

THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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JULY 2023

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President

Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President

Dave Pippin

Secretary

Yvonne Davis

Treasurer

Sandra Arnold

Fin. Secretary

Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.

Gary Hartmann

BOCE Rep.

Kathy Porter

Bldg. & Grounds

Garry Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment

Don Dankel

Interim Pastor

Rev. Joshua Pittman

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Attendants: David Pippin, Yvonne Davis, Kathy Porter, Garry Kraus, Gary Hartmann, Reverend Pittman, Warren Stuckmeyer

At 6:45 pm, David Pippin called the meeting to order.
Pastor Josh said the opening prayer.

Reports: Yvonne Davis made a motion to accept all reports as given. Garry Kraus seconded; all were in favor. Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Josh exit plan - Pastor Josh will have service on June 9 and 16. After the service on the 16th the Church Council will host an appreciation gathering in the Fellowship Hall.
- Fish Fry- The fish fry was a success. Many people showed up, and those that did, had a great time. 168 pounds of fish were fried!
- Pastor Hill – Pastor Hill will be moving to town some time July 7-14, 2023. His first service will be August 6.

OLD BUSINESS

- David Pippin and Don Dankel will continue to work as co-treasurers. Sandy Arnold will be removed as signer on bank accounts and David Pippin and Don Dankel will be added.
- VBS is July 7-10 with the children singing on the 16th.
- Pastor appreciation – after the service on July 16, 2023, the Church Council will host an appreciation gathering in the fellowship hall.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Deaths - none

Births - none

Membership – none

OPEN/CLOSE SCHEDULE

July 16 – Yvonne Davis

July 23 – Garry Kraus

July 30- Linda Schrepel

Yvonne Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary Hartman seconded, all were in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.
Next meeting is July 18, 2023, 6:30 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>May</u>	
General Giving	\$9,084.00
Expenses	\$15,057.05
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(5,973.05)

<u>YTD 2023</u>	
General Giving	\$58,494.00
Expenses (Search Com)	\$5,891.74
Expenses (Operational)	\$73,224.67
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(20,622.41)

The Church Council is asking everyone to do their part to offset the above deficit. Thank you for your support. This is your Church.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairperson
Angie Logan

Secretary
Greg McLard

Church Council Rep.
Kathy Porter

Elected Members
Connie Stuckmeyer
Shelbey Stilwill
Chrissy Kraus

Superintendent
Sarah Saputo

VBS
Sarah Saputo

The Board of Christian Education met for their monthly meeting on 06/06/23.

*Summer Sunday School started well. More class leaders needed - 5 Sundays open needing help.

*Confirmation Class preparations discussed.

- BOCE will make initial contact with known Confirmands for 2023/2023 school year.
- BOCE discussed ways to prepare usual details to relay to new Pastor. His start date should allow time for typical communication, but BOCE wants to help as much as possible to facilitate a smooth start.

*BOCE discussing options for new Playground equipment. Research is being done for the best options and we are beginning to collect quotes.

*Vacation Bible School preparations

- 2 additional story tellers needed.
- Donation requests for help & snacks will be added to this month's Beacon and bulletin.
- Advertisements/flyers will be put in local businesses, Subdivisions, emails to other Churches and a notice posted on Facebook.

No meeting in July

BOARD OF ELDERS

Chairperson
Julie Hartmann

Secretary
Judy Duro

Church Council Rep.
Gary Hartmann

Worship
Kay Moss

Mentor
Jess McLard

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

MINUTES (May 9, 2023) Kay Moss made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brenda Day.

REPORTS: Worship: Going well.

Altar cloth was repaired by Gail Lents-big thank you to Gail!

Ushers: Going well. Having an usher up front before and after service to help with members as they enter and exit is working well.

Visitor Care: there were 9 visitors in May.

Summer Food Drive to benefit Brenden's Backpack (7/2-8/6) Jessica to provide a list of the food or snack items needed then will post in the Beacon and Sunday Bulletin.

Guest pastor weekends (6/25, 7/2, 7/23, 7/30) Pastor Norton has committed to providing us with 3 Sunday services, 6/25, 7/23 and 7/30. Kathy Porter will lead 7/2.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

ENDOWMENT

Endowment has funds available. Any duly elected or appointed Board, Council or Church Committee (not individuals) are eligible to apply. Applications are available upon request from the Church Office.

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!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

Women's Circle Meeting – June 1st

There were seventeen ladies who met at Frankie Gianino's for dinner. No official meeting was held but there was a short update of information given by Gail Heckenberg:

- The Mission Project for June is Disability Resource Association.
- Mission Project for July is Ronald McDonald House (No meeting)
- Profit made on the flower basket sales was given. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.
- Reminder: The Fish Fry on Saturday, June 10 from 4:00-7:00 pm
- There will be no July meeting and we will resume our meetings beginning on August 3 at 6:30 pm.

Any and all women of our church are always welcome to join us our meetings and fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Mariella Saputo

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Angela Farson got her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education 5/13/23 from SEMO. She is the Daughter of Tim & Brenda Farson.

Jess McLard graduated May 2, 2023 from Missouri Baptist University with a Masters of Art in Teaching.

Congratulations! Elizabeth Kundert and the Seckman girls 4 x 800 relay team won medals at State Competition on May 26th, 2023. They beat the Seckman record set in 2003.

Congratulations to William Michel for graduating Cum Laude from Oakville High School on Sunday, June 4th, 2023. William will be attending Missouri State Technical School in Linn, MO to become an electrician. Proud grandparents are Gail Heckenberg and Lewis Johnson. Many well wishes to him as he begins this next endeavor in his life.

Congratulations to Payton Seitz, daughter of Paul & Debbie Seitz, upon her recent graduation from Fox High School! Payton received an Athletic Scholarship to St. Charles Community College. We send many good wishes to you, Payton!

Congratulations to Ryan Rogers who recently received his BS degree in Molecular Biology and has accepted a position with ICON Laboratories in Kansas City, MO

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

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

David Belleville	Dianna Johnson	Tina White*
Robert Perry*	Loren Stuckmeyer	Megan Nuelle
Lee Nations	Bob Johnson	Kay Carter
Dave Sheffer	Kathleen Beining	Kim Griggs & Family
Betty Acre	George Carter	Susan Bablowitz
For those that are terminally ill	Elaine Kraus Alexander* Sister of	Marylyn Palmer
Sharlene Schlereth	Burnell & Rose Raebel	Trevor Dulle
Paul Seitz	Norville Kraus	
Jeff Stephenson* (Nephew of Kathy Porter)		

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*	Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry
Alec Schrepel*	Kelsey L. Schwent	Eric Watkins
Isaak Hartung		

CHURCH KEYS

If anyone has a key to the Church that they are no longer using, please turn it in so we can avoid having to have extras made by a locksmith.

THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to Kraus Dairy Farm for providing the tractor and brush hog to trim the grass and weeds along the gravel road.

Thank you Lorna & Lou Meyer, Denise & Garry Kraus for organizing the Fish Fry. And a big thank you to the younger helpers for all they did. Thanks to all who helped to make this a successful event.

Thank you to Dave Pippin and Don Dankel for getting a bigger monitor for the Church office computer and setting it up. And also setting up the old computer for Earleen and Kay to work on the Memorials on. It is so nice!!!

NEW ADDRESS FOR ELAINE ALEXANDER

3360 Wilshire Drive Apt. 209 Lee's Summit, MO 64064

SUPPORT ALS

KIMMSWICK 5K & 1 MILE FUN RUN/WALK

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Blue Owl Restaurant & Bakery

<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/73632/kimmswick-5k>

As you know St. Luke's has hired a new minister and this means Pastor Josh will be leaving us. His last Sunday in the pulpit will be July 16. Please plan to join us to give him a heartfelt send off. There will be a small reception in Fellowship Hall following the service to say our goodbyes.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is from July 10th through the 14th. We are in need of donations: Snacks including cheeseballs, gold fish, cheese sticks, fruit snacks, grapes, celery, carrots, ranch, peanut butter, cookies, etc. Shelf safe foods can be dropped off anytime before, please bring fruit & veggies July 9th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charlie Carpenter	7/1	Ariyanna Schneider	7/17
Lorraine Magee	7/2	Robert Kirk	7/18
Jason Kirk	7/2	Justin Stuckmeyer	7/20
Courtney McKinley	7/2	Clara Narup	7/21
Lucinda Simino	7/2	Bob Johnson	7/22
Darrell Kraus	7/3	Kenneth Eckert	7/22
Robert Stuckmeyer	7/3	Pamela Arnold	7/22
Tonya Linderer	7/3	Karen AuBuchon	7/23
Anthony Jordan	7/5	Kathy Magee	7/24
Caizer Crawford	7/7	Karen Geary	7/24
Diane Riordan	7/10	Golda Dickemann	7/25
Kenneth Kirk	7/11	Rose Raebel	7/26
Sally Morris	7/11	Randall Skaggs Jr.	7/29
Courtney Stuckmeyer	7/13	Emma Pippin	7/30
Brittany Carver	7/13	Ralph Samples III	7/31
Theodore Kohler	7/15	Chris Kraus	7/31
Ryan Kirk	7/15	Adam Stockwell	7/31
Jacob Delaney	7/15		

JULY

- 2nd Guest Minister – Rev. Kathy Porter
10th VBS (ends 7/14) 5 days from 9am to noon
16th Pastor Josh's Last Service – Reception In Fellowship Hall following Worship to say
goodbye.- Children sing in Church – VBS
23rd Guest Minister – Rev. Carlton Norton
30th Guest Minister – Rev. Carlton Norton

AUGUST

- 6th Pastor James Hill first service
27th Rally Day / All Church Picnic

SEPTEMBER

- 10th Goodies with Grands

OCTOBER

- 29th Chicken Dinner / Soda Sales

NOVEMBER

- 4th Jason Stuckmeyer Wedding

DECEMBER

- 2nd Santa's Breakfast
17th Christmas Program / Cookie Reception

PLEASE JOIN BOARD OF ELDERS IN FILLING THE BOXES FOR OUR SUMMER



FOOD DRIVE

to benefit Brenden's Friday Backpacks.

Your generosity will help them feed school aged children over the weekends when they would otherwise be hungry.

You can place your donations in the marked boxes in the handicap entrance or the Narthex **July 2-August 6.**

- *single-serve, non-perishable, kid-friendly foods
- *single serve cereal
- *breakfast or granola bars
- *pop top canned soup and pasta
- *ramen noodles
- *pudding and fruit cups
- *individual snacks: crackers, cookies, chips, Rice Krispie treats, trail mix, etc.
- 16-18 oz plastic jars of peanut butter for long breaks

Monetary donations also accepted, please see a member of BOE

AGES 2 THROUGH 6TH GRADE

HERO HOTLINE

HEROES ASSEMBLE!
AT ST. LUKE'S THIS SUMMER
FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 10TH-14TH
DAILY FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON

Each day is filled with bible stories, songs activities, crafts, games, food and fun. Kids will be called together to serve GOD.

TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!

Daily Bible Stories will teach us to:

- Follow Jesus
- Help Others
- Work Together
- Listen to God
- Show Grace



LUNCH SERVED ON JULY 14TH AT NOON
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY
 WORSHIP ON JULY 16TH AT
 9AM AS THE KIDS WILL SING
 AND SHARE A STORY!**

Food Donations for snack time are much appreciated. Some needed items are: peanut butter, cream cheese, little smokies, cheese cubes, pretzel sticks, cheese balls, Gala apples, grapes, Ranch dressing, vegetables, cookies, etc. THANK YOU!

ST. LUKE'S U.C.C. VBS REGISTRATION FORM

JULY 10TH THROUGH THE 14TH 2023

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY JUNE 30, 2023

NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE COMPLETED _____

AGE _____ CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY-TRAINED
 OR ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

SPECIAL NEEDS/ALLERGIES/MEDICAL INFORMATION:

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE _____

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PHONE _____

Safety protocols will be encouraged. By allowing your child to participate in St. Luke's Vacation Bible School you are agreeing to not hold St. Luke's responsible for any injury or illness.

DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME _____

**For questions please call
 St. Luke's U.C.C. VBS Coordinator
 at 314-315-5335**

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