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Building closed: The building continues to be closed through April 6. All events through then have been cancelled.

Please check:
- Facebook
- Website
- Emails from the prayer chain

for updates. If you are not receiving emails from the prayer chain and would like to be added, email the office manager, Lisa Dornbush at ldornbush@stlukeunion.org

April events: Please check the church calendar online at stlukeunion.org/calendar to see if an event is cancelled. Many decisions are yet to be made, especially with April events, and we will update the e-calendar as soon as decisions are made.

Offering: In this strange time of isolation and virtual worship, the Vision and Ministry Council and Pastor Andy are doing their best to continue the mission and ministry of St Luke Union Church. This includes the paying our staff and meeting the church’s financial obligations. We are asking, that if possible, you each continue your contributions and pledged offering. This will greatly help in the greater mission of Christ’s church. We all greatly thank you.

Pastor Andy’s Trivia

March’s question: What is the original meaning of Lent?
March’s answer: Spring

April’s question #1: How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?

April’s question #2: What was the name of the high priest’s servant who had his ear cut off by the disciple and subsequently reattached by Jesus?

Submit answers: to Pastor Andy via email. The winner will get a prize! The answers will be announced in next month’s newsletter.

Phone calls: The office manager, Lisa Dornbush, is working remotely. If you need to contact the church by phone, please call and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience during these challenging times.

Ministry Team update!

St Luke Union is blessed to have 7 thriving ministry teams to help guide the church. All are welcome to attend any team meeting to learn more about how you can make an impact. Meetings are on the e-calendar at stlukeunion.org/calendar and you may email any of the team liaisons for further information:

Finance/Investment Team • Brent Paterson • patersonbrent@hotmail.com
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Learning Team • Laura Hinthorn • sushi828@hotmail.com
Mission Team • Ruth Trower • ruthtrower525@reagan.com
Stewardship Team • Lynne Wright • lynne_wright@comcast.net
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GROUP SALE AND BAKE SALE

Tentative Dates: Friday, May 1, 9a-5p
Saturday, May 2, 9a-12p

With the suspension of group activities due to the coronavirus it is possible we will be unable to hold the group and bake sale. Another complicating factor is the closure of the Home Sweet Home Mission Mart. They have stated they will be unavailable to pick up all the remaining items after the sale.

Regardless, this is a good time to clean your closets and gather up your no longer needed kitchen items, children’s toys, linens, jewelry, furniture, knick-knacks and spring/summer clothing. You will have them ready to either bring to the group sale or take to other thrift shops.

If the sale is on, bring these items to the church Monday, April 25 & Tuesday, April 26 9a-7p, or Wednesday, April 27 9-12p, so there is time to get them sorted and priced for the sale.

Don’t forget items for the bake sale. We have a lot of customers that come back each time looking for those goodies. Baked good need to be at the church Thursday evening or by 8a each sale day so they can be assembled into sale size portions.

Many volunteers are needed. Sunday after church is set up and on Monday thru Thursday we arrange and price items. On Friday and Saturday, we greet customers and keep everything organized. On Saturday, after the sale closes at noon, we box up remaining items for local thrift shops.

Watch the church calendar to see if the sale is on! Even if this sale is canceled, we hope to have one in the fall.

Thank You!
-From Bill & Karen Walters

We would like to thank all of you for your prayer cards, cards, phone calls & offers of help while Bill is going through chemotherapy. It helps to know so many care.

Vacation Bible School

VBS dates have been set for June 7-11 in the evenings at Centennial Christian Church. We are partnering with First Christian Church and Centennial to provide VBS for the Bloomington/Normal community!

If you would like to volunteer for VBS, save the date and email our program coordinator, Lisa Dornbush at ldornbush@stlukeunion.org

If you have a child or grandchild that would like to participate, save the date! More information to come on registration. VBS is provided to all children in the community at no cost.

Finance Corner

NEW! For 2020, church finances will be published on a monthly basis in the newsletter. Brian Trower, treasurer, and Gwen Yurieci, financial secretary, provide the budgeted receipts/expenses and actual receipts/expenses.
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

DATE CHANGED...TO BE DETERMINED

Every year we, along with many other denominations, collect the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. This year we will collect the offering on a date to be determined (due to coronavirus keeping the church building closed). This offering supports several countries, including the U.S., where hurricanes, tornadoes, floods & fires have created a need for assistance during & after these events. It is also used to help refugees who are displaced by war or widespread violence. Other uses are to help people who have been in poverty & hunger & experienced injustice to improve their lives. OGHS help continue long after the acute needs have been met.

Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to this, which is the main special offering we collect during the church year.

Thank you, The Mission Team

Need a Laugh?

It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

“People held them over Jesus’ head as he walked by,” his father told him.

“Wouldn’t you know it,” Johnny fumed, “the one Sunday I don’t go and he shows up.”

Happy Birthday!

1—Sue Boerner
1—Debra Harrison
1—Joel Keeton
2—Emily Desmond
2—Pierre Roussey
6—Matthew Swanson
12—Delmar Small
12—Brian Trower
14—Lily Keeton
16—Caiden Dehner
17—Emma DeBruine
18—Cameron Luna
19—Lisa DeBruine
19—Dan Moret
20—Jayne Sellberg
20—George Wells
21—Bryan Colee
22—Norma Scott
24—Scott Luna
25—Eli Rambo
26—Lauren Desmond
27—Sylvia Kruger
28—Carol Parlette
29—Ellie Dehner

Happy Anniversary!

16—Mike & Ginny Kolze
20—George & Sheila Wells

Worship

Sundays: 10:30a

Office Hours

Monday: 9a-3p
Tuesday: 9a-3p
Wednesday: 9a-3p
Thursday: 9a-3p
Friday & Saturday: closed

Website

Our website is being updated regularly by our office manager, Lisa Dornbush. If you notice any updates needed on the site, please email Lisa.

Facebook

Follow our Facebook page for daily updates on church news, events, and lessons from Reginald (Sunday live stream and Wednesday Wisdom)!
Search: @stlukeunionchurch or www.facebook.com/stlukeunionchurch
Thursday, March 19, 2020

St Luke Union Church Share & Care Plan

In these strange times of isolation and working to halt the spread of COVID-19, I have come up with a few things that we, as the family of St Luke Union Church, can do to support one another. As Sandi and I have spent more time at home and have even begun our spring cleaning early, we have realized that we are well supplied in certain areas and perhaps low in others. I would like to invite each of us to make available our excess to those with less. This could include specific food items, or meals, a need for pick-up and delivery of food, medicine and other incidental items. If you have a specific need or are willing to offer assistance, I invite you to contact our Office Manager Lisa Dornbush via email ldornbush@stlukeunion.org and she will be acting as our clearing house of need and service.

We, as a community of faith, have always done a wonderful job in caring for one another and as we offer worship only online through Facebook and YouTube, this will not allow for opportunity to be in physical fellowship. We have members of our church family that are now isolated for their own health and the health of the greater community. We need to stay connected to one another and encourage each of you to reach out, with a phone call, letter, card, e-mail, text or any other means of communication. If you are in need of any contact information, again please contact our Office Manager, Lisa Dornbush via email.

In this environment of social isolation, let us become an epidemic of care.

Peace and Health,
Pastor Andy