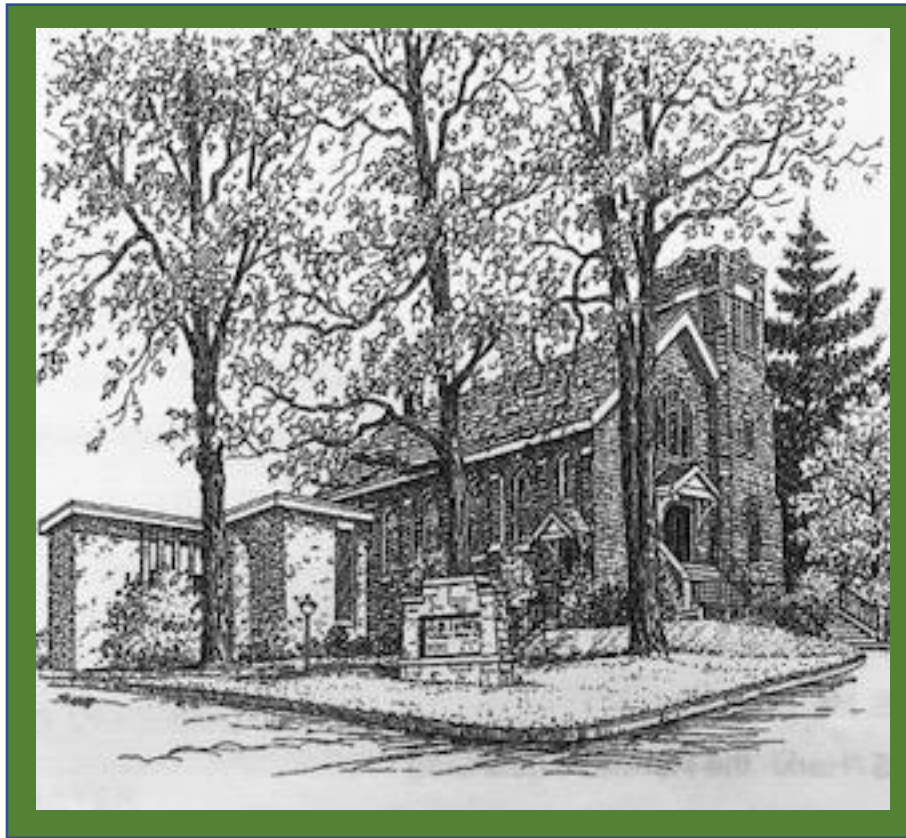


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

President's Message

Wishing everyone a Happy and safe New Year. We have successfully made it through an exceedingly difficult year. It is time to move forward with a positive attitude. Every member should think of a positive action that will contribute to making this a better year at St. Luke's.

Church Council members have heard from several members that they will do anything to help us, but they will not serve on the Church Council. If you want St. Luke's to prosper and succeed, all the Boards need to be fully staffed. We are asking a church member to step forward and accept the position of Vice President of the Church Council. We especially need someone with computer skills.

If we share the work and responsibility of running St. Luke's, we will be a better church family. I want to thank everyone who helped St. Luke's move forward last year.

Barbara Allen
Church Council President

Annual Meeting



The 2022 Annual Congregational Meeting to review 2021 Year End as well as discuss upcoming 2022 has been scheduled for Sunday, January 16th, 2022, at 2 PM.

Mark Your Calendars!

Treasurer's Report

ST. LUKE'S TREASURER'S REPORT as of November 2021

ACTUAL

INCOME	\$ 9,399
EXPENSES	\$ 19,770
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$ 10,371)

ST. LUKE'S TOTAL GIVING as of November 2021

ACTUAL

YTD INCOME	\$ 162,010
EXPENSES	\$ 199,770
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$ 37,760)

*December and Year-End numbers are being finalized and will be reported at the Annual Meeting.

Church Council

President
Barb Allen

Vice President
Becky Hollerbach

Secretary
Angela Otto

Treasurer
Sandra Arnold

Fin. Secretary
Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.
Gary Hartmann

BOCE Rep.
Kathy Porter

Building & Grounds
Dwight Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment
Warren Stuckmeyer

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

Meeting Highlights from December 2021

Pastor: Worship planning has been completed through the end of January. Pastor Josh will be on vacation December 25th through January 1st. There will be a Guest Pastor on Friday, December 24th and Sunday, December 26th.

Financial: Sandy Arnold reviewed the Treasurer's report and monthly financials. The accounts were reviewed. Sandy is organizing the "funds" setup in the accounting system. Accounts are being cleaned up for yearend close. Linda provided the Financial Secretary report.

Executive Committee: Yvonne Davis has agreed to join Church Council for the next term as Council Secretary.

Building & Grounds: Kevin, Adam and Elizabeth did some cleaning of the church and repaired a roof shingle. Dwight is working on having new front doors built. One company has a lead time of 4-6 months and quoted \$9160 with \$1062 hardware while another company out of Arthur, IL he is waiting to hear back from.

Cemetery: Cemetery currently has funds and discussion held regarding checking stones to see if any need to be raised or need maintenance before funds are invested.

Endowment: Announcement of endowment funds being available has been included in the Beacon, Bulletin, and news to the church committees.

New Business: Council approved the BOCE request to hold a movie night on Friday, January 14th. Discussion regarding the Church's need for a new outdoor nativity scene. Tricia, Church Secretary, requested an adjusted work week 1/3-1/7/22 to close office 1/5-1/7/22. This request was approved, and Barb Allen will be the emergency contact during that time.

The 2022 Budget report initial draft was discussed, and Council will meet January 9th to finalize the budget and discuss vacation policy.

OCWM 2022 donation was approved, and check will be mailed from church office in amount of \$2725.00.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 16th at 2 p.m.

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 9th & Thursday, January 18th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Elders

Chairperson
Jess McLard

Secretary
Bob Schrepel

Church Council Rep.
Gary Hartmann

Worship
Kay Moss

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

Highlight; from December 2021

The Board of Elders met on December 13th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the November meeting.

Worship: Things continue to go well. Need to notify Tricia to print more bulletins each week for Sunday Worship, we have been running short.

Ushers: Things are going well with three ushers per service. More volunteers are needed to usher. Starting with the December, a third usher was added to each Sunday.

Nursery Care: At this time, no nursery care is being provided.

Visitor Care: In November, we had eighteen visitors.

Confirmation Class: Things are going well with the new class of seven members who meet with Pastor Joshua on Sunday right after church. They have started doing the scripture reading and lighting the candles each Sunday.

Food Drive: The BOE Food Drive will be held from February 6th through March 13th.

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

Funerals: At this time, it is preferred that all funeral services be held at a funeral home per Church Council COVID instructions.

2021 Christmas Schedule: On Sunday, December 19th. Worship Service will be a Christmas Carol Hymn Sing. On Friday, December 24th, there will be a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. with communion. The format for the service will be lessons and carols where a Christmas themed scripture is read then a carol sung that applies to the scripture. There will be NO Christmas Day service on Saturday, December 25th. Pastor Josh will be out of town until the New Year and a Guest Pastor will do the service on Christmas Eve and Sunday, December 26th. This year while decorating on Sunday, November 28th, it was discovered while decorating outside that the nativity set is missing a Wiseman, one is missing an arm and other pieces need extensive repair. This information has been passed on to Church Council with the recommendation to replace the complete set for next year.

Membership Task Force: The Board of Elders and Church Council reviewed the letter to be sent to members who are not participating in the life of the church. Elders reviewed the letter and recommended a few minor changes before it is sent to Church Council for approval. A list of inactive members will accompany the letter.

2022 Congregational Meeting: BOE has been tasked with providing a recommended budget. This is something new for Elders and will require some thought as to what it should contain.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 11th, 2021 @ 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

Highlights from December 2021

The Board of Christian Education met on 12/07/2021 at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the November meeting.

Sunday School: The teachers and children have been enjoying the new curriculum selected and needed supplies have been ordered for the quarter.

Confirmation: The Confirmands will practice their narration parts with Connie following class on 12/12/21 for the Christmas Program.

Food Drive: The Sunday School 4th quarter mission food drive will continue until Sunday, January 9th. There will be a special announcement during Sunday School opening on 12/19/21 regarding our reward party. Food items will be delivered on Sunday, January 9th.

Bonfire/Hayride: A fun and successful event was held with approximately forty people in attendance.

Santa's Breakfast: A successful event with an assortment of food, activities, a story, and a visit from Santa was held. There was 60+ in attendance.

Christmas Program: This year's Christmas Program will be held in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m. with a cookie reception following. All cookies will be purchased from Sam's as we will not be able to accept donated items baked at home. Children should arrive at 6 p.m. and meet upstairs in the choir room. The children will practice on Saturday, December 19th from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. (noon).

Calendar of Events: The calendar of events for 2022 is being reviewed and will be presented for approval at the January 4th meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



Congratulations



SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE
DECEMBER 2021

**Jessa Davis, Jillian Davis, Jordyn Davis, Emma Hollerbach,
Delaney Jacob, Evelyn Keith, Brenna McLard, Fletcher McLard,
Judd McLard, Landen Miller, and Logan Narup**

We hope you had fun learning about God's word and blessings.

Women's Guild

Highlights from December 2021

A small group of women had a festive meeting on December 2, 2021. Each brought a dish to share, and several made holiday cookies for all. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and fellowship. Some volunteers will deliver the purchased tins of cookies to our shut-ins. We discussed a merger with the Evening Circle and were encouraged to bring ideas to the next meeting in January. The possibility of a Sausage Dinner was brought up and will have to be decided in January for supplies to be ordered in time. The final profit for the Chicken Dinner was \$1193.92. Advertising would be improved for future dinners.

Please come to the January 6, 2022, meeting at 11:30 a.m. to help decide our merger with the Evening Circle and if we will attempt a Sausage Dinner this year. All women of the church are invited.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 6th, 2021 @ 11:30 a.m.

Building & Grounds

Thank you...

- **Kevin Stockwell, Adam Stockwell & Elizabeth Skaggs...**for helping remove the leaves around the church and trimming the tree limbs on the big oak tree that were becoming an issue overhanging the Church and Education Building. This was a great help, and it turned a big task into an enjoyable project!
- **To all those that...** do so many little things that need to be done around the Church to keep it in great shape.

Thanks to All,

- Dwight Kraus, Building and Grounds

Endowment Fund

The Endowment Committee would like to remind everyone that there is fund availability for disbursement to any duly elected/appointed Board, Council or Church Committee (not individuals) who complete the application and meet the guidelines.

The deadline for application is January 31, 2022. Submitted applications will be reviewed at the February 7, 2022, Endowment Meeting. Applications are available upon request from the Church Office.



St. Luke's is seeking volunteers to serve on the various Church Committees for the upcoming 2022 year (and more!). If you are interested in learning more about how you may be able to help, contact the Church Office or the Committee Chairs.

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!



"A sincere thank you! I would like to thank those who sent cards, well wishes, texts, made phone calls and especially kept me in your prayers while having hip surgery. Encouraging words and prayers are working as I have great reports on how well I am doing (although it does not seem like it at times). Progress is steady but I get impatient especially with so many activities being held during the holiday season. Sincere thanks and appreciation."

Gail Heckenberg



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

As winter weather situations develop, please check KSDK's Stormwatch (Channel 5), KTVI Fox2 (Channel 2) or KMOV (Channel 4) for cancellation notices here at St. Luke's UCC.

You can also check the church website for notice.



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

Londyn Dixon*
Megan Nuelle
Loren Stuckmeyer

Brenda Farson
Zachary Palmer*
Donald Wendler*

Logan Heckstetter
Robert Samples
Ron White

Garry Dale Kraus
Tim Stockwell

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*
Kelsey L. Schwent

Christopher Kettler*
Eric Watkins

Samuel Lowry

Alec Schrepel*



Mark Your Calendars!!!

- 11 Board of Elders Meeting (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 14 Family Movie Night (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 16 Worship Service (9 AM)
Sunday School (10 AM)
Confirmation Class (10 AM)
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (2 PM)
- 18 Church Council Meeting (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 23 Worship Service (9 AM)
Sunday School (10 AM)
Confirmation Class (10 AM)
- 30 Worship Service (9 AM)
Sunday School (10 AM)
Confirmation Class (10 AM)
- 31 Endowment Applications DUE



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| 01/01 Betty Gruenwald | 01/14 Sarah Schimsa |
| 01/02 Amy McLard | 01/15 Thomas Hendrickson |
| 01/04 Anthony Abuzeide
Kelsey Nash | 01/16 Judith Duro |
| 01/05 Alexandria Sheridan
Stephanie Winters | 01/17 Ida Haefner |
| 01/07 Zach Jacob
Gavin Kundert
Lorna Meyer | 01/18 Emily Magee |
| 01/08 Tyler Morris | 01/20 Aidan Elrod |
| 01/10 Peggy Schneider
Jean Seymour | 01/23 Joseph Stuckmeyer |
| 01/13 Benjamin Lowry
Cecil McLard
Pat Sieving | 01/24 Eddie Lowry, Jr. |
| | 01/25 Kyle Mize |
| | 01/26 Olivia Raebel |
| | 01/30 Zach Schneider |
| | 01/31 Teresa Kraus |