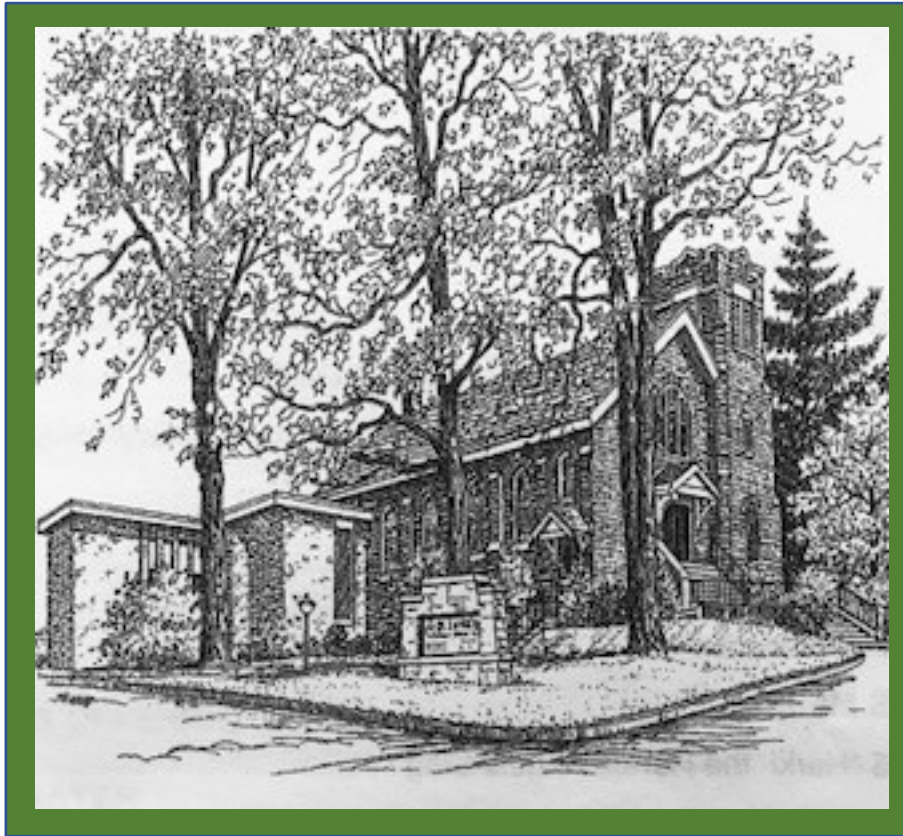


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OCTOBER 2024

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

October 1, 2024

St. Luke's Family and Friends,

Autumn is officially upon us and October promises to be a great time here at St. Luke's. I can almost smell the apple butter cooking and the fried chicken frying already! These are two special events in the life our church which you will not want to miss. Learn more about each in this very newsletter.

While I have enjoyed sharing sermon series this past Summer, my next series of sermons will not come until Advent – I'm still working on that, so stay tuned! For the month of October, I will be sharing sermons from our Gospel lectionary passages found in the tenth chapter of the book of Mark. I love preaching the Gospel texts and I hope you will connect with what I'm sharing in the weeks ahead. Here's a preview:

Sunday, October 6	Mark 10:2-16	Power & Vulnerability
Sunday, October 13	Mark 10:17-31	Getting Ahead
Sunday, October 20	Mark 10:35-45	Greatness
Sunday, October 27	Mark 10:46-52	Copper Mosquito

Don't forget that the service on Sunday, October 27, will begin at 10:00am and lead into our annual Chicken Dinner! If you are new to our fellowship, this is one of our favorite opportunities, and I know all of those who are long-time members are excited about this time-honored tradition. As we move toward the end of the month, we know Totenfest will be coming the first Sunday in November. We will honor and remember all of those who have died in the past year. Please contact our church office to add a name to our list. Speaking of lists, everyone still has an opportunity to join us for our mid-week Bible study via Zoom. Each Thursday we meet at 6:30pm as we consider that week's Gospel Parable. Since we examine a new parable each week, every week is a good jumping on point. Here's what we will be reading together in the weeks to come:

October 3	Justice in the Vineyard	Matthew 20:1-16
October 10	Feasting at God's Table	Matthew 22:1-14 Luke 14:1-24
October 17	Wise & Foolish Virgins	Matthew 25:1-13
October 24	Surprised by a Samaritan	Luke 10:25-37

Want to be added to this week's email invite? Contact the church office at stlukesimperial@gmail.com, or me at jameshilljr@icloud.com.

Finally, many of you were in church this past Sunday and heard Warren's announcement regarding our church secretary, Pam. It is true that she will be leaving us soon and I want to take an opportunity to say how grateful I am for her service with us. Pam has shown unwavering dedication to our church family and sincere commitment in her office administrative tasks. I have witnessed her going above and beyond what was asked or expected on multiple occasions, and she has made my transition here at St. Luke's easier each step of the way. She will be difficult to replace. Thank you, Pam, for all you have done for St. Luke's. You will be missed!

See everyone Sunday!

Grace and peace,



Rev. James Hill

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President

Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President

Jess McLard

Secretary

Yvonne Davis

Co-Treasurer

Dave Pippin

Don Dankel

Fin. Secretary

Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.

Gary Hartmann

BOCE Rep.

Kathy Porter

Bldg. & Grounds

Garry Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment

Jess McLard / Don Dankel

Pastor

Rev. James Hill Jr.

September 17, Church Council Minutes

In attendance – Warren Stuckmeyer, David Pippin, Don Dankel, Linda Schrepel, Yvonne Davis, Jess McLard. Garry Kraus, Gary Hartmann, Kathy Porter and Reverend Hill.

At 6:45 pm Warren Stuckmeyer called the meeting to order. Reverend Hill said the opening prayer.

Reports

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

Old Business

Fish Fry – after expenses made \$1239.00

All church workday – Garry has a list of items to be worked on.

New Business

Women's Circle to allocate money for landscaping. This is tabled until after workday to see what still needs to be completed.

Reverend Hill Installation – Sunday December 1st. at 3:00 pm.

Garry Kraus made a motion to appoint Reverend Hill as church representative to attend business meeting October 4-5, 2024. Gary Hartmann seconded. All were in favor, motion passed

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Conference in Jefferson City October 18-19, 2024. Gary Hartmann seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Membership changes

Deaths – none

Births – none

Membership – none

Open/Close schedule

October 20 -Jess McLard

October 27 – David Pippin

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

Next Meeting October 15, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT

August

General Giving	\$14,993.21
Expenses (Operational)	\$13,345.83
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$1,647.38

YTD 2024

General Giving	\$123,198.14
Expenses	\$141,988.93
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$18,790.79)

We are very grateful for the continued support of all who give to the ministry of our church. It is only through the faithful stewardship of our people that we are able to be the church God has called us to be in this community.

BOARD OF ELDERS HIGHLIGHTS

Julie Hartmann, Chairperson
Judy Duro, Visitor Care
Brenda Day, Ushers
Pastor James Hill

Kay Moss, Worship
Michelle Perry, Secretary
Tim Hollerbach, Member
Gary Hartmann, Council Rep.

Tuesday September 10, 2024

Totenfest is scheduled for November 3, 2024. The office will be sending letters out at the beginning of October to the families of the loved ones that have passed.

Christmas Schedule: Hanging of the Greens will be scheduled for November 24, 2024.

Christmas Eve service will be scheduled at 11 pm.

Pastor James will be out on December 29th, he is looking for a guest pastor for that Sunday.

Open & close schedule for October, November & December: Kay Moss & Tim Hollerbach

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 8, 2024

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Angie Logan, Chairperson
Sarah Saputo, Sunday School Superintendent & VBS
Shelbey Stilwill
Emily Dulle

Greg McLard, Secretary
Kathy Porter, Church Council Liaison
Connie Stuckmeyer
Pastor James Hill

September 3, 2024

Confirmation Class- 2 confirmands. Go on outings with other Churches. Will be flexible with schedules.

Open Close Church Schedule:

Oct 13, 2024- Angela

Nov 10, 2024 - Emily

Dec 8, 2024 – Shelbey

Upcoming Events

10/27/24 - Chicken Dinner/soda sales

12/7/24 - Santa's Breakfast

12/22/24 - Christmas Program / Cookie reception

Next Meeting 10/1/2024 6:30pm

WOMEN'S CIRCLE HIGHLIGHTS

Women's Circle September 3, 2024 Meeting

There were thirteen ladies who attended the meeting. Prayer concerns and joys were shared as well as correspondence that was received. A devotion message and offering was received. Minutes and treasure report were approved.

Business was as follows:

- This month September Mission of \$150 will be sent to Pony Bird.
- Chicken dinner preparations are underway. Bazaar table items are needed as well as baked items for the bake sale table.
- Christmas in November is being planned. Projected for Wed., Nov. 20th.
- Garden area(s) will be done in October after the September work day to insure what else needs to be done.

Note: Chicken dinner preparation will be done on Saturday, October 26, starting at 8:00am. The Chicken dinner will be held on Sunday, October 27, 11:00-4:00. Many hands make for lighter work. Please plan to help on either or both days.

The next Women's Circle meeting will be on Thursday, October 3, at 11:30 am. We welcome any and all women of St Luke's church to join us in fellowship and the missions of our church and community.

Respectfully, Women's Circle

PS: We want to thank all who have picked up "Festival Of Sharing Personal Hygiene Kit" bags to help in our outreach mission project. These bags will need to be returned no later than Sunday, October 6, (or to the quilters room by Tuesday, October 8) since we will be preparing them for deliver on Saturday, Oct.12.

.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*	Loren Stuckmeyer	Bob Johnson*	Lee Nations
Sharlene Schlereth	Kyle McPhedren*	Jeff Timeus*	Alan Bess*
Mike Burcham*	Sandy Fischer*	Jim Forsyth*	Lauren Watkins*
Bob Heitert*	Glenda Dickemann O'Tool	Kathy Porter	Harvey Hegemann*
Jane Kraus*	Keith Morris	Cindy (Held) Donaldson	Paul Schneider
Al Jay Kraus	Carolyn Kraus	Family of Cecil McLard	Brenda Farson
Barb Lovera	Family of Joan Haefner	David Belleville	Michele Day
Farson Family	Family of Paul Seitz	Family of Dale Ehlers	

Our Military Personnel

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alexander Schimsa	10/1	Owen Nuelle	10/15
Jason Stuckmeyer	10/2	Walter Miller	10/16
Austen Ferbet	10/2	Loren Stuckmeyer	10/17
Ellee Russell	10/2	Jordan McKinley	10/18
Sharlene Schlereth	10/4	Gregory Rose	10/18
Bryan Day	10/4	Lleyton Perry	10/19
Sherry Mueller	10/5	Brenda Dankel	10/20
Sandy Winters	10/6	Glee Naes	10/21
Kay Moss	10/7	Marilee Sturmer	10/21
Elizabeth Russell	10/8	Glenda O'Tool-Potts	10/21
Sarah Sumner	10/9	Kimberly Kirk	10/21
Ralph Hoffarth	10/9	Crystal Burcham	10/22
Michael Allen	10/10	Paige Seitz	10/23
Michel Hartmann	10/10	Ruth Mueller	10/24
Nancy Roorda	10/11	Dale Winters	10/26
Chelsea Lowry	10/11	Angie Kraus	10/27
Janice Lowry	10/12	Thomas Duro	10/27
Mariella Saputo	10/12	Jill Charleville	10/28
Donna Wirth	10/13	Emma Haefner	10/28
Olivia Kraus	10/14	Demi Elrod	10/30
Julie Hartmann	10/15	Kane Neislein	10/30

The Women's Circle will once again be participating in the
FESTIVAL OF SHARING

FESTIVAL OF SHARING Personal Hygiene Pack

- 1 fluoride toothpaste, (6 oz. or more) 1 toothbrush in original, unopened 1 washcloth
 - 1 hand towel
 - 1 body wash (15-22 oz.)
 - 1 deodorant
 - 1 bottle skin lotion (sm. or travel size) 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)
 - 2 disposable razors
 - 1 comb or brush (Large)
- Tighten lids and place all items in the large zip-lock bag provided.

- We are asking for your help in providing Personal Hygiene Kits through the month of September. The kit will be delivered on Saturday, October 12, 2024
- Donation bags with a list of items may be found in the Narthex and on the piano at the handicap entrance. Completed bags may be returned to the same locations. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

Festival of Sharing information:

- As a cooperative response to hunger, poverty and injustice in Missouri and beyond, our hope is to support projects and programs that help our neighbors experience healthy and full lives.
- Our efforts include providing funding and resource goods, sharing information on agency efforts in communities and praying for our collective work. When people of faith come together and share, we can make a positive and powerful difference.
- This year we will be hosting seven regional events throughout September-October. These interfaith gatherings of resources connect the state of Missouri with a common goal: providing resources for our neighbors in need. Join us to experience the joy of sharing!

OVER 150 AGENCIES IN MISSOURI ARE APPROVED TO RECEIVE GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH THE FESTIVAL OF SHARING.

Agencies we work with range from food pantries and clothes closets, to foster and adoption programs and anything in between! We look to partner with agencies who are ecumenical in who they serve and in how they are supported by their community.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

It's never too late to join the fall Bible study. The Bible study called "Gospel Parables" meets on Thursday's at 6:30pm. via Zoom. Contact the church office or email Pastor James to be added to the list of attendees.

6K SARCOMA RUN/WALK IN HONOR OF MEGAN NUELLE

There will be a 6K run/walk in honor of Megan Nuelle on October 13, 2024. If you are interested in signing up for this great cause, there is a link below.

The group name is: Megan Nuelle. <https://www.stlcuresarcoma.org>

The Mission of STL Cure Sarcoma is to Generate Funding for Research for All Types of Sarcoma Cancers, both in St. Louis and Nationwide, as well as to Create Awareness About the Disease. We Have Created a Patient-Oriented Event that Celebrates the Life of Survivors/Warriors, Honors the Fight of Loved Ones Lost, and Builds a Community for Those Affected by Sarcoma.

LOST & FOUND

If anyone has seen a black canvas bag about 4' long (looks similar to a lawn chair bag) around the church please let the office know. It contains a photo backdrop and metal poles.

FISH

We have extra cod from the fish fry available. It is raw and frozen. If you are interested, they are in the freezer in the church kitchen. \$6.00 per bag. Approximately 1 pound each. **Hoping to have this gone before the Chicken Dinner. There are 14 bags left!!**

TOTENFEST

Each year at this time St. Luke's remembers the saints of the church who have passed away during the year.

This year Totenfest will be celebrated during our Worship on Sunday, November 3rd.

Totenfest is a German tradition that began in the 1800s, but it is rooted in the Christian remembrance tradition of All Saint's Day. It is a day to remember our loved ones, celebrating their lives and their passing into the peace of the Resurrection.

If you have a loved one (they do not need to be a church member) that you would like remembered during this service please send a short memorial and photo to the church office or it can be emailed to: stlukesimperial@gmail.com

CHURCH SECRETARY

Would you like to apply for a part time position as St. Luke's Church Secretary? Please email your resume to Warren Stuckmeyer at wstuckme@amfam.com

OCTOBER

- 1st BOCE Meeting 6:30pm
- 3rd Women's Circle Meeting 11:30am
"Gospel Parables" - Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30pm, via Zoom
- 4th Apple Butter Peeling 6:00pm-10:00pm
- 5th Apple Butter Cooking 6:00am-1:00pm
- 6th Henry Kraus Baptism
- 8th BOE Meeting 6:30pm
- 10th "Gospel Parables" - Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30pm, via Zoom
- 15th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30pm
- 17th "Gospel Parables" - Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30pm, via Zoom
- 24th "Gospel Parables" - Pastor's Bible Study, 6:30pm, via Zoom
- 27th Chicken Dinner – **Worship at 10:00am**

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Daylight Savings Ends – Turn your clocks back 1 hour
- 5th BOCE Meeting 6:30pm
- 7th Women's Circle 11:30am
- 11th Veterans Day
- 12th BOE Meeting 6:30pm
- 19th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30pm
- 20th Christmas In November
- 24th Hanging of the Greens
- 28th Thanksgiving



ST. LUKE'S
**APPLEBUTTER
COOKING**

BRING BACK THE TRADITION

**Join us for a delightful evening
and early morning of cooking apple butter!
A delicious favorite of the season.**

This festive event brings together the church for time filled with apples, stories, laughs, and the vibrant colors of fall.

PEELING & SNIBBLING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
6:00 PM- ABOUT 10:00 PM

COOKING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
6:00 A.- ABOUT 1:00 PM

TASTY TREATS

SAMPLE A VARIETY OF APPLE-INSPIRED DISHES,
FROM PIES TO CIDER DONUTS.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

**OCT
4&5**

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ITEMS STILL NEEDED:

**PINT JARS, PINT JAR RINGS AND LIDS (ABOUT 144)
FOOD FOR FRIDAY EVENING- SANDWICHES, CHIPS, DRINKS
FOOD FOR SATURDAY- DONUTS, HOT DOGS, CHILI, DRINKS, ETC.**

PINT SIZE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO GENERAL FUND

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT DARRELL KRAUS : 314-225-7423



ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024
11 AM – 4 PM (or until sold out)
Following Worship @ 10:00

COST: \$15 Cash OR Card
Dine In & Carry Out

Dinner to include:
½ Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Slaw
Green Beans
Beets
Applesauce
Dessert
Drink: Tea, Coffee, Water

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