

Welcome Pastor Andy!

Please join us on August 2nd for Pastor Andy Gifford's first official Sunday as our new Pastor! Let's give him a huge St. Luke Union Church Welcome with full pews and lots of fellowship. I hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Rod Hawkins

Moderator

Mission Ministry

The Mission Ministry team met on July 19th to begin the development of a plan by which we will distribute local mission funds. But, we need your help. We are looking for several more members of the congregation to join our team to help us set some new mission goals for our church. We are looking at several options and want more input from others.

Do we want to physically volunteer on a regular basis at a local mission where we will be recognized as "the group from St. Luke Union Church"? Can you help us plan a mission fair? We would like to recognize various agencies where members of our congregation do volunteer. Are you willing to help the Mission Team launch our own ministry directed at helping the homeless in a manner other than housing and food?

Please join us in the conference at our next meeting on Sunday, August 16th at 11:45. Your current Mission Ministry Team members are Ruth Trower, Chair, Brent Paterson, Council Liaison, Pierre Roussey and Bill Teubel.

Please contact any of us with your questions.

All Church Birthday Party

Please join us during Fellowship Hour to celebrate all birthdays on Sunday, August 23rd. We will be hosting a Birthday Party for everyone in the church. Each month will have a decorated designated table - come and see who you share your birthday with.

We will be serving cupcakes, donuts, and beverages to celebrate.

First Place 4 Health

Many people think of summer as a time for swimsuits, fresh salads and outdoor activities, but it can also be a season of temptation, with hot, lazy afternoons and enticing vacation cuisine.

Healthy Summer Living is a daily devotional that will inspire readers to eat right and stay active during the break between the spring and fall sessions of First Place 4 Health. Written by First Place 4 Health members from across the country, each daily reading offers motivation for avoiding the unique temptations of the summer months, special tips for surviving vacation temptation, and summer-friendly menus and recipes. Class attendees will live the healthiest summer of their lives.

Please join us for our first meeting on August 6th at 5:15 p.m. See Ruth Trower for any questions. Books are \$10.25

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Phillip Blankenship - Aug 3
Jane Farmer - Aug 3
Edward Gottschalk - Aug 3
Rachel Dean - Aug 4
Kristy Grant - Aug 5
Megan Murray - Aug 9
Austin Swanson - Aug 10
Tony Grant - Aug 13
Joyce Pomrenke - Aug 13
Gene Wright - Aug 14
Ruth Dravis - Aug 16
Nate Harroun - Aug 17
Deborah Moret - Aug 17

Kevin Schaefer - Aug 17
Maurine Asbury - Aug 18
Craig Stille - Aug 20
Dylan Walsh - Aug 23
Amy Winters - Aug 23
Justine Tarter - Aug 25
Hallie Hoffarth - Aug 26
Mindy Feicke - Aug 28
Laura Hinthorn - Aug 28
Glenn McClure - Aug 29
Chuck Yurieci - Aug 29
Jeff DeBruine - Aug 30
Sharon Stille - Aug 30

Dan Staver - Aug 31

James & Judy Ferrier - Aug 1
Ray & Karin Hunt - Aug 3
Wil & Betty Stevenson - Aug 7
Dan & Carla Staver - Aug 18
Andy & Keli Chambers - Aug 24
Dick & Yvonne Harrison - Aug 27
Gene & Lynne Wright - Aug 27
Don & Mary Davis - Aug 31

Thank You

John and I want to thank everyone for helping to make my ordination service such a special event.

Pastor Bob - You were such a help in the planning and making sure things went as they were supposed to.

Women's Fellowship - The reception afterward was wonderful. You really went all out and it was greatly appreciated.

David - Thank you for helping me plan the music and playing the organ and piano. Music is a special part of my faith life so it meant a lot to me to have music a part of the service.

Doug - As always, thank you for your beautiful singing and for working with Brad and Josh so they could be part of the service as well.

To Everyone in the Church - Thank you for all the lovely cards, and for the New Interpreter's Bible, and most of all thank you for all your love and support and care during the years I have been in seminary and preparing for ministry. John and I feel so blessed to be members of this church family and to have been able to celebrate my ordination at St. Luke Union Church. God Bless.

John & Kathy Otto

Money Matters

As of June 30, 2009

GENERAL FUND	JAN/JUN ACTUAL	JAN/JUN BUDGET
Receipts	\$126,015	\$114,290
Disbursements	\$ 100,922	\$115,406

The 5 year capital campaign ended on June 30th. The loan was paid in full. We paid \$16,787.36 more than we received in pledges. Are you able to help close this gap by making additional payments? Note on your check that it is for the "Capital Campaign."

A complete financial report is available on the Details Board.

The collection taken at Kathy Otto's ordination will be used to help other students attending Presbyterian seminary. \$412 was collected for this assistance.

Home Bible Class

The Home Bible Class will meet Thursday, August 13th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study will be Lesson #7 entitled "The Oppressed Are Set Free" in our study book entitled *Jubilee!, Luke's Gospel for the Poor*. Coffee will be served at 1:30 p.m.

Thank You's

To our church family a big thank you for all the cards and phone calls we received while Ray is recuperating from his fall. He is still at Heartland Health Care (Manor Care) in Normal and is doing better each day. Thank you again.

Ray and Karin Hunt

The Gilbert Knapp family would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy for the food brought in and visits during the time of Gib's illness and death. It was all appreciated. St. Luke Union Church was his church home since 1966 so he had many memories here.

Gilbert Knapp Family

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