

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**  
**Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

**Ministers- Every Member of the Congregation**  
**June 8, 2025**  
**Pentecost Sunday**



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

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**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eric Ives, Liturgist**

**PRELUDE**

Reflections on the Spirit

**Leon Beaudin, Organist**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Lord, your works are wonderful!

**The earth is full of your handiwork.**

When you open your hand,

**we are filled with good things.**

When we take away our breath,

**we return to dust.**

Pour your Spirit within us, O God,

**and renew us as your people.**

**HYMN**

O Holy Spirit VS 1,2,4+5

**Projected**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**God of wind and flame, pour out your Holy Spirit on a world in need of Pentecost fire. Fill your people with courage and power, and set our hearts ablaze, that our young may have visions, and our elders may dream dreams. Ignite a passion within us to spread the good news of your glorious salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**A READING FROM THE PSALMS**

**Psalm 104:24-34**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

**HYMN**

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

**UHM 603**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Revelation 2:8-11**

**MESSAGE**    The Smyrnaean Church in Eternal Richness

**Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

Spirit Song

**Leon Beaudin**

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

**UMH 94**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**God of wind and flame, your Pentecost fire continues to touch us and bless our world today. May our offering bring the warmth of your love and the glory of your holy flame to those who are shaken by the buffeting winds all around us. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Baptizer of the Spirit. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Leon Beaudin**

**HYMN**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

**UMH 420**

**SENDING FORTH**

**BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Seok Nam Lim**

Go, blessed by the power of God's Holy Spirit.  
Go, warmed by God's sacred fire in your hearts.  
Go, inspired by the glory of our Advocate.

**POSTLUDE**    O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**Leon Beaudin, Organist**

## **2025 Michigan Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church**

For me, the ABAR (Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism) program has many significances, but I am focusing on its practical and cultural significances.

This program helps me to face the issue of racism in the congregation of cross-cultural context, or white-dominant congregation, with boldness, without fear. More than seven years ago, in February 2017, I wrote my reflection on John Wesley's "Thoughts upon Slavery" and submitted it to the church's monthly magazine. This writing brought me into trouble. My church leaders came to my office and asked me to submit the replacement for my reflection on "Thoughts upon Slavery." I accommodated myself to their demand without any argument. I withdrew my writing. My primary concern was to keep my congregation peaceful and reconcilable. However, later, the husband of one of the church leaders, who came to my office because of my writing, told me that I could stay with them one more year because of the appointment system of The United Methodist Church. Since that time, in that congregation, I had continuously experienced hostility and even humiliation. I had no protection from the church leaders. I could not mention the vocabulary of 'racism.' I wondered how I should not mention John Wesley's "Thoughts upon Slavery" in my United Methodist Church. In my opinion, John Wesley's "Thoughts upon Slavery" is a crucial text that sheds light on the fundamental sin of modern European or American civilization.

This July I will lead the class in my congregation according to the requirement of the module "Anti-Racism Essentials," one of the modules of the Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism program provided by the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church. We are going to read and discuss John Wesley's writings; the main texts will be "Thoughts upon Slavery" and "A Plain Account of the People Called Methodist." Through "Thoughts on Slavery," we will discuss Wesley's understanding of humanity, divinity, and civilization, and through "A Plain Account of the People Called Methodist," his understanding of Methodism. Now I have no fear to lead this class because I am under the umbrella of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church. My ministerial situation is not like 2017. I am not just an individual pastor but a part of the body of Christ in confronting the issue of racism. I am not a third person in the American congregational and cultural context about the racial bias present everywhere in mental, social, and cultural structures. Even I cannot be excluded from this prejudice. At this point, I feel liberated because I will eventually talk about Wesley's "Thoughts upon Slavery," which I think is one of the most important texts not only in Wesleyan tradition but also in the history of European and American civilization.

Last year, when I completed a module for Systematic Racism, I received a certificate from the Michigan Conference by email. This email concludes with a challenge to me: "*ABAR Education & Training (Michigan Conference) has issued a certificate to you for completing systematic racism. What does systemic racism have to do with the Church?*" So, I will lead the class for anti-racism to complete another module, "Anti-Racism Essentials." It is the requirement: "*Develop a sermon series, corresponding class/study, or other activity as it best*

*relates to your specific setting on the praxis of Antiracism and Christian Formation in the Wesleyan Tradition.*” We will study John Wesley’s “Thoughts on Slavery,” reviewing it in the light of his other writings, and discuss the issue of racism not just as a personal matter but as a matter of social, historical, and cultural systems. Based on my experience, I have realized racism is a universal sin. We can see it everywhere, in every consciousness, whether you are conservative or liberal. It is a phenomenon or appearance of original sin. It is real and concrete, not imaginative or abstract. Sin is the breaking apart of the image of God in every person and community.

John Wesley discusses the "parent-sins" in his "Sermon on the Mount." These sins are not merely inherited from the first human being, Adam, but also from generation to generation and spread out to all nations, so they are historical, systematic, and permeated into our consciousness, speech, and action, “continually springing up, infecting all our words, and tainting all our actions.” So, sin is not only a matter of personhood but also social and cultural life. It is wide and broad, contaminating all areas of humanity—personal, social, and historical. It disguises itself as unrecognizable and banal to everybody. Racism embodies parent-sins in our personal, social, and cultural structure. It is a phenomenal form of the banality of evil, in terms of Hannah Arendt, a Jewish philosopher exiled to New York, escaping from the German totalitarian regime. Arendt stood against antisemitism and Zionism. For her, racism is the origin of totalitarianism.

I deeply appreciate the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church for providing **ABAR (Anti-Bias and Anti-Racism)**. This program makes it possible to read “Thoughts upon Slavery” with my congregation and brings me into the feeling of gratefulness and liberation. Eventually, I can discuss “Thoughts upon Slavery” in my pastoral and congregation contexts. It is a revolutionary step in my ministry. This revolution is not from bottom to up, but from up to bottom. But it is for the people at the bottom of social, cultural, and political structure. It is not only for the so-called “non-whites” but also for the whites because it makes upside down the system of injustice and hatred, setting us free from the universal or original sin of racism. The ecclesiastical structure of The United Methodist Church makes it possible. Without the structural support of The United Methodist Church, I am not sure how I can sustain my ministry in the cross-cultural context. I cannot imagine it.

Bishop David Alan Bard has established this program so I can practice John Wesley’s anti-racism in my pastoral situation. The bishop’s leadership is not a coercion but an incarnation of the vision of The United Methodist Church to transform the world by making disciples of every nation, every race, every tribe, and every language. The (ABAR) anti-bias & anti-racism program is about fundamental Christianity in opposition to the structure of sins, the so-called parent sins, testified to by the whole Scripture and the history of human beings. It is, can be, or should be considered one of the contemporary Christian movements of reformation.

# Sermon Summary

## The Smyrnaean Church in Eternal Richness (Revelation 2:8-11)

**Summary:** Christians, who live faithfully to Jesus, even to the point of death, will participate in the resurrection life, the abundant life in eternity, after their suffering even to the point of death.

**Jesus, the First and the Last, who died and came to life again:**

**Revelation 2:8** *These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.*

Christ is God the Son. He is the First and the Last. He existed before the creation of the universe. He will come again at the end of history. He is the beginning of God's salvation history, whose conclusion is his second coming. Christ manifested his divinity through his death on the cross and resurrection from the dead. He has become the first fruit of the resurrection of all who belong to him. Everyone who participates in his suffering will reap the resurrection life at the end of history and in God's eternal kingdom. Christ is always faithful to us. He commands his church to be consistent with his gospel.

**The Christians in Smyrna are in union with Christ, his death and resurrection.**

**Rev. 2:9** *I know your afflictions and your poverty – yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan.*

**First, the Christians in Smyrna are persecuted and impoverished because they reject emperor worship due to their faith in Jesus as the First and the Last.** Jesus proved his identity as the Alpha and the Omega through his crucifixion and resurrection. These Christians showed their faithfulness to Christ, rejecting idolatry and risking their lives, wealth, and honors. They became poor and powerless. For them, the object of worship is Christ alone, not anything or anyone in the world. They had no fear of evil power threatening their safety and security.

**Second, the Christians in Smyrna suffer not only from those outside their Christian community but also from those inside it, who identify themselves as Jews.** These Jews belong to "a synagogue of Satan," even though they attended the worship service in the Christian community in Smyrna. They slander against the Christians in suffering and poverty. They belong to the same group of people who persecuted Jesus, rejected him and his lordship, and killed him. They distorted the gospel of Christ: "I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan." The

Christians suffering from many things, standing against the emperor worship in Smyrna, are the real Jews, the people of the kingdom of God representing the image of Christ, the servant of suffering and poverty, the crucified Lord.

### **The Church in Smyrna in Faithfulness to Jesus, the First and the Last**

**Rev. 2:10** *Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer, I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.*

**Rev. 2:11** *Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.*

***Faith means faithfulness.*** Jesus commands the Christians in Smyrna to be faithful to him with consistency in their faith. Their victory is in their faithfulness to him, not giving it up in suffering, even facing death. God's grace keeps them in loyalty to Jesus. The consequence of their faithfulness is their participation in the resurrection life of Jesus Christ. The Smyrnaean Christians have been confronted with physical, psychological, and spiritual difficulties, such as affliction and poverty, and the slander of the Jews, a synagogue of Satan (Rev. 2:9). What is waiting for them is the test of the devil: some of them will be put in prison. Christians in Smyrna will "suffer persecution for ten days" (Rev. 2:10). However, ultimately, after being persecuted, they will receive the crown of life from Christ (Rev. 2:10). Their final future is victory and glory in Christ.

***The richness of the Christians in Smyrna is in the kingdom of God, which is their inheritance in Christ the Lord.*** However, they are rich because they participate in the suffering of Christ and will join in his resurrection life. Their richness is their acceptance of the new life in Christ and their fellowship with him in his death and resurrection. How can they conquer the persecution and the test by Satan? Their faithfulness to Christ with their full commitment to him is the way to be victorious over all the difficulties in their life, such as affliction, poverty, slanderous talk against them, persecution, and imprisonment. Christ Jesus will reward them with the crown of life, the ultimate victory over the world hostile to them. In their afflictions and poverty, they fix their eyes on Jesus, crying out to God the Father for their salvation. God will reward them with his kingdom in eternity. It is eternal life. They will not lose it. Suffering in this world for the sake of Christ is a way of entering the blessings of God's kingdom.

**Rom. 8:17.** *Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

# HOLY COMMUNION

## ***PRAYER OF INVITATION***

God the Lord, our Source of unity and strength, in our longing for wholeness, we reach out to your Son, whose touch heals our brokenness; in our yearning for community, we take hold of the promises of Christ, whose life and love bind us together as one. From lives of separation and distrust, knit us into one family, where all are welcomed and honored. As we share the bread of life and drink the cup of salvation, forge us anew as one people of faith.

**Amen.**

## ***The GREAT THANKSGIVING***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

**He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today we join the family of God throughout the world at Christ's holy table.**

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."



When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***BREAKING THE BREAD***

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

### ***GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP***

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Families of

Virginia Failing (sister of Ron Batzer)  
The brother of Bob and Remy Holmes  
Paula (Bates) Miller, (cousin of Sue McCarty)  
Liz Gates (wife of Paul Gates, Lois Soltysiak's brother)  
Ray Meeks (husband of Kerri Meeks)

## Pray For

Nellie Vandermark  
Melissa Morin  
David (grandson of Joan Gray)  
Constance Harper (sister of Eric Ives)  
Mary Lou Ely (sister of Ruth Harvey)  
Tom Piotrowski (brother-in-law of Jan Deming)

## Shut-ins

Ann Davis, Bob Davidson, Florence Decker, Sandy Gillam,  
Marletta Gross, Susan Hendrickson, Betty Martinek, Betty McDonald, Barb Meyer,  
Melissa Morin, Phyllis Finn, Ruth Matherne, Jane Russell,  
Jacky Sansburn, and Roger Trerice.

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Lift up in prayer all who are enduring the pain of war, the impacts of climate change, violence, hatred, poverty, and loss. Pray for unity and the freedom we find in Christ to strengthen our nation. Remember our church family, especially those facing loss, illness, weakness, and hardship. And seek blessings for the ministry of St. Luke's UMC, especially for those in need.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*(Philippians 4:6-7)*

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@stlulkesumcmi.org](mailto: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

### Meetings

<b>UWiF Executive Meeting</b>	June 8	Following the worship service
<b>Missions Team Meeting</b>	June 17	6:00 pm

### **Reminder**

Please refrain from bringing any food containing peanuts into the church due to an individual with an airborne peanut allergy.

### **Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Volunteer Sign Up.**

Volunteer at the Matthew25 Cafe' to prep, cook, serve and clean up for soup kitchen guests, Saturdays, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Location: 410 10th St, Bay City. There is a sign-up form on the bulletin board. Each date has a designated church contact - there is a limit of five additional volunteers, as per the Salvation Army guidelines.

#### **Church Coordinators & Spring Dates are:**

Kathy Erndt	June 21
Becky Scott	July 19
TBD	Aug 16

**Today, after the fellowship time, there will be a session** for Vacation Bible School (VBS) decorating. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated, as more volunteers will help make the work easier and more efficient.

**In celebration of needleworkers everywhere, join us for World Wide Outdoor Knit in Public Day**, Saturday, June 14th from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Whether you knit, crochet, cross stitch, etc. bring your lawn chair/blanket, a sack lunch and current project to the church front lawn for a relaxing time of crafting fun and togetherness. Beverages and dessert will be provided. All ages and abilities welcome. In case of inclement weather, it will be held indoors.

**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG!** Now through Father's Day, June 15, 2025  
Pick up a Baby Bottle from the missions table. Fill with change, bills, checks (payable to St Luke's UMC) Return to church by June 15, 2025 for blessing & prayer. Proceeds will go to the Bay Area Women's Center Baby Pantry.

**Pillowcase making event.** Dates: Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 at 9 AM. We need pinners, sewers, pressers, and cutters. This is our 9th year, and we have donated about 1500 pillowcases to non-profits and senior living organizations. Please bring a sack lunch; ice water will be provided. We need sewing machines, irons, ironing boards, and sleeve ironing boards. If you can lend these, please label them with your name and bring them along. The signup sheet is on the sign-up board.

**Missions Needleworkers and those doing Missions from Home.** Please drop off your handmade items to the Missions table by the week of June 23rd. Items include Infant hats, baby sweaters & baby fleece jackets, sleeping mats, lap quilts, bonding hearts, etc. Anyone interested in item instructions, please talk to Ruth Felch.

**Habitat for Humanity Informational / Planning Meeting.** You are invited to attend a meeting to discuss our upcoming involvement with Habitat for Humanity. This is an important opportunity to come together, share ideas, and organize our efforts to support this impactful cause. Whether you're a returning volunteer or new to the cause, your input and participation are valuable. Let's make a difference—together. Please plan to attend!


<p><b>Date:</b> Tues., June 17, 2025 <b>Time:</b> 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm <b>Location:</b> Esther's Parlor</p> <p>The Missions Team will meet at 6:00 pm prior to the Habitat for Humanity meeting.</p>	<p><b>Agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the Habitat for Humanity projects</li><li>• Volunteer roles and responsibilities</li><li>• Fundraising and donation planning</li><li>• Q&amp;A and open discussion</li></ul>
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**Attend a discussion on Lisa Wingate's "Never Say Never"** at the Breakfast Book Club on June 21st, from 10:00 am to noon. Books can be borrowed from the library shelf, and a light breakfast will be available.

**Join us for a delightful Church Family Picnic!** Enjoy great food, fellowship, and fun! Hot dogs will be provided by the United Women in Faith. Bring your favorite dish to share and come ready to make wonderful memories with your church family. Don't miss out on this joyous occasion!

 Potluck Style

 Sunday, June 29, 2025

 Following church service

**Come celebrate Chelsae & Michael Wrone and family at a baby shower** on July 6th, right after the worship service! Let's come together to share love, laughter, and heartfelt blessings as they prepare to welcome their little one.

**There will be no Golden Friends gathering in July.** We will resume on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon. Place is to be determined.

**Donations for the rummage sale**, being held August 13-15, may be dropped off starting July 1st.

**Funeral Dinner Team.** The United Women in Faith is seeking a few people to work on the funeral dinner team. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Tacey or Judy Fleming. Thank you.

## **Wesleyan Bible Study**

Please sign up for the Anti-Racism class happening this July.

Pastor will provide the study book once it is completed.

A requirement for the completion of the Anti-Racism Essentials Module for the pastors of the Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church is to *Develop a sermon series, corresponding class/study, or other activity as it best relates to your specific setting on the praxis of Antiracism and Christian Formation in Wesleyan Tradition.*

Pastor will lead a class on *Anti-Racism* using John Wesley's writings, *Thoughts upon Slavery* and *A Plain Account of the People Called Methodists*, on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2025. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board, and the book will be available at the welcome desk.

- July 10 On Humanity, "Thoughts upon Slavery"
  - July 17 On God, "Thoughts upon Slavery"
  - July 24 On Civilization, "Thoughts upon Slavery"
  - July 31 On Methodism, "A Plain Account of the People Called Methodist"
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### **Pastor's Two-Week Vacation**

from June 12 (Thursday) to June 25 (Wednesday), 2025

The worship services will be led by the lay servants

- June 15: Henry Roeder
- June 22: Brian Scramlin

**Sun Jun 8, 2025**

All Day Pentecost  
 11:30 am UWif Executive Meeting

**Mon Jun 9 - Sat 11, 2025**

5:00-8:15 pm Vacation Bible School

**Tue Jun 10, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Jun 11, 2025**

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

**Thu Jun 12 – Tue Jun 25, 2025**

All day Pastor Seok on vacation

**Thu Jun 12, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Jun 14, 2025**

All Day Needleworkers - World Wide Knit in Public Day  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sun Jun 15, 2025**

All day Father's Day  
 10:00 am Worship Service / Henry Roeder  
 Special Sunday: Peace with Justice Sunday  
 VBS Presentation during worship service

**Tue Jun 17, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 10:30 am Needleworker's Meet-up  
 6:00 pm Missions Team Meeting  
 6:30 pm Habitat for Humanity Information/Planning Meeting

**Wed Jun 18, 2025**

10:00 am Memorial Garden weeding/watering  
 10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

**Thu Jun 19, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Fri Jun 20, 2025**

9:00 am Pillowcase Project

**Sat Jun 21, 2025**

9:00 am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's  
 9:00 am Pillowcase Project  
 10:00 am Breakfast Book Club

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sun Jun 22, 2025**

10:00 am Worship Service / Brian Scramlin

**Mon June 23, 2025**

6:30 pm Governance Board Meeting

**Tue Jun 24, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Jun 25, 2025**

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

**Thu Jun 26, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Jun 28, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sun Jun 29, 2025**

10:00 am Worship Service / Rev. William Sanders  
 Pillowcase Blessing Sunday  
 11:30 am UWif Church Picnic following worship service

**Tue Jul 1, 2025**

People allowed to drop off Rummage sale items  
 9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Jul 2, 2025**

10:00 am Memorial Garden weeding/watering  
 10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

**Thu Jul 3, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Fri Jul 4, 2025**

All day Independence Day

**Sat Jul 5, 2025**

9:00 am U.M.M. Breakfast @ Krzysiak's  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sun Jul 6, 2025**

11:30 am Baby Shower for Chelsae & Michael Wrone

**Tue Jul 8, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Jul 9, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weaver  
 6:30 pm Needleworkers Meet-up

**Thu Jul 10, 2025**

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Anti-Racism  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Jul 12, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Tue Jul 15, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Jul 16, 2025**

10:00 am Memorial Garden weeding/watering

**Thu Jul 17, 2025**

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Anti-Racism  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Jul 19, 2025**

9:00 am U.M.M breakfast @ Krzysiak's  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Tue Jul 22, 2025**

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 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Jul 26, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Mon Jul 28, 2025**

6:30 pm Governance Board Meeting

**Tue Jul 29, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Jul 30, 2025**

10:00 am Memorial Garden weeding/watering  
 10:30 am Wednesday Weavers

**Thu Jul 31, 2025**

6:30 pm Thursday Bible Study – Anti-Racism  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Aug 2, 2025**

9:00 am U.M.M breakfast @ Krzysiak's  
 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Mon Aug 4, 2025**

12:00 pm Golden Friends

**Tue Aug 5, 2025**

9:30 am Trustees and others – church maintenance  
 All day Possible Primary Election  
 10:30 am Needleworkers Meet-up

**Wed Aug 6, 2025**

10:30 am Wednesday Weaver

**Thu Aug 7, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Sat Aug 9, 2025**

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Announcements**

## Stay Connected



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### Office Hours

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## Volunteers

### Serving This Sunday

#### Liturgist

Eric Ives

#### Children's Church

Becky Scott and Linda Manyen

#### Counters

Brenda Kemp and Eric Yagiela

#### Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming, and others

#### Communion

Kathy Erndt, Joye Kramer  
Henry Roeder, Sandy Mercer

### Serving Next Sunday

#### Liturgist

Anne Connell

#### Children's Church

Becky Scott and Linda Manyen

#### Counters

Brenda Kemp and Char McGrath

#### Ushers

Henry Roeder, Joe Fleming, and others

#### Acolytes

(varies week to week)

Connor Yagiela, Lauren Yagiela,  
Jazzelyn Jones, Kyliana Green,  
Ethan Lanava



### Adult Sunday School

9:00 am in Esther's Parlor

### Children's Church:

Following the Children's Message in Classroom 3

### Online Giving

<https://stlukesumcmi.org> → Click on "Give" in top menu bar

### To Sign up for our E-newsletter

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

### June 5, 2025 Newsletter

<https://bit.ly/newsletter-2025-June-5>

## 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.*