

Newsletter 02.27.25

Last weekend Rita and I got the chance to take our niece, nephew, and their mom to the Indiana State Museum. I love museums! I especially have a soft spot in my heart for the Indiana State Museum. I used to work at one of their historic sites down south and was trying to get a job at the main campus when I instead answered God's call for me to go into ministry.

Museums are just awesome. They are filled not just with history and weird, unusual things, but with stories. A good museum tells the story of a place, a people, or a time. Every exhibit is expertly chosen to tell you some new piece of information.

Imagine my surprise, then, when I went to their newest gallery to find an exhibit that can best be described as "Cleaned Out Our Closet." It was such a strange menagerie of things. There was a stuffed beaver and wildcat next to a varsity uniform from IU. A modern medical device used to make insulin neighbored a gawdy piece of pottery from the 1800s. Boot hooks belonging to Abraham Lincoln now sat next to mammoth teeth.

There seemed to be no rhyme or reason. Instead, it just looked like the museum curator went into their storage facility and grabbed whatever looked cool. It just didn't make any sense to me, and I've seen a lot of different museum exhibits in my day.

But you know, what? It worked. All the chaos and randomness came together. It may not have looked like it made sense on the surface, but each piece played a part in the greater whole. After I stopped trying to make sense, I saw the beauty of it all.

I couldn't help but be reminded of Paul's letter to the Galatians after we were done. Paul writes "There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28)."

The Church was the one place in the Roman Empire where anyone could come and be part of it. Christ called not just a select group of people into the Kingdom, but all. The Church was a hodgepodge of people. Yet, the Church at the time was also a divided one. People were being ranked by their Spiritual gifts over in Corinth. Every church had some issues with slaves and freed people intermingling. Galatians had a problem with Jews and Greeks not getting along.

The Church needed to see the truth; everyone had a part to play. Yes, it didn't make sense to the world why a free, Jewish woman would worship next to an enslaved, Roman man, anymore that it makes sense for an iron lung to be next to a woolly mammoth. They just don't seem to go together.

But friends, they were needed for the Body of Christ. Each of them brought a unique story, a wonderful gift, and gracious presence. God called each of them, they were welcomed home by the Lord, and they were empowered by the Spirit.

Friends, God calls us to be part of something more than ourselves. We are called to be the Body of Christ for a world that needs Jesus so badly. Christ calls us all. The differences the world teaches us are there, and are shown to be lies. We're all followers of Jesus Christ.

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us remember that. Let us work together to serve our Savior. Let us embrace our differences, and celebrate what brings us together, God's love. God bless! Pastor Ed

T-shirt orders are due March 2!

## March/April Upper Rooms are available in the literature rack and the welcome counter.

Ready to make a splash this summer? **Camp registration is officially open for 2025!**

For a complete event calendar with dates and locations, click [here](#). If you have questions, contact [registrar@impact2818.org](mailto:registrar@impact2818.org) or (888) 628-2818.

Don't forget: [scholarships](#) are available. No kid in your life needs to miss out on camp!

Ready to dive in? Click [here](#) to register now!

## Looking Ahead

VBS Meeting – Thursday, February 27, 7 PM

Food Pantry – Tuesday, February 25, 3 – 6 PM

Fellowship Committee Meeting – Monday, Mar. 10 at 7 PM

Blood Drive – Tuesday, Mar. 11, 2:30 PM at Palmer Community Complex

Missions/Evangelism Mtg. – Tuesday, Mar. 11 at 6:30 PM

Finance Committee Meeting – Wednesday, Mar. 12, 10 AM

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Mar. 18, 7 PM

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Mar. 22, 4 PM

Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, Mar. 26, 10 AM – Here

Fifth Sunday–10:30 AM Worship & Turkey Biscuit Brunch

**TOPS Club** meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door. Start 2025 with us!

## Food Pantry

**Food Pantry Need: Shelf Stable Milk, jelly, dish soap, frosting, salt, toilet paper**  
The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

## Thank You

On behalf of the Lakeville Lions Club, I would like to thank you for allowing us to use your facility for the Lions Club's Christmas projects. Because of you, we were able to prepare food boxes, toys, and clothing for 52 families, We were able to provide each family with more than 165 food items, including hamburger and oranges. You allowed us to be a real blessing to these families at Christmas. Thanks Anne Weber; Lakeville Lions Club

LUMC, thank you for giving me a scholarship to help me earn my certification to teach Preschool. I have always loved working with children and am so excited that next year I will hopefully be assisting in a full-time preschool class. LUMC was my home church for 19 years and it is where I learned to have my own faith and grow closer in my relationship with God! I truly appreciate the support through all the years! Thank you! Kelsey Anders

## Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

**Mar 2 Pastor Ed & Rita   Mar 9 Amber   Mar 16 Dixie**

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

## Sunday Kids Church Schedule

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