



Annual Yard Sale!

Our annual yard sale will be on October 7, and 100% of the proceeds go to support our Thanksgiving Food Box ministry.

All donated items should be placed in the youth room in the designated areas marked by a sign.

All items should be in good, working condition. Furniture, home and holiday decor, sporting goods, tools, electronics, and kitchen items are always our top sellers.

DO NOT BRING: clothing, food, household/lawn chemicals, broken or soiled items, or mattresses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to help sort, price, and work the yard sale. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Please direct all questions to Ezel Harrell.

BBQ Sale

In conjunction with the yard sale, St. Luke is selling BBQ plates for \$10 each. This is a great chance to enjoy lunch or to treat your friends and family members, The plates can be picked up between 12-2 pm on Saturday, October 7. See Mary Shulak to purchase tickets or for more information on working as a volunteer.

New Members

We will be receiving Wilma Nace into membership on Sunday, October 8, at the 11:00 am service. If you are interested in the next round of new member classes, please speak with Pastor Robb.

Men's and Women's Groups

The Gathering and St. Luke Men will meet on Friday, October 27, at 11:00 am and 11:30 am, respectively. Please make plans to attend one of these great groups! Locations TBD.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet following worship on October 22. If you would like to attend or have business you would like to bring before the council, please speak with Pastor or Mary Shulak.

Online Devotions

Pastor Robb leads online devotions every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. Join us live at 9:30 or watch the recording at your convenience.



A NOTE FROM PR. ROBB

Dear St. Luke Family,

Last year we finally did something I have long wanted to do: we celebrated the Feast of St. Luke. Every October 18 the universal church remembers St. Luke, who has long been considered a patron saint of artists, bachelors, students, butchers, and physicians. It is his role as a physician that led to this church being named in his honor. When

St. Luke was formed from the remnants of previous congregations, it was known that healing would be a central part of the mission that would carry the new church forward.

More than twenty years later we still see healing as part of who we are. We search for spiritual healing, we pray for physical healing, we work for the healing of a culture torn apart by greed and avarice by attending to the hungry and vulnerable. This work has become central to our identity as a community of faith.

In order to best do that work, we must be good stewards of all that God has given us. October will be a time when we will focus on stewardship. We will consider how we are using our gifts to serve our world and one another. This will all culminate on Sunday, October 22, when we will both remember our namesake at service and recommit ourselves by pledging our valuable resources to the support of this work.

As we embark on that journey, please prayerfully consider how you can best support St. Luke and its mission to serve as Christ served.

Peace,

Pr Robb

Please pray for:

Barbara Carroll

Alex Allred

Lenore LeFranque

Paula Royal

Connie Capell

Steven Pridemore

The Joyners

Layla Kemp

Louise Harrison

Nancy Voss

Hiltunen and Johnston families

Rose Denzin

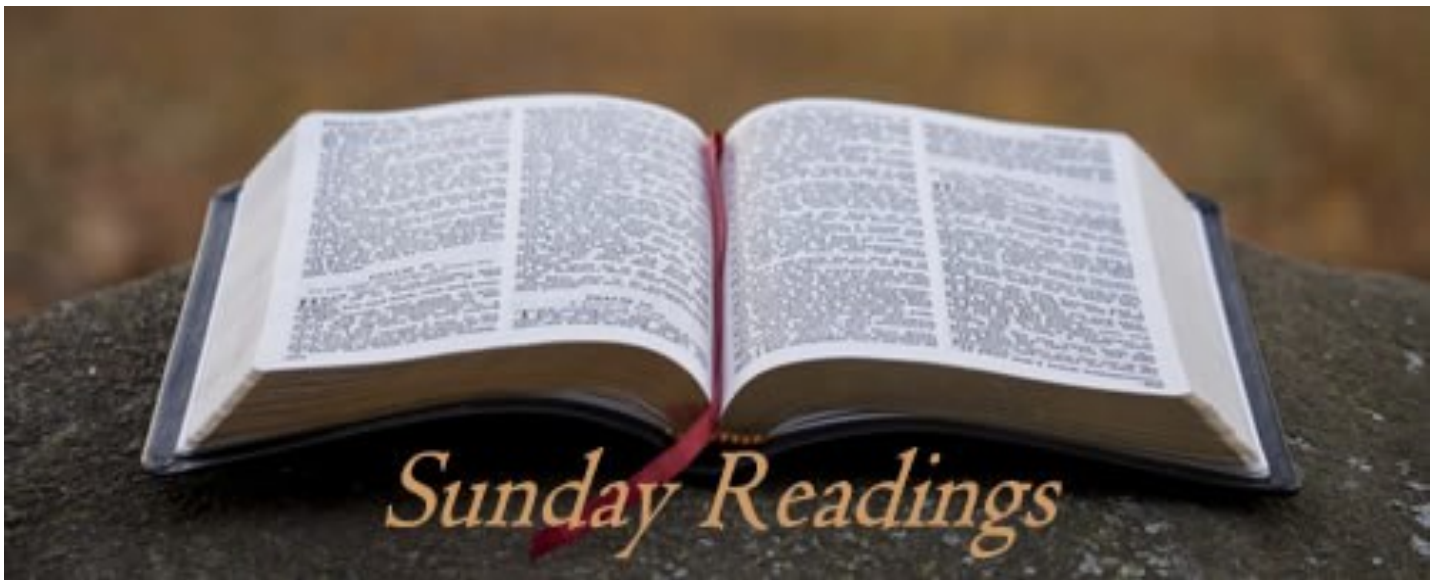
Judy Jenkins

Ron and Chong Brauer

Joyce Smalley

Angelina DeWent

Freddie Clark



October 1

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

October 8

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 15

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 22

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalms 96:1-9 [10-13]

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 29

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalms 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

Upcoming Commemorations

October 4 Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

October 4 Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, died 1864

Fliedner helped to bring about a revival of the ministry of deaconesses among Lutherans. He was influenced in this by Moravian deaconesses he had met. The motherhouse he founded in Kaiserswerth, Germany, inspired many around the world to take up this ministry.

October 6 William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536

Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

October 7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787

Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

October 10 Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996 (TFF)

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America. Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

October 15 Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

October 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

October 18 Luke, Evangelist

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

October 23 James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

October 26 Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

October 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

October 31 Reformation Day

By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

November 1 All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

November 3 Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and a freed Black woman from Panama. As a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), he engaged in many charitable works in Lima, Peru. He founded an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for cats and dogs.

October/November 2023 Sunday Servants

October 1

Assistant: Kelly Glow
Lector: Dave Barkdoll
Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas
Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace
Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

October 8

Assistant: Debbie Lundell
Lector: Shelia Kelley
Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly
Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little
Cleaners: The Egas Family

October 15

Assistant: Mark Rettig
Lector: Conrad Busch
Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner
Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig
Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

October 22

Assistant: Mary Shulak
Lector: David Ludley
Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig
Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace
Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

October 29

Assistant: Barbara Little
Lector: Eric Heckman
Ushers: Ed and Judy Joyner
Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little
Cleaning: The Joyners and the Sparrows

November 5

Assistant: Kelly Glow
Lector: Dave Barkdoll
Ushers: Preston Foster and Larry Egas
Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig
Cleaners: Susan Sparrow

November 12

Assistant: Debbie Lundell
Lector: Shelia Kelley
Ushers: John Shaw and Tony Kelly
Counters: Judy Barkdoll and Vickie Pace
Cleaners: The Egas Family

November 19

Assistant: Mark Rettig
Lector: Conrad Busch
Ushers: Dave Barkdoll and Ed Joyner
Counters: Paul Egas and Barbara Little
Cleaners: The Kelley Family and Barbara Little

November 26

Assistant: Mary Shulak
Lector: David Ludley
Ushers: Mark and Beverly Rettig
Counters: Beverly and Mark Rettig
Cleaners: The Barkdolls and Vickie Pace

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	2 Al-Anon 12 pm	3 Online Devotions 9:30am	4	5 Online Devotions 9:30am	6	7 AA 9 am Yard Sale
8 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	9 Al-Anon 12 pm	10 Online Devotions 9:30am	11	12 Online Devotions 9:30am	13	14 AA 9 am
15 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	16 Al-Anon 12 pm	17 Online Devotions 9:30am	18	19 Online Devotions 9:30am	20	21 AA 9 am
22 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11 am	23 Al-Anon 12 pm Deadline for newsletter submissions	24 Online Devotions 9:30am	25	26 Online Devotions 9:30am	27 Gathering 11 am	28 AA 9 am
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