

THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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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

April 18, 2023

Attendants: Warren Stuckmeyer, David Pippin, Yvonne Davis, Linda Schrepel, Don Dankel, Kathy Porter

At 6:30 pm, Warren Stuckmeyer called the meeting to order.

Kathy Porter said the opening prayer.

Finalized plans for the weekend of April 21-24 when the new Preacher prospect is in town

All reports were given.

Don Dankel made a motion to accept all reports as given. Linda Schrepel seconded; all were in favor. Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Bid for Moving the new preacher was approved for \$11,864.37 . A refundable deposit was made for \$3,825.91.
- Application from the St. Louis Association is due by May 15th. We are not able to apply at this time.
- Network domain bills – scam. Do nothing.
- New preacher weekend and special meeting. Everything is planned and we will appoint 3 tellers.

Old BUSINESS

Don Dankel and David Pippin are still learning the treasurers job so they can help out

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Deaths - none

Births - none

Membership - none

OPEN/CLOSE SCHEDULE

May 21 – Linda Schrepel

May 28- Don Dankel

Yvonne Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Don Dankel seconded, All were in favor.

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting is May 16, 2023 6:30 pm

The Church Council and Search Committee wants to share some exciting news. During this past weekend we were able to visit with a Pastoral candidate on Friday and Saturday evenings. The congregation was able to listen to the Pastoral candidates Sermon on Sunday. Immediately following the service there was a vote. James Hill Jr. was unanimously voted in as the next Pastor of St Lukes.

The Church Council also wants to give out a huge “thank you” to the Search Committee for all their efforts.

Warren Stuckmeyer

President of Church Council

SPECIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 23, 2023

Church Council President, Warren called the meeting to order at 10:50 right after the church service.

Kathy Porter said the opening prayer.

Tellers were appointed, Joseph Stuckmeyer, Judy Duro, Brenda Day

Warren Stuckmeyer first thanked the Search Committee members for their time and effort with the search.

Michelle Perry gave a brief Bio of Reverend James Hill.

Warren asked for questions.

Aline Rogers- When would the new Pastor start. First Sunday of August

Aline Rogers- Is the new pastor willing to do 2 services. – He will do what the congregation asks.

Warren went over the financials and that the church is running at a deficit. The monthly information is in the beacon as to funds coming in and going out.

Aline Rogers- Will the new pastor work with all boards? Yes

Susan McKinley – Why does he want to come back to Missouri? Family

David Pippin made a motion to vote on the new pastor. Kay Moss seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed and ballots were handed out.

It was a unanimous vote to hire James Hill Jr.

Reverend James Hill Jr. came up to the sanctuary for the results and got a standing ovation. He graciously accepted the call to worship at St. Luke’s UCC.

Yvonne Davis made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and Jess McLard seconded. All were in favor, The motion passed.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer..

TREASURER'S REPORT

March

General Giving	\$11,882.00
Expenses	\$18,607.00
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(6,725.00)

YTD 2023

General Giving	\$33,722.00
Expenses	\$51,018.00
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(17,296.00)

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 04/04/23.

Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast: 60 in attendance. Donations were \$327.00. Money to be split between Pony Bird mission and to Youth Program

Easter Egg Hunt and Palm Cross Making: 32 children and 38 adults in attendance. Judd McLard was the Easter Bunny.

Palm Sunday Breakfast: Went very well. 70 in attendance.

New Playground: Getting estimates.

Teacher Appreciation / Promotion Sunday: Will be serving cake, cookies, donuts and drinks.

Open & Close Schedule

March 12 th	Sarah
April 9 th	Chrissy
May 14 th	Greg
June 11 th	Chelbey

Next meeting on May 2, 2023 at 6:30

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: Jess reported issues with Zoom still, she will be working to get this corrected.

Ushers: Brenda stated one usher needs to be up at the handicap door to greet and help when needed, and to keep the door propped open until the start of the first hymn.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A yearly review will occur to establish updated membership contact information and active membership per our Bylaws. Elders reviewed this list and along with any returned letters, sent out for the announcement of the candidate service, we can determine a more accurate mailing list. There were 3 suggested names sent to council for removal; Kimberly Griffin, Andrew and Brianna Jones. Jess will send an email to all Elders for review with the updated list for phone contact by the Task Force to begin phone calls to those still on Active membership but have not fulfilled membership requirements. Phone calling to begin in April. Letters will be sent if phone contact is not available.
2. Directory update continues, announcement will be made again at Sunday services. Requesting updated pictures of each member of St. Luke's to either send in a picture or have a picture taken after service. The Photography area is set up in the cry room and there will also be an area set up in the fellowship hall during the candidate weekend social potluck. There will also be a current directory print out for members to update their contact information and fill in any missing information.

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 -- Thursday, April 6th

Discussions on:

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--Spring hanging basket fundraiser order due date and delivery date.

--Donating raffle gift baskets to the April Comtrea Gala event.

--Blood Drive – will revisit this event in the Fall of 2023.

--Post event discussion on Palm Sunday Bake Sale & Bazaar sales.

--Easter lilies for sanctuary.

Next Women's Circle meeting: Thursday, May 4th, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. All ladies at St. Luke's Church are invited to attend. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Judd McLard

Fletcher McLard

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

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

David Belleville

Robert Perry*

Kay Carter

Nyra Mueller

Kim Griggs & Family

For those that are terminally ill

Dianna Johnson

Loren Stuckmeyer

Bob Johnson

Dave Sheffer

Betty Acre

Tina White*

Megan Nuelle

Lee Nations

Kathleen Beining

George Carter

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*

Alec Schrepel*

Isaak Hartung

Christopher Kettler*

Kelsey L. Schwent

Samuel Lowry

Eric Watkins

CHRISTMAS TREES

There are 3 Christmas trees in the garage available to anyone needing one. One was donated by Vickie, one is the 14' tree that used to be in the sanctuary and the last was is unknown where it came from. Please stop by if you want one. They will be disposed of on May 5th.

GIVING ENVELOPES

The giving envelopes have finally arrived! Please pick your box in the cry room next to the narthex.

NEW PASTOR

The Search Committee is happy to announce that we feel we have found a candidate that will be a good fit as our next Pastor. The pastor, along with his wife and child, will be visiting our church on April 21, 22 and 23. There will be an all church congregation meet and greet potluck dinner on Saturday, April 22 at 4-7pm, along with fun and games for all ages. Fried chicken will be provided but we ask that each family bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. So that we know how much chicken to order, there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church or you can call the church office and leave a message, if necessary. More information will be coming from the council regarding the Sunday candidate service and process of the vote.

CAROLYN KRAUS

Carolyn Kraus has a new address and phone number. Anyone wanting to call or visit her would be welcome. Family Partners Home. 351 Forest Summit Court Manchester, MO 63021. Best way is Manchester Road to Enchanted Parkway (Enchanted Parkway is east of 141 off Manchester, and Enchanted Parkway only goes South from Manchester) Left on Pinyon Drive, Left on Forest Parkway Drive, House is left on the top of the hill. House phone: 636-220-4140.

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.

NEW DIRECTORY

We are working on a new directory and need to get current pictures, addresses, phone numbers and emails from everyone. There will be a photo stand set up in the Church to get your pictures taken after service on Sundays. If you prefer, you can send your information via email to:

2023picturesforstlukes@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Fish Fry – Saturday, June 10th.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

19TH Annual Tab Top Pandemonium. Saturday, May 6th. At the Park Avenue Ronald House. 3450 Park Ave. St. Louis, MO 63104. Drop off the aluminum tab tops, brass keys and electronics (cell phones, laptops, AC adapters, holiday lights, home and office phones, extension cords, network gear, satellite receivers and PC towers.

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.

A NOTE FROM MARYLYN PALMER...

Dear St. Luke's Church Family,

Thank you all for the prayers and calls and the cards. During my sister Betty's illness, you gave me will to go on the trips to the hospital every day. Also, I'll never forget all the birthday wishes and cards. Bless you.

LENTEN MISSION

The Lenten Mission this year is the Rescue Mission in Pevely. The Rescue Mission provides support across Jefferson County to those in need. Please use the envelope in the Bulletin and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mark Sproull	5/1	Matthew Pippin	5/14
Peyton Cusumano	5/1	Amanda Davis	5/14
Sherry Pippin	5/2	William Glaus III	5/14
Liam Pippin	5/2	Adam Riordan	5/17
Tara Cusumano	5/3	Alison Arnold	5/18
Michael Cusumano	5/3	Tyler Mize	5/18
Malachi Lowry	5/4	Taylor Reiff	5/21
Derek Ehlers	5/6	Maybree Saputo	5/24
David Pippin	5/7	Tammy Glaus	5/25
Dustin Hoehn	5/8	Shawn Lambert	5/25
Melissa Price	5/8	Holly Skaggs	5/25
David Fluegge	5/8	Carter Rose	5/25
Gail Jacquin	5/9	Kevin Stockwell	5/26
Wayne Timeus	5/9	Curtis Crawford Jr.	5/26
Barbara McCarthy	5/9	Kody Kraus	5/27
Verlon Thurman	5/10	Shirley Neun	5/28
Jake Narup	5/10	Brenda Farson	5/28
Alexa Stacy	5/12	Ronald Ehlers	5/29
Stacie Perry	5/13	Abigail Bailey	5/29
Nathan Davis	5/13	Carson Schneider	5/29
Brenna McLard	5/13	Shane Weatherholt	5/31

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

NOVEMBER

4th Jason Stuckmeyer Wedding

DECEMBER

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