November 2026:
"A Harvest of Gratitude"



November holds an invitation to pause, to remember, and to give thanks. We give thanks for the saints whose lives have shaped our faith, for the gifts God has entrusted to our care, and for the countless ways grace continues to grow among us. Like a harvest gathered after months of planting and tending, gratitude reminds us that the blessings of our lives are rooted in God's faithfulness. Some blessings are abundant and easy to recognize; others emerge more quietly and slowly in seasons of struggle, loss, and uncertainty. But in every season, we discover new reasons to give thanks to God. November also holds an invitation to live generously, to share what we have, and to become a blessing in the lives of others. Throughout this month, our prayers will celebrate the gifts of community, the joy of serving our neighbors, and the love that sustains us through every season of life.

GRATEFUL for THE SAINTS

Sunday | **November 1 - All Saints Sunday**

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25) ***Prayer: God of everlasting love, as we begin this new month, we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Their faith has inspired us, their kindness has shaped us, and their love continues to live within our hearts. We remember them with gratitude, even as we acknowledge the sorrow of their absence. Remind us that death does not have the final word, and that nothing can separate us from your love. May we honor those who came before us by living faithfully, loving generously, and sharing your hope with generations yet to come. Amen.***

Monday | **November 2 - A Legacy of Faith**

"I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice." (2 Timothy 1:5) ***Prayer: Faithful God, we give thanks for those who have encouraged us along the journey of faith. Their prayers, sacrifices, and acts of kindness have helped shape who we are today. May their example inspire us to persevere with hope and become a source of encouragement for others. Amen.***

Tuesday | **November 3 - Gratitude in Action** | "Whatever you do, whether in speech or action, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." (Colossians 3:17) ***Prayer: Generous God, help us turn our gratitude into action. May our words bring encouragement, our hands offer help, and our hearts remain open to those in need. Let thanksgiving become more than something we say; may it become the way we live each day. Amen.***

Wednesday | **November 4 - A Community of Prayer** | "Bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks." (Philippians 4:6) ***Prayer: Listening God, we give thanks for the Prayer Team at St. Luke and for all who faithfully lift others before you. Bless those who pray, those who seek comfort, and those whose needs remain unspoken. May our congregation be a community where burdens are shared, hope is renewed, and no one feels forgotten. Amen.***

Thursday | **November 5 - Fellowship & Service** | "Serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13) ***Prayer: Gracious God, we give thanks for the United Methodist Men of St. Luke and for the faithful men who have served this congregation through the years. We remember with gratitude those whose labor, generosity, and devotion helped build the community we share today. As they gather for breakfast, deepen their faith and***

strengthen their fellowship so that others may know Christ through their witness, service, and love. Amen.

Friday | **November 6 - The Blessing of Kindness** | "Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to each other..." (Ephesians 4:32) ***Prayer: Loving God, thank you for the simple kindnesses that brighten our days and remind us of your presence. Help us notice opportunities to extend grace, offer forgiveness, and encourage someone who is struggling. May the seeds of kindness we plant today grow into a harvest of love. Amen.***

Saturday | **November 7 - For Every Generation** | "One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts." (Psalm 145:4) ***Prayer: God of every generation, we give thanks for the wisdom of those who came before us and the promise of those who will follow. Help us nurture faith across generations, sharing stories of your goodness and creating a community where all ages are welcomed, valued, and loved. May the seeds of faith we plant today flourish for generations to come. Amen.***

A HARVEST of GENEROSITY

Sunday | **November 8 - Commitment Sunday** | "Since everything comes from you, we have given you that which comes from your own hand." (1 Chronicles 29:14) ***Prayer: Generous God, every good gift begins with you. You have blessed us with life and love, with opportunities to serve, and with a community in which our faith can grow and flourish. As we offer our commitments today, remind us that stewardship is not simply about what we give, but how we live. Open our hearts to new possibilities and give us courage to trust that you are still at work among us. May our gratitude inspire generosity, our generosity strengthen community, and our community become a living witness to your unstoppable love. Amen.***

Monday | **November 9 - The Joy of Giving** | "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7) ***Prayer: God of abundance, teach us to give with joyful and willing hearts. Free us from the fear that there will never be enough, and help us recognize the blessings already entrusted to our care. May our generosity spring from gratitude and bring joy to both the giver and the receiver. Help us be agents of your joy this day. Amen.***

Tuesday | **November 10 - Making Room for Others** | "Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home." (Romans 12:13) ***Prayer: Welcoming God, open our hearts to those who long for friendship, encouragement, and belonging. Help us recognize the stranger as a neighbor and the neighbor as a friend. As we prepare treat bags today for the teachers at Spicer Elementary, may each gift be a reminder that they are loved and valued. Help St. Luke UMC reflect your generous love, creating a community where everyone knows they belong. Amen.***

Wednesday | **November 11 - Veterans Day** | "He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear." (Psalm 46:9) ***Prayer: God of peace, today we give thanks for all who have served our nation, honoring their courage, sacrifices, and commitment to others. We pray for veterans and their families, especially those carrying wounds both visible and unseen. Bring healing where there is pain, comfort where there is sorrow, and hope where there is struggle. Guide the nations of the world toward justice, reconciliation, and lasting peace. Amen.***

Thursday | **November 12 - Gifts for the Common Good** | "Serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts." (1 Peter 4:10) ***Prayer: Giver of every good gift, thank you for the many talents, abilities, and experiences you have entrusted to us. Help us recognize the gifts within ourselves and celebrate the gifts we see in others. May we use what we've been given to strengthen our community, lift up our neighbors, and share your love with the world. Amen.***

Friday | **November 13 - A Generous Spirit** | "Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will

themselves be refreshed." (Proverbs 11:25) ***Prayer: Gracious God, cultivate within us a spirit of generosity. Show us ways to refresh weary spirits, encourage discouraged hearts, and offer kindness without expecting anything in return. May the blessings we share become seeds of hope in the lives of others. Amen.***

Saturday | **November 14 - A Harvest of Goodness** | "Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up." (Galatians 6:9) ***Prayer: Faithful God, remind us that the seeds of goodness we plant may bear fruit beyond our lifetimes. Today, we give thanks for those whose faithfulness, generosity, and love have blessed our lives. Comfort any who mourn this day; and help us honor those who have gone before us by continuing their work of compassion and service. May we never tire of doing good. Amen.***

THROUGH EVERY SEASON

Sunday | **November 15 - Sundays & Seasons** | "There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1) ***Prayer: Faithful God, through every season of life, your love remains steadfast. As we reflect on another year of worship at St. Luke, we give thanks for the stories, songs, prayers, and sacred moments that have shaped our journey together. Through seasons of waiting and celebration, repentance and renewal, sorrow and joy, you have been present among us. Help us recognize your grace in all that has been and trust your promises for all that is yet to come. May the rhythms of worship continue to shape our lives, deepen our faith, and inspire us to share your love. Amen.***

Monday | **November 16 - God's Faithfulness** | "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning." (Lamentations 3:22-23) ***Prayer: Steadfast God, as we look back over the seasons of our lives, we give thanks for your enduring presence. Through moments of joy and seasons of struggle, your mercy has sustained us. Open our eyes to the quiet blessings we may have overlooked and renew our trust in your faithfulness. New are your mercies this day, and for all our days. Amen.***

Tuesday | **November 17 - A Time to Grow** | "A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted." (Ecclesiastes 3:2) ***Prayer: God of growth and renewal, thank you for the seasons of planting, tending, and harvesting in our lives. Give us patience when growth seems slow and wisdom to recognize when change is needed. May the seeds of faith we nurture today bear fruit in love, compassion, and service. Amen.***

Wednesday | **November 18 - Growing in Wisdom** | "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105) ***Prayer: God of wisdom, we give thanks for the Wednesday Bible Study at St. Luke and for all who seek to grow in understanding of your Word. Bless our questions, conversations, and discoveries. May our study deepen our faith, broaden our compassion, and guide us toward lives of faithful service. Amen.***

Thursday | **November 19 - A Time for Healing** | "A time to break down, and a time to build up." (Ecclesiastes 3:3) ***Prayer: Healing God, we recognize that every season brings both challenges and opportunities for renewal. Where relationships are strained, bring reconciliation. Where hearts are wounded, offer comfort. Where hope has faded, awaken new possibilities. Help us become instruments of your healing love in a world longing for wholeness. Amen.***

Friday | **November 20 - Planting Seeds of Hope** | "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children." (Mark 10:14) ***Prayer: Loving God, we give thanks for our Academy 4 mentors and the children they serve at Spicer Elementary. Bless the friendships they nurture and the encouragement they share. Surround every child in our community with love, safety, and opportunities to flourish. May our care plant lasting seeds of hope and belonging. Amen.***

Saturday | **November 21 - The Promise of Renewal** | "See, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5)

Prayer: God of new beginnings, as another Christian year draws to a close, we give thanks for the ways you have shaped and sustained us. Help us release what no longer gives life and embrace the possibilities before us. May we enter each new season with grateful hearts and renewed hope. Amen.

A WORLD of THANKSGIVING

Sunday | **November 22 - Thanksgiving Sunday** | "Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!" (Psalm 107:1) ***Prayer: Generous God, we gather with grateful hearts, remembering the countless ways your love has sustained us. We give thanks for the beauty of creation, the gift of community, and the blessings that enrich our lives. Like the grateful traveler who returned to Jesus, help us pause to recognize your grace and offer our praise. Open our eyes to those who hunger for food, friendship, and hope. May our thanksgiving move beyond words into acts of compassion and generosity, so that the blessings we have received become blessings shared with others. Through our gratitude, may your love be made known. Amen.***

Monday | **November 23 - Counting Our Blessings** | "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above." (James 1:17) ***Prayer: Generous God, open our eyes to the blessings we sometimes overlook: a kind word, a helping hand, a moment of peace, or the beauty of an ordinary day. Teach us to recognize your goodness in both the extraordinary and the everyday, and to respond with grateful hearts. Amen.***

Tuesday | **November 24 - Remembering Those Who Grieve** | "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted…" (Psalm 34:18) ***Prayer: Compassionate God, as the holidays approach, we remember those for whom this season brings loneliness or grief. Surround them with your comforting presence and the kindness of caring neighbors. Help us notice those who may feel forgotten and offer the gifts of friendship, understanding, and love. Amen.***

Wednesday | **November 25 - A Place at the Table** | "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7) ***Prayer: Welcoming God, as we prepare to gather with family and friends, remind us that your table is wide enough for everyone. Open our hearts to those who hunger for food, companionship, or belonging. May the tables we share always reflect your abundant love for all. Amen.***

Thursday | **November 26 - Thanksgiving Day** | "And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15) ***Prayer: God of abundant grace, on this Thanksgiving Day, we pause to celebrate the many blessings of our lives. We give thanks for family and friends, for food and shelter, for the beauty of creation, and for the love that sustains us through every season. Remembering those who have less, awaken in us a spirit of generosity and compassion. May our gratitude find expression not only in the words we speak today, but in the lives we live throughout the year. Amen.***

Friday | **November 27 - Enough to Share** | "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance." (2 Corinthians 9:8) ***Prayer: God of abundance, in a world that often encourages us to want more, teach us to recognize when we have enough. Free us from the need to accumulate and awaken in us the joy of sharing. May contentment grow in our hearts and generosity flourish in our lives. Amen.***

Saturday | **November 28 - Gratitude that Endures** | "Give thanks in all circumstances." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) ***Prayer: Faithful God, as this season of thanksgiving draws to a close, remind us that gratitude is not limited to a single day. Help us carry thankful hearts into the ordinary moments and unexpected challenges of life. May our gratitude sustain our hope and inspire us to share your goodness every day. Amen.***

BEHOLD! A NEW BEGINNING

Sunday | **November 29 - First Sunday of Advent** | "And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." (Mark 13:37) ***Prayer: God of hope and new beginnings, as we enter this season of Advent, awaken our hearts to your presence among us. We give thanks for the blessings of the year behind us and look forward with anticipation to the possibilities before us. When the world feels uncertain and the future unclear, remind us that your love is still at work, bringing light into darkness and hope into despair. Open our eyes to recognize the signs of your coming kingdom, and give us courage to participate in the new things you are doing. Come, Lord Jesus, and make us ready. Amen.***

Join us for coffee & Prayer Team Meeting every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall