers
6:30pm Needleworkers meet-up

Thu Nov 26, 2026
All day Thanksgiving Day

Sun Nov 29, 2026
11:30 Hanging of the Green - following service
10am Worship Service - Brian Scramlin providing service

Mon Nov 30, 2026
7pm Crew 206 Youth group

Tue Dec 1, 2026
10:30am Needleworkers Meet-up

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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Serving This Sunday	Next Sunday
Liturgist Becky Scott	**Liturgist** Nancy Tacey
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Ushers Henry Roeder Joe Fleming and others	**Ushers** Henry Roeder Joe Fleming and others
Counters Eric Yagiela Brenda Kemp	**Counters** Eric Yagiela Brenda Kemp
	Communion Becky Scott Sue Lind Ted Lind Henry Roeder

Acolytes
(varies week to week)

Delanya Charbonneau, Kyliana Green, Johnathan Huff, Lukas Huff, Jazzlyn Jones, Ethan Lanava, Norma Tennant, Weston Wieland, Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela,