

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
Upcoming Events for Oct 6 - 13

Saturday, October 6

- 6:30 am Bread Run — Smokey & Susan McGovern
- 7:00 am Mountain T.O.P. Pie Making in the Kitchen
- 10:00 am Blessing of the Pets on the Front Steps
- 11:00 am Lathan Family Visitation in the Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm David Latham Memorial Service (dinner after, downstairs)
- 5:30 pm Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Team 2
- 6:00 pm Saturday Night Praise with Communion - Wesley Room

Sunday, October 7 — World Communion Sunday

- 8:30 am Sunday Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 am Sunday School / Families in Faith
- 9:30 am Everyone welcome for coffee in the South Hall
- 10:45 am Sunday Worship Service with Communion in the Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Crop Walk at Holy Trinity Lutheran (1755 Delhi)

Monday, October 8

- 8-11 am Guided Tours of the Sanctuary & Tiffany Windows
- 4:00 pm Dubuque for Refugee Children Meeting - Wesley Room
- 6:30 pm Worship & Celebration Meeting in the Conference Room

Tuesday, October 9

- 9:30 am Terrific Tuesday at Convivum Urban Farmstead

Wednesday, October 10

- 8-11 am Guided Tours of the Sanctuary & Tiffany Windows
- 2:00 pm Dusold Wedding in the Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday

Thursday, October 11

- 10:00 am Bible Study in the Conference Room

Friday, October 12

- 7:00 am Men's Worship in the Sanctuary
- 8-11 am Guided Tours of the Sanctuary & Tiffany Windows

Saturday, October 13

- 6:30 am Bread Run — Hull family
- 7:00 am Mountain T.O.P. Pie Making in the Kitchen
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- 5:30 pm Food for the Soul in the Fellowship Hall — Lange family
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St. Luke's United Methodist Church Vision
Welcoming ALL . . .
Caring . . . Serving . . . Growing

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Saturday, October 6, 2018
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals
 St. Luke's—Celebrating 185 Years

Blessing of the Animals

Gathering and Greeting

The animals of God's creation
inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea.

They share in the fortunes of human existence
and have a part in human life.

God, who confers gifts on all living things,
has often used the service of animals
or made them reminders of the gifts of salvation.

Animals were saved from the flood
and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah.

The paschal lamb recalls the Passover sacrifice
and the deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

A giant fish saved Jonah;
ravens brought bread to Elijah;
animals were included in the repentance of Nineveh;
and animals share in Christ's redemption of all God's
creation.

We, therefore, invoke God's blessing on these animals.
As we do so, let us praise the Creator
and thank God for setting us as stewards
over all the creatures of the earth.

Scripture

Genesis 6: 17-22

[God said to Noah]: "For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them." Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Responsive Reading (please read the bold part)

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. (Psalm 36:5-6)

Prayer of Blessing

The leader says the following prayer with hands outstretched or may touch and bless each animal.

Bless, O Lord these creatures,
and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for their being.

Dismissal with Blessing