

THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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MARCH 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

Search Committee - Still looking

Council Report- Only Spelling changes needed

Treasurer's Report – report accepted

Financial Secretary- report accepted

Executive Committee – Nothing to report.

BOCE – The only thing new is the Youth Fund will purchase a new playground.

Board of Elders – The Board of Elders is having a food drive from 2/26/2026 until 4/9/2023.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

*It's time to have the furnaces and AC check out.

*We will look at having a spray liner put in the pipes to smooth out the sewage flow.

*We received a check for the damage that occurred on the bridge guardrail when someone hit it in the ice storm. There is a guardrail that is loose and will need to be welded.

Cemetery Report – The headstone for James Kraus is being set and another stone is being reset..

Endowment Committee – Nothing to report

Pastor Report- Everything is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

*Warren Stuckmeyer went over the insurance for the church and fellowship hall.

David Pippin made a motion to change the deductible from \$1000.00 to \$2500 for a savings of \$1300.

The umbrella will be changed from 30 million to 5 million. That will reduce the premium another 1150.

Garry Kraus seconded. All were in favor, motion passed

*Sandy Arnold has requested that someone else take the Treasurer position. David Pippin and Don Dankel will meet with Sandy Arnold to learn the accounting program.

*We are going to look at changing from Church Windows to something that is more user friendly like Quickbooks Online Plus.

OLD BUSINESS

*Old children's chairs. Linda Schrepel has sold 2 of the wooden chairs. While doing research on the plastic chairs, they are actually classified as Mid century chairs and ebay has 2 chairs for \$90. We will sell to church members for \$5 each with the sale to end March 12. After that, we will put them on the internet for a higher price.

*Reverend Pittman suggested that when we do the fish dinner in June, we partner up with the Ambulance district or the fire department and make it a mission project and share the profits.

TREASURER'S REPORT

January

General Giving	\$10,898.00
Expenses	\$15,251.31
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(4,353.31)

YTD 2023

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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 02/07/23.

Welcome To Our New Board Members!!!
Shelbey Stilwill and Greg McLard

Youth Account Money

Discussing plans on where to use the Youth Account Money. More information to follow.

Youth Soda Sales

Chrissy's class will be selling sodas at the Sausage Dinner on 02/19/23.

Please Join Us!

Green Eggs & Ham Pancake Breakfast on 03/12/23.

Easter Egg Hunt & Palm Cross Assembly on 04/01/23

Palm Sunday Breakfast 04/02/23

Reorganization Of Board Positions

Chairperson: Angie Logan

Secretary: Greg McLard

VBS: Sarah Saputo

Church Council Rep: Kathy Porter

Sunday School Superintendent: Sarah Saputo

Members: Connie Stuckmeyer, Shelbey Stilwill & Chrissy Kraus

Open & Close Schedule

03/12/23 Sarah

04/09/23 Crissy

BOARD OF ELDERS

Chairperson
Jess McLard

Secretary
Judy Duro

Church Council Rep.
Gary Hartmann

Worship
Kay Moss

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

REPORTS:

Worship: Going fine. Remind Pastor to repeat the names during the service for those on Zoom and in the choir for the prayer request. Continue to write names on the purple cards for the office use. Since the start of 2023, having difficulty with the Zoom link during service. Pam and Jessica are working on the problem. Kay Moss has experience with Zoom and has offered to help look at the issue with Pam.

Visitor Care: In January we had 10 visitors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Confirmation: No confirmation class until September of 2023.

Baptisms: Kane Michael Neislein on Sunday, February 26th. Parents are Zach and Annie Neislein.

Weddings: Jason Stuckmeyer & Ashlee McPherson, Saturday Nov 4, 2023.

Funerals: Betty Gruenwald passed February 8, 2023 and the funeral was Monday, February 12, 2023 at Kutis South County Chapel.

New membership: None

FOOD DRIVE

Elders food drive is scheduled for Feb 26-Apr 2. We are collecting all types of canned and shelf stable food as well as paper products/cleaning supplies. This drive will benefit our local food pantry. Monetary donations will be accepted to purchase food as well. Please leave donations in the marked boxes in the handicap entrance or Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lenten Mission will be for "Every Child's Hope". There will be envelopes in the Bulletin for 3 weeks prior to Easter.
- Lenten survey results as follows:
 - 10 votes for Option 1 Every Wednesday and Good Friday.
 - 25 votes for Option 2 Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**
 - 2 votes for either
- Easter Schedule:
 - Ash Wednesday, February 22nd 7PM - Communion
 - Good Friday, April 7th 7PM - Communion
 - Easter Sunday, April 9th 9AM - Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Lauren Belt
Jillian Davis
Jessa Davis
Mariella Saputo

Evelyn Keith
Roni Belt
Maybree Saputo
Rachel Bujnak

Jordyn Davis
Morgan Belt
Will Belt
Ella Bujnak

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!

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-Board of Elders

SERVICE TIMES

Elders has heard from members of our congregation about when service times are offered and why. We met recently and had a discussion regarding this, taking into consideration that we are also in the process of hiring a new Pastor. In those discussions with potential pastors, the Search Committee could reference the opinion of the church members when discussing our wants and needs regarding service. This survey is for informational purposes only, we will not be changing any service times or Sunday School times while Pastor Josh is Interim. We would like your thoughts and concerns on weekly service offerings and ask you to please write in when your preferred service would be held. You can also include any comments you would like Elders to know. Elders will develop a church service times survey to help determine what is the most popular time for Sunday services and coordinate results with Church Council and Pastor Josh.

A HUGE THANK YOU

We would like to thank Gail Heckenberg, Sherry Pippin and Dwight Kraus for their years of service. Their time and selflessness are greatly appreciated. We could not have accomplished what we did without them.

TODDLER CHAIRS

There are toddler chairs available for \$5.00 each. If interested, arrange a pick up on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9am to 2pm. After February 28th the chairs will be listed in Market Place and eBay to the general public.

USHERS

We are in need of additional ushers. If interested, please contact the Church Office or Brenda Day.

GRUENEWALD, BETTY JANE (NEE KRAUS)

Betty Jane Gruenewald Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Harold Gruenewald; loving mother of Mark (Lea) Durand, Lisa Young, Kelly (David) Watkins and Tracy (Jeff) Pingel; dear grandma of Jason, Amber, Matthew, Emlie, Dylan, Kasey and Sarah; great grandma of Jackson, Gabriel, Paisley, Kyrie, Layla, Hunter and Raiden; dearest sister of Marlyn, Elaine and the late Garry, Edward, Eugene, Dorothy and Linda; sister-in-law, aunt, cousin and friend. Betty was a life long member of St. Luke's United Church of Christ. Funeral at Kutis South County Chapel 5255 Lemay Ferry Road Monday, February 13, 2023, 10am. Interment Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to St. Luke's United Church of Christ, appreciated. Visitation Sunday 4-7pm.

A NOTE FROM LISA STUCKMEYER...

Thank you to all who Called, Texted, Sent Cards and all the Prayers from our Church Family. It meant the world to me and was so greatly appreciated!

A NOTE FROM JANE REBSAMEN...

I want to thank everyone for their calls and all the beautiful get well cards. (My dining room table is full of them) St. Luke's is the BEST!!!

SAUSAGE DINNER & RAFFLE

Thank you to all who volunteered their time. Your help is greatly appreciated and because of you are Sausage Dinner was a success!

Winners of the raffle baskets are below:

Amanda Davis - Movie Night

Kenny Allen - STL BBQ

The Next Generation group raised a total of \$192 for the general fund from the raffle. Thank you to all who donated and purchased tickets.

SAVE THE DATE

Fish Fry – Saturday, June 10th.

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

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

David Belleville	Dianna Johnson	Tina White*
Betty Gruenwald	Robert Perry*	Loren Stuckmeyer
Megan Nuelle	Kay Carter	Bob Johnson
Family of Nancy Dubois*	Lee Nations	Nyra Mueller
Kyle McPhedren	Jeffrey's Family*	Kay Olsen
Peggy Schneider	Emmet Wuertz	Dave Sheffer
Kathleen Beining	Kim Griggs & Family	
Our Military Personnel		
Shawn Farson*	Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry
Alec Schrepel*	Kelsey L. Schwent	Eric Watkins
Isaak Hartung		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jeanette Wilson	3/4	Jill Scherer	3/21
Kurt Olsen	3/5	Jaidyn Russell	3/23
Brayden Burcham	3/5	Joseph Bogowith	3/24
Gale Dickemann Cross	3/10	Ed Ziegelmeyer	3/25
Stephanie Rose	3/11	Betty Acre	3/26
Tessa Rebsamen	3/13	Aline Rogers	3/26
Della Kramme	3/16	Kaylin Hollerbach	3/26
Larissa Dolan	3/17	Ashley Restivo	3/27
Stephanie Narup	3/18	Andrew Riordan	3/28
Dawn Amsden	3/19	Kayla Bailey	3/30
Jolene Perry	3/20		

MARCH

12th Green Eggs and Ham Pancake Breakfast

APRIL

1st Palm Cross Making & Easter Hunt

2nd Palm Sunday Breakfast

MAY

21st Promotion Sunday / Teacher Appreciation

JUNE

10TH Fish Fry

JULY

10th VBS (ends 7/14) 5 days from 9am to noon

16th Children sing in Church - VBS

AUGUST

27th Rally Day / All Church Picnic

SEPTEMBER

10th Goodies with Grands

OCTOBER

29th Chicken Dinner / Soda Sales

DECEMBER

2nd Santa's Breakfast

17th Christmas Program / Cookie Reception

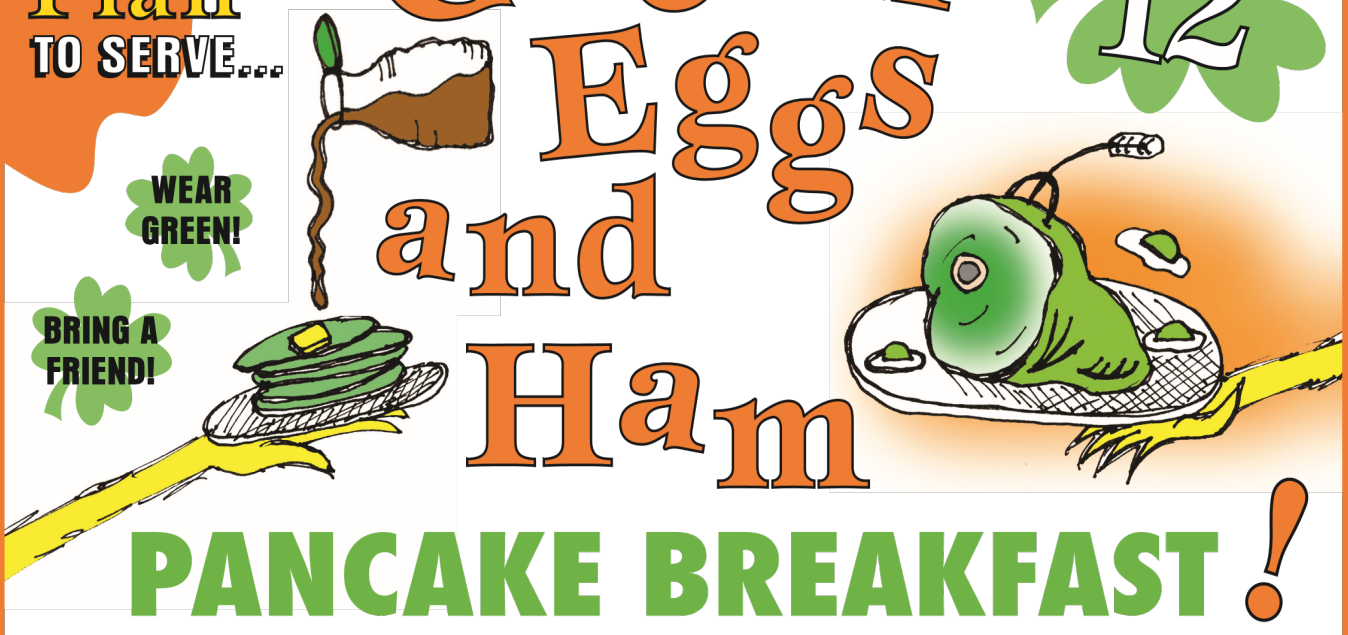
**WE'RE
MAKING A
Plan
TO SERVE...**

**WEAR
GREEN!**

**BRING A
FRIEND!**

**MARCH
12**

Green Eggs and Ham

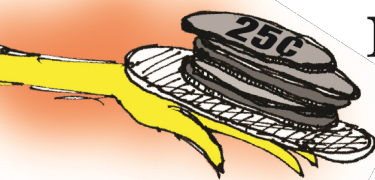


PANCAKE BREAKFAST !

St. Luke's U.C.C. - Fellowship Hall

**Please join us March 12, 2023
from 10:30 to 11:30!**

Please support our Youth!



**Donations are appreciated
and will be divided
towards building our
Youth Program & the Sunday
School's First Quarter Mission-
Pony Bird!**



**ALL ARE WELCOME
FIND A CHAIR
EVEN IF YOU HAVE
GREEN HAIR!!**



