ST. LUKE'S GOOD NEWS!

Monthly Newsletter of St Luke's UCC, South Milwaukee, WI: *November 2026*

Welcome to our newsletter for St Luke's UCC in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin! I am Reverend Peter Haskins and as of April 1st of 2025 I am the settled pastor of St Luke's. I am honored to be St Luke's pastor as we all continue the vision of our church to "be a spiritually united body, empowering the members to be fully involved in the growing life of the church." If you or anyone in your family needs pastoral assistance of any kind please contact me at (812) 887-1472 or stlukesuccpastor2@gmail.com I am available during the week and will be in South Milwaukee area every Sunday morning for our 11 am worship.

November 1: All-Saints/*Holy Communion*

Reminder: *St Luke's UCC's Human Concerns collection this month is: Harvest Fest, i.e. Thanksgiving meal items

November 6: Happy Birthday to Lori M.

November 29: Noisy Offering

Daylight Savings time ends on November 1

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever...

ALL SAINTS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

* CINDY GILMORE
* BARBARA SCUDDER

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Pastor's Corner

Thanksgiving blessings to you and your family during this wonderful Fall of 2026! As I write this, we are about to put our clocks back an hour which can mean only one thing: Thanksgiving is on its way and Christmas is right around the corner. It is my hope and our prayer that you and your family are doing well, you are healthy and happy and feeling supported in your life. As we enter November, please reach out if you or anyone in your family has any pastoral requests. I am happy to talk with you or meet with you whether it be for a hospital stay or counseling or just to chat. Please don't hesitate to contact me at (812) 887-1472.

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As I prepare for All Saints Sunday and Holy Communion on this Halloween Day of 2026, I sit down at my desk here in Menomonee Falls and look out on the beauty of two Tulip trees turning to a bright yellow as the shorter days and lack of long, summer sunlight triggers these trees to shed their leaves and transform into a dormant state. I sit, still a bit sleepy from long nights following the Brewers win their first title here for Milwaukee. Being a full-time pastor at two retirement communities I have had my fair share of amazing conversations with native Milwaukeeans who recall moments in their life when they met Bud Selig or Robin Yount or attended the downtown parade in 1982 celebrating the teams near victory against the Cardinals when they Brewers were in the American League, etc, etc.

I was a bit preoccupied at the end of Game 4 when the Brewers lost the 12th inning lead and lost to send it to Game 5. Originally, I am a Reds fans in the days of Pete Rose and Jonny Bench but have been a Cubs from since the Rick Sutcliffe and Andre Dawson days of 1984 and have experienced many collapses of near victories but was heartened to see Game 5 turn out as it did with Miz able to heroically pitch into the 5th inning. Baseball is not a uniquely American sport (as it has been claimed by Ken Burns). It is a folk game brought to America from Medieval Europe and Britain with our early settlers, but perfected to it present state by years of interest by ordinary folk in the U.S. who had the hope that they could one day be a Cooper Pratt and one day stand in the batter's box and provide clutch hit after hit on the biggest stage in the sport. It is this hope that we all can contribute to a team and be a part of something bigger than we are, in a sport that combines talent and luck, humility and pride, hard work and a youthful exuberance all combined with a sense of community spirit that leads us all to the celebration of being the best at something. To the State of Wisconsin: congratulations. Hats off to ya.

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