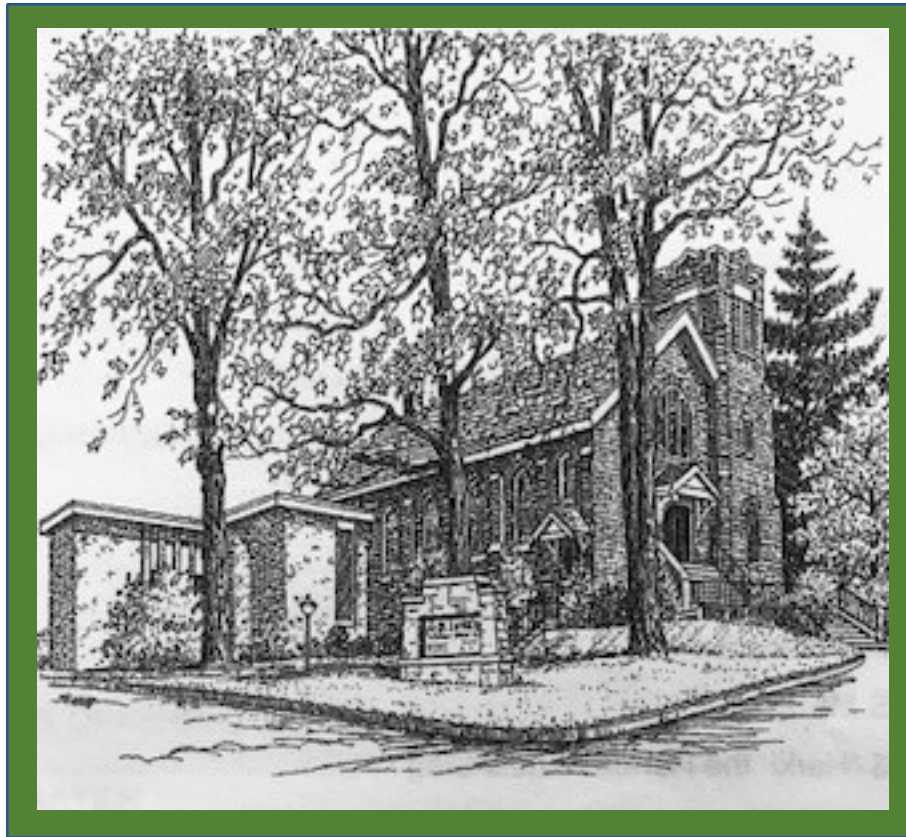


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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

September 1, 2025

Dear Beloved Community,

During the month of August, I shared a brief sermon series called "On the Road," where I shared how we make and travel on our way in our faith journeys. When on our way, we arrive at several points. September feels like an arrival month: the air feels a little crisper, school buses arrive (and depart!), and our Autumn programs and events here at St. Luke's begin. This includes Sunday School, choir, and Confirmation – but so much more!

In our newsletter this month you will find information about my new Thursday evening Bible study on Matthew's gospel (beginning this Thursday, September 4th), our Sunday School Goodies with Grands event on September 7th, and the Trash & Treasures sale on September 20th & 24th. We will also celebrate baptism during worship Sunday, September 21st. Have your calendar out now? Don't forget about Apple Butter preparation the first weekend in October and our annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, October 26th. Fall is a great season at St. Luke's!

During September – and into October – I am sharing a special sermon series I'm calling "The Gift." Here's what's coming each week:

September 14	Psalm 51, 1 Timothy 1:12-17	The Gift, Part 1
September 21	Luke 16:1-13	The Gift, Part 2
September 28	1 Timothy 6:6-19	The Gift, Part 3
October 5	2 Timothy 1:1-14	The Gift: An Epilogue

In my sermon July 27 on Luke 11:1-13, we found Jesus teaching his disciples to pray with persistence. He tells them to keep knocking, keep asking, keep seeking. This persistence in our faith is not about getting answers. It's about relationship. It's about trust. It's about showing up, even when the door doesn't open right away.

Our doors are open here at St. Luke's UCC, but who knows what this season will bring. Ready to find out with me? God is at work in the lives of our people and our community; I hope you will plan on making all we are doing a part of your family's faith journey during this season.

Grace and peace,



Pastor James

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

August 19, 2025

In attendance – Warren Stuckmeyer, David Pippin, Dane Kraus, Jess McLard, Yvonne Davis, Gary Hartmann.

At 6:40 Warren Stuckmeyer called the meeting to order. Jess McLard said the opening prayer.

Reports

No Pastors report, Treasurers Report, no BOCE report, Elders Report, and Endowment reports were given

Building and Grounds – Now that it is getting cooler, the parking lot light will be replaced. We are still looking for bids for tree and limb removal.

Reverend Hill reprogrammed the thermostats.

Yvonne Davis made a motion to approve all reports as presented. David Pippin seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

The Church Council has minutes to approve from April, May and July. Jess McLard made a motion to approve the Church Council minutes as given and was seconded by Dane Kraus. All were in favor, motion carried.

OLD Business

- The Marelly AEDs need to be serviced. Waiting for a call back from the representative Chip Georges regarding the service. They are not returning our calls
- The sanctuary roof will be replaced due to storm damage. The roofer said we are in line, and it will be about 160 days. We will look at bids for someone that can complete on a shorter timeline.
- The first aid kit in the kitchen Northax have been replaced.
- Reverend Hill is looking into a new copier. He was not in attendance, so this is tabled until next month.

New Business

- There was a building use request submitted for September 13, 2025, that was denied as the building is already in use that day.
- Brenda Day is requesting a Trash & Treasure sale on September 20, from 7am to 2pm and September 24, 7am to 12noon. Drop offs will be accepted 9/3 – 9/19. Yvonne Davis made a motion to approve the building usage, seconded by Gary Hartmann. All were in favor, motion passed.
- There will be 2 Confirmands in this year's class. Jillian Davis and Lauren Belt.

Membership changes

Deaths – Lee Nations, Ruth Mueller, and Verlon Thurman

Births – none

Membership – none

Open/Close schedule

September 21- Yvonne Davis

September 28 – Dane Kraus

LONG TERM PLANS

Parsonage Roof ASAP
stairwells

New Doors 45-60 Days

Sound
covering

Carpeting in Sanctuary

All concrete sidewalks reworked

Handicap system

New Roof 2-3 years

Furnaces were replaced in 1996

MAINTENANCE

Replace Hanging Pendant lights in

Windows recalked

Repaint window frames and clean

Paint porches

Oil Pews

Bookshelves in library

Parking Lot Lights (when warmer)

Boards replaced on Parsonage deck

Air Conditioner units replaced as needed

Gary Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jess McLard. All were in favor and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting September 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Board of Elder Highlights

6:30 p.m.

August 12, 2025

Julie Hartmann, Chairperson

Kay Moss, Worship

Chrissy Krause, Visitor Care

Michelle Perry, Secretary

Judy Duro, Ushers

Tim Hollerbach, Member

Gary Hartmann, Council rep

CALL TO ORDER Julie called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm

PRAYER: Michelle opened the meeting with a prayer

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2025

- January-February-March-April Michelle Perry & Julie Hartmann
- May-June-July-August Kay Moss & Tim Hollerbach
- September-October-November-December Judy Duro & Chrissy Kraus

MINUTES: (June 10, 2025) Reviewed and motion made by Judy to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Michelle. Minutes approved by the BOE.

REPORTS:

Worship: Going well as reported by Tim.

Ushers: Judy reports Ushers are doing great, a new Usher list was sent out.

Communion: Judy Duro and Chrissy Kraus will be on the schedule for preparing communion and opening church when it's the Elder's scheduled Sunday. No supplies are needed.

Visitor Care: Chrissy reports there were 3 visitors that she will be sending out welcome cards to, they are friends of Emma Hollerbach.

MEMBERSHIP

Confirmation Class: There will be two students this fall for Confirmation class, Jillian Davis and Lauren Belt.

Baptisms: None scheduled at this time.

Weddings: None scheduled at this time.

Funerals: There were 3 members that passed away since the June meeting.

Verlon Thurman passed on June 27, Lee Nations passed on July 26 and Ruth Mueller passed on July 31st, 2025.

New Member: None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. VBS Sunday (July 13th) Reception afterwards was well attended, many of the snacks left over from VBS were set out to enjoy.
2. Chicken Dinner(October 16th) 10:00am Service. Gary will take the request back to Council to approve that service time be moved to 10:00 am.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. All Church Picnic is scheduled for August 24th, BOE will provide the meat and run the kitchen for the picnic meal. Request to be made for the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts. Reviewed the items needed to be purchased and adjusted usage compared to years past. Julie will purchase the meat and other items, BOE to meet Saturday, August 23rd at 1:30pm to set up the tables and get the drinks made in advance.

2. Turning off the computer after church has been an issue since the choir has been on summer break. Tim suggested that whoever is controlling the cameras during service be the designated person to end recording following service.

OTHER ITEMS: No other items were discussed.

Motion made to adjourn by Judy Duro and seconded by Julie Hartmann. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: September 9, 2025

July Expenses

Monthly		YTD
\$11,275.00	Giving	\$99,522.07
-\$23,841.74	Expenses	-\$120,639.84
= -\$12,566.74		=\$21,117.87

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!

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

(*DENOTES NON-MEMBER, NAMES IN BOLD ARE NEWLY ADDED)

Robert Perry*	Bob Johnson*	Sharlene Schlereth
Alan Bess*	Mike Burcham*	Kathy Porter
Burnell Raebel	David and Pam Belleville	
Bob Schrepel	Mark Pursley*	Vicki Kramme Carpenter
Doris Stephenson*	Al Kraus*	Sharon Kaplan*
Eddie Lowry	Joyce Kraus	Ollie Stuckmeyer
Jana Kramme	Kay Olsen	Garry Kraus
Family of Richard Livengood*		Minerva Ainsley
Juliet Gilmore*	Marlyn Palmer	Jean Seymore
Family of Ruthie Mueller	Family of Lee Nations	Betty Acre

Our Military Personnel

Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry	Eric Watkins*	Isaak Hartung*
Susan Bablowitz*	Brian Randolph		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER

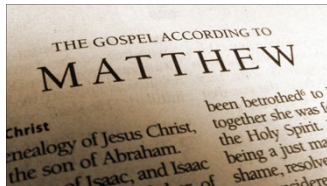
- 1st Labor Day
- 2nd Board of Christian Ed meeting, 6:30pm
- 4th Matthew's Message (Pastor's Bible Study) begins, 6:30pm
- 7th Goodies with Grands
Choir in Worship resumes
- 9th Board of Elders meeting, 6:30pm
- 14th Sunday School resumes
Confirmation Meeting w/parents
- 16th Church Council meeting, 6:30pm
- 20th Trash & Treasure Sale 7:00am-2:00pm
- 24th Trash & Treasure Sale 7:00am-Noon

OCTOBER

- 3rd Apple peeling for Apple butter Festival
- 4th Baking for Apple butter Festival
- 7th Board of Christian Ed meeting, 6:30pm
- 9th Women's Circle Meeting
- 14th Board of Elders meeting, 6:30pm
- 21st Church Council meeting, 6:30pm
- 26th Chicken Dinner – ***Worship at 10:00 am***

Coming in September 2025

Matthew's Message: A Journey Through the First Gospel



Pastor James' new Bible study will run throughout the Fall on Thursday evenings and will meet in-person in Fellowship Hall. For those who need it, we will also have a way to attend online via Zoom. Please contact the church office or Pastor James by email to be added to the Zoom attendance list.

Every Thursday at 6:30pm – Beginning September 4th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sherri Kemph-Hill	9/1	Samuel Lowry	9/15
Ed Magee	9/2	Jacob Stuckmeyer	9/15
Patricia Timeus	9/2	Gerald Hollerbach	9/17
Gary Hartmann	9/2	Caleb Russell	9/17
Amy Warren	9/2	Josie Belle Dulle	9/20
Megan Gillman	9/3	Stephanie Anthonies	9/20
Angela Farson	9/4	Dean Stockwell	9/21
Elmer Schaper	9/6	Michael Ferbet	9/21
Jana Kramme	9/6	Joslyn DeVeydt	9/23
Andrea Johnson	9/7	Cynthia Anthonies	9/23
Carla Bradley	9/7	Blakeli Nuelle	9/25
Samantha Stuckmeyer	9/7	Michael Davis	9/26
Peyton Nash	9/7	David Miller	9/27
Tobey Stuckmeyer	9/8	Gwynne Elrod	9/27
Barbara Allen	9/11	William Magee	9/28
Ashley Perez	9/11	Andrew Kraus	9/28
Laura Harris	9/12	Peyton Seitz	9/29
Gabe Schneider	9/13	Tara Hill	9/30
Gail Lents	9/14	Eric Kundert	9/30
Ava Carver	9/14	Kay Olsen	9/30
Kevin White	9/15	Chloe Jacob	9/30

Sarcoma 6K Run

In memory of Megan Nuelle

Denise Kraus invites you to attend STL Cure Sarcoma on October 12, 2025. If you cannot attend but would like to donate, donations can be made to sarcoma under the title Megans Memory or Megan Nuelle. You can donate at the link provided, cash or check.
<https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/MO/MarylandHeights/STLCURESARCOMA6KRUNWALK>



STL Cure Sarcoma Supports
Researchers Close to Home While Also
Fueling National Progress that Benefits
Patients Everywhere!

October 12, 2025

Tremayne Shelter at
Creve Coeur Park
13725 Marine Ave.,
Maryland Heights, MO

www.stlcuresarcoma.org





ST. LUKE'S UCC
TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

SAT. SEPTEMBER 20TH 7 AM - 2 PM
&
WED. SEPTEMBER 24TH 7 AM - NOON

PLACE YOUR DONATIONS ON THE STAGE IN FELLOWSHIP
HALL

MON. WED. OR FRI. 9 AM TO 2 PM
FROM
SEPT 3 THRU SEPT 19

WE ACCEPT ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES,
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND DECOR, KNICK-KNACKS, BOOKS,
KITCHEN ITEMS, DISHES, GLASSWARE and SMALL
FURNITURE ITEMS. OTHER FURNITURE MUST BE
PRE-APPROVED

PLEASE! NO MATTRESSES SOFAS, CLOTHES OR SHOES

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT AN ITEM
CALL LINDA SCHREPEL @ 636-209-7903 or
EARLEEN STOCKWELL @ 314-496-7405



FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Personal Hygiene Pak

- 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz. or more)
- 1 toothbrush (in original package)
- 1 bottle of body wash (15-22 oz.)
- 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 hand towel
- 1 deodorant
- 2 razors (disposable)
- 1 comb (larg) or brush
- 1 bottle travel skin lotion (1-3 oz.)
or 10oz



Instructions: Tighten lids and place all items in a large zipper storage bag (2-2.5 gallon).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Goodies with GRANDS

HONORING OUR GRANDPARENTS

Sunday, September 7, 2025

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Worship Service at 9am

Activities & Goodies from 10am to 11am

RSVP *Please let us know how many in your family are coming. Thank You!*

Call/text Sarah: 314-315-5335

