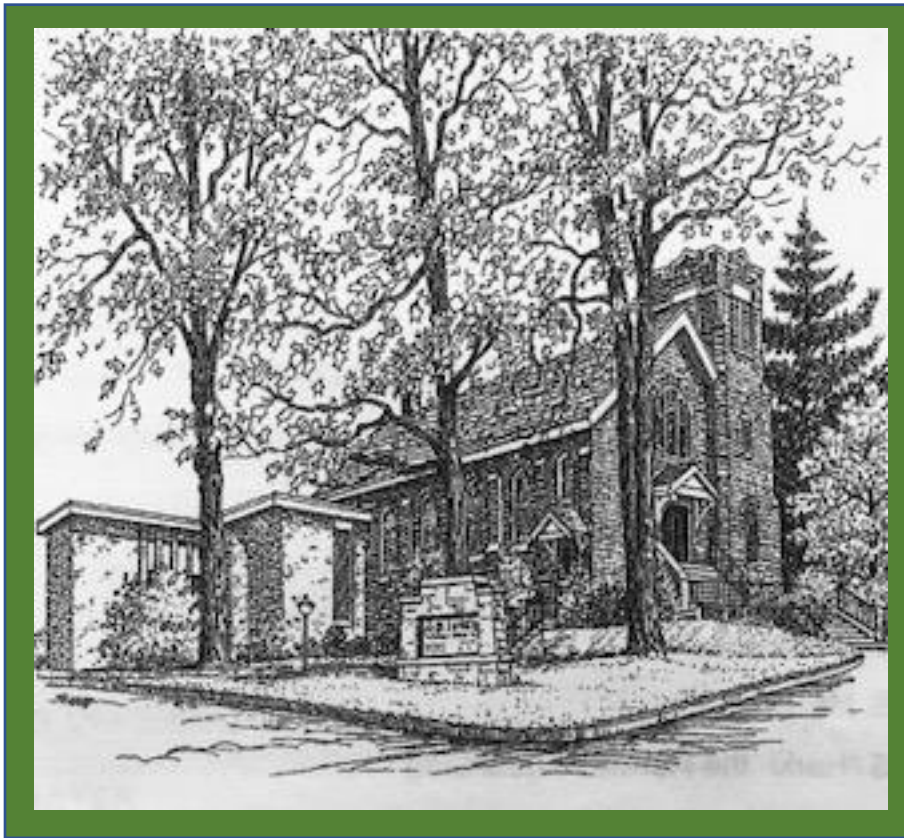


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**The Church Office is currently being managed remotely.
Assistance is available via email/phone**

President's Message

I know we just had "One Great Hour of Sharing," but I would encourage our members to give to the "Ukrainian Emergency Appeal." This money is going to provide food and non-food items to Ukrainian refugees. Much of the money is being sent to the Hungarian UCC churches who are providing relief especially to senior refugees. This Appeal allows the members of St. Luke's to contribute in a meaningful way to help alleviate the pain of Ukrainian refugees. Just write "UKRAINIAN EMERGENCY APPEAL" on the bottom of your check. Thank you for being generous to those caught up in this horrible war.

Barbara Allen

The
Season
of
Lent



LENTEN / EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY – April 15, 2022

Worship Service to be held at 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – April 17, 2022

Worship Services will be held at 9:00 AM

EASTER MEMORIALS

Order forms for Easter Memorials will be included in the March Sunday bulletins.
Please have your orders turned into the Church Office by Sunday, April 3rd.



***Denotes Non-member, (Names in bold are newly added)**

David Belleville
Zachary Palmer*

Melva Bradley
Robert Perry*

Brenda Day
Tim Stockwell

Megan Nuelle
Loren Stuckmeyer

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*

Christopher Kettler*
Kelsey L. Schwent

Samuel Lowry
Eric Watkins

Alec Schrepel*

Church Council

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Barb Allen

Vice President
<Vacant>

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Yvonne Davis

Treasurer
Sandra Arnold

Fin. Secretary
Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.
Angela Otto

BOCE Rep.
Kathy Porter

Bldg & Grounds
Dwight Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment
Warren Stuckmeyer

Interim Pastor
Rev. Joshua Pittman

Meeting Highlights from March 2022

Church Council met on March 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the February meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor mentioned that Christmas 2022 falls on a Sunday this year and that congregation should start thinking about holiday services. After Pentecost, Rev. Pittman would like to review the flow of service.

Financial: Discussion regarding accounts payable reporting and to have that show accurate income and spending of everyday operations but also separately show contributions and operating expenses. Payments are being made monthly to Pension Boards and Rev. Pittman will complete necessary paperwork by end of March. United Church Funds will be invited to next Council meeting to discuss funds in detail.

Building & Grounds: Dwight Kraus reported that the road was graded in time for the Green Eggs and Ham breakfast. He also reported he has received bids to replace the front doors of the church. A bid from Dean's Cabinetry in Farmington has been approved by Council to have them build new doors to replicate the current ones.

Search Committee: The committee has the church profile ready to go out the first of April.

Endowment: Warren Stuckmeyer reported that the Endowment Committee extended the application time for funds to be requested. They will continue to accept applications until April for the May meeting.

Board of Christian Education: Connie Stuckmeyer requested that the Easter Breakfast be moved from Easter Sunday to Palm Sunday service and Council approved this calendar change.

Board of Elders: The BOE reported that the children will again go to the front of the church for the Children's Message every Sunday. The decision was also made that the Elders will no longer dismiss by rows after church, people want to socialize now on their way out. Council approved BOE overseeing the Zoom setup.

New Business: A motion was made and approved to add Barb Allen as a signer on the St. Luke's MWBank checking account and remove Becky Hollerbach. The All-Board Meeting will be held on May 17th to coincide with the May Council Meeting. The minutes from the Annual Meeting will be reviewed, edited, and retyped by Yvonne to include recommended corrections.

Easter Lillies/Memorials: Fifteen (15) lilies have been ordered to decorate the church for Easter. Inserts will be included each Sunday with bulletins for Memorials/Honors.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Report

FEB. 2022

Operating Income	\$ 10,155
Expenses	<u>\$(14,090)</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	<u>\$(3,935)</u>

YTD 2022

Operating Income	\$ 24,497
Expenses	<u>\$(28,711)</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	<u>\$(4,214)</u>

Search Committee

The Search Committee has a meeting scheduled with Pastor Pittman following Worship Service on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at approximately 10:45 a.m., following his Confirmation Class.

The Church Profile is complete and will be sent now to Damien Lake for final approval. Once the profile is approved, it will be posted for applicants to apply.

Women's Guild

Meeting Highlight: from March 2022

On March 3, 2022, a small group of Guild members, Evening Circle members and guests met for fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at St. Luke's. We enjoyed some tasty and colorful Irish donut holes. Thank you, Jane. The rapid selling out of the Sausage Dinner was discussed as well as the merger of the two women's groups. We will have a combined meeting on May 5 to finalize meeting dates, times and combining the checking accounts as well as selecting officers and any other business. We hope other women of the church will join us as we wish to remain a vital group of the church. We plan to purchase fifteen (15) Easter lilies to decorate the Sanctuary and will send Easter cards to our shut-ins. If Camp MoVal is open for campers, we will continue our practice of paying half of a camper's fee for an active member of Sunday School. Our Palm Sunday Bake/Bakeless Sale will be on April 10, if Council approves sale of homemade goods. The Women's Guild voted to donate \$2000 to the General Fund.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6th, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m.

Board of Elders

Chairperson
Jess McLard

Secretary
Bob Schrepel

Church Council Rep.
Angela Otto

Worship
Kay Moss

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

Highlights from March 2022

The Board of Elders met on March 8, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the February meeting.

Worship: Things are going fine. Barb Lovera will be doing further alterations to the white altar cloths to make them fit better.

Ushers: Things are going well. Jess McLard will be doing the Usher schedule until Brenda Day returns. We can always use more volunteers.

Nursery Care: At this time, no nursery care is being provided. At a prior meeting we discussed when we might consider once again providing nursery care and for now, there does not seem to be a need, so we will leave it as is.

Visitor Care: In February, we had eight (8) visitors.

Confirmation Class: Things are going well. The class meets with Pastor Joshua on Sunday right after church service. They have finished their spiritual autobiographies and they have now started working on their statements of faith. They continue doing an excellent job reading scripture and serving as the Acolyte each Sunday. Confirmation Service is scheduled for Sunday, May 15th. Jess will be coordinating with BOCE and Tricia to order supplies.

Weddings: April 9, 2022: Shelby Stuckmeyer and Kyle Stillwell
May 21, 2022, Justin Stuckmeyer and Courtney Merli

Funerals: Church Council approved to allow funerals to be held in the church. Masks are recommended but per our COVID guidelines, we are not requiring masks. Elders are working on updating the Funeral Committee procedures and volunteers to serve on the committee.

Membership Task Force: Church Council approved the update to the inactive membership list of those who should be moved to "Affiliate" status

Elders Calendar: The BOE yearly calendar has been updated and distributed to the Board of Elders. BOCE requested that BOE take over some events such as the Hayride and Bingo and BOE has declined that offer/ request.

Lenten Services: Jess will be working with Pastor Josh to discuss what type of service he would prefer and if there are any special considerations. Palm Sunday (4/10) at 9am; Good Friday (4/15) at 7pm and Easter Sunday (4/17) at 9am.

Communion: Discussion was had as to when church could return to traditional distribution of Communion elements, and it was decided to wait until after the summer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Christian Education

Chairperson
Connie Stuckmeyer

Secretary
Chris Kraus

Church Council Rep.
Kathy Porter

Elected Members
Angela Logan
Gail Heckenberg
Sherry Pippin
Sarah Saputo

SS Superintendent
Kayla Bailey

SS Asst Super.
Brenda Farson

VBS
Jess McLard

Highlight; from March 2022

The Board of Christian Education met on March 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the January meeting.

Sunday School: Connie will select and begin practicing music for kids to sing Palm Sunday during worship. There was some discussion on how to return to offering coffee/donuts/etc following worship or Sunday School. This discussion was tabled for now.

Confirmation: Students have finished their Spiritual autobiographies and are now diving into their Statements of Faith. BOCE will review how to incorporate the field trips for the Confirmation class either in person or virtual in the next class 2023/2024.

1st Quarter Mission: All 2022 will remain the same as last year with Pony Bird being 1st quarter. Camp MoVal will be reorganizing and reopening again. We will keep this in mind for the future.

Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast: Planning for fifty people to attend. Flyers have been posted and handed out at Sunday School.

Palm Sunday Breakfast: Connie will meet with the parents of the confirmands on Sunday 3/20 to discuss options for Palm Sunday Breakfast and to divide responsibilities. There will also be a bake/bakeless sale by the ladies in Women's Guild and Evening Circle.

Palm Cross Making/Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 9th. Confirmands will be asked to help with the Easter Egg Hunt and will need one volunteer to dress up in costume as our "special guest." We will also invite Pat/John Sieving to help instruct them on making Palm Crosses. Tricia has ordered palms. Plans were made and in place for a successful morning.

Rummage Sale: Sale will take place on the church parking lot on June 4th (rain date June 11th). Sarah will make a signup sheet and flyer. This will be a fundraiser for BOCE with funds supporting the church youth. This will be advertised in the Leader free section and the radio. Flyer will be emailed to local churches.

Falling for Jesus Festival: The activity originally planned for October 23rd has been changed to "Falling for Jesus Festival" which will include fall themed games, competitions and activities following Sunday School. Some ideas provided were shuffleboard, ping pong, cornhole, bobbing for donuts, corn kernel shucking. More discussion to follow. Kids will be encouraged to bring friends to worship, Sunday School, and the festival.

Event Sponsors: Connie spoke with Jess McLard regarding the proposal to have the Board of Elders sponsor the Bingo and Hayride/Bonfire for 2022. The Elders declined as they do not want prescheduled activities/annual events at this time. They will be focusing on worship, occasional "pop-up" events and helping with activities such as Rally Day/All Church Picnic. The Bonfire/Hayride and Bingo have been removed from the 2022 Events Calendar.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



QUILTS! QUILTS! QUILTS!

Anyone interested in quilts or quilting, come to church on Tuesdays anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We are ready and willing to help you! Come for an hour or two, bring your lunch and stay if you want. We welcome all!



Congratulations

New Parents, Jessica & Corey Cathcart...

Grandparents, Garry & Denise Kraus and Great Grandpa, Ron White

Jessica and Corey welcomed their twin boys, Connor Mitchel and James Michael on Friday, March 25th. Connor Mitchel was born at 8:52pm, weighing 3lbs, 11oz and measuring 16 ½". James Michael was born at 8:53pm, weighing 4lbs, 8oz and measuring 18 ¼".

*Thank
you*



Many Thanks!

Thank You to the Adult Fellowship for purchasing a new Christmas tree for the Church Sanctuary, as well as a full outdoor Nativity Scene. Though they are not currently meeting, they had money left in their accounts and decided to purchase these two items for the good of the Church. Thank you for all the times you have worked diligently behind the scenes to support St. Luke's!

A HUGE thank you from the Elders for another successful Food Drive! The total was 440 items that was donated to Sister Christine's food pantry, which serves our local community.

The generosity of our congregation never ceases to amaze me.

Many thanks and Blessings,

- Jess McLard, Chairperson of Elders
- The Board of Elders



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| 04/01 Sandy Kraus
Henry Schneider | 04/19 Susan McKinley |
| 04/02 Sharon Kraus | 04/20 Arneda McClenahan |
| 04/03 Parizzitta Skaggs | 04/21 Jacob Bogowith
Melanie Raebel |
| 04/05 Elora Hoehn
Eddie Lowry III
Erin Magee | 04/22 Timothy Farson
Timothy McKinley
Gracen Miller |
| 04/06 Michael Jordan | 04/23 Kay Carter |
| 04/10 Gregory McLard | 04/24 Timothy Hollerbach |
| 04/13 Bill Magee III | 04/25 Patricia Bone |
| 04/15 Emma Hollerbach | 04/28 Elizabeth Skaggs |
| 04/18 Scott Geary | 04/29 Toby Rebsamen |

Hanging Basket Order Form

St. Luke's UCC Evening Circle



\$15 each



Payable to St. Luke's UCC Evening Circle
Payment is due at the time of order

Deadline for orders is Sunday, April 17

Sold by: _____	Ivy Geranium (list color) Red or Pink	New Guinea Impatiens (list color) Pink, Red, Orange, Purple	Calibrachoa (MillionBells) Purple, Pink, Yellow (list color)	Double wave petunia Mixed	Geranium Combo (list color) Purple, Red	Non-stop begonia (list color) Red, Yellow	Total Plants Sold	Total amount paid
Grand Totals:								

*If a color or plant is not available one will be substituted

You may place an order by filling out the form on the piano at church or you may call an Evening Circle member. If you choose to mail an order to the church please make sure you mark the envelope Evening Circle and include your payment.

You may Call: Gail Heckenberg 314-630-2248 Sherry Pippin 314-805-6051
Earleen Stockwell 314-496-7405 Brenda Dankel 314-330-0337

Orders will be here for Mother's Day

Easter egg hunt



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WHEN

SATURDAY: April 9th at 9:30 am



WHAT

- Refreshments
- Craft Stations
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Visit from the Easter Bunny!!

HOPPY EASTER!



STUFF TO BRING

Please bring your
Easter basket or a bag
to collect eggs.

Please bring your
camera for pictures
with the Easter Bunny

Please bring your
Friends!



WHERE

St. Luke's Fellowship Hall
& Outside (weather permitting)