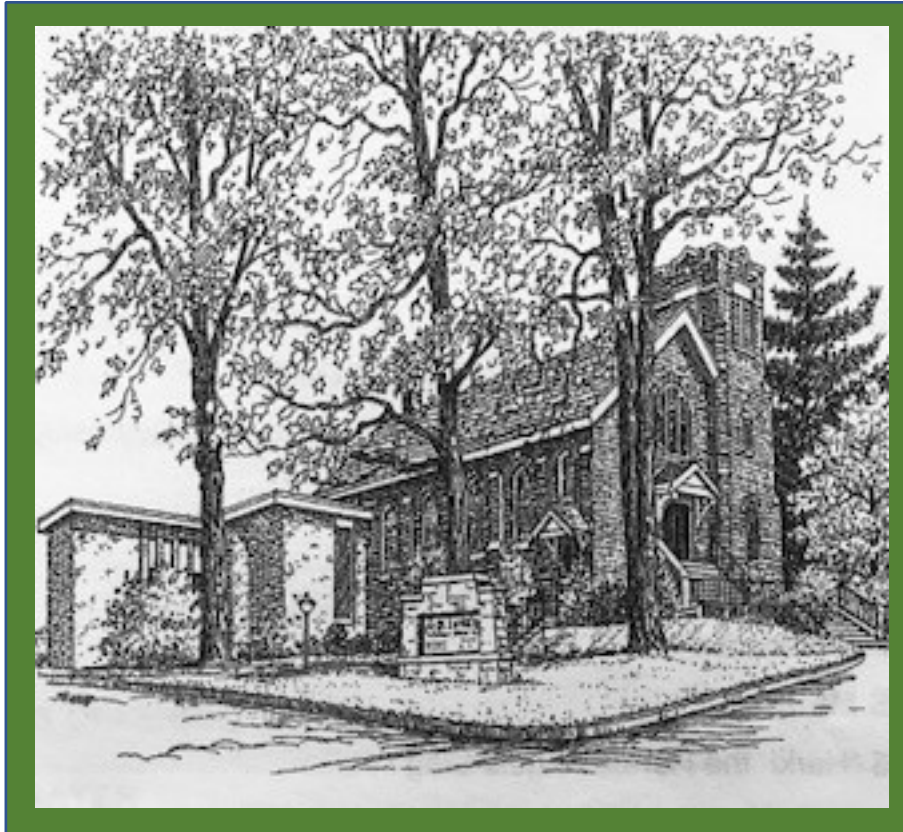


THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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July 2025

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

July 1, 2025

St. Luke's Friends and Family,

As the warmth of summer envelopes us, I am filled with gratitude for the abundance of blessings in recent days. For many in this season, such blessings include an opportunity for vacation. As you receive our July Beacon, our family prepares to be away on vacation from July 3rd through July 11th. Our new church secretary, Mrs. Emma Barton, will be available in our church office during normal business hours – drop her a note of welcome! While I'm away, our church elders will be available should ministry needs arise.

Summer can be a time to slow down and reflect, seeking God's presence and direction – even for children. We don't anticipate much happening slowly next week, though, as VBS kicks off! I hope your family has plans to be a part of this year's VBS, July 7-11. This fun-filled week includes songs which last far into the summer, creative bible story retellings, and multitudes of artistic creations. Our VBS crew are hard at work preparing and we look forward to our children sharing in worship on Sunday, July 13th.

Summer is also a time for us to extend a hand in service and care toward those in need. Don't forget to check in on a neighbor, stop by a visit with someone recovering from surgery, or make a call just to say we miss you. The season of never-ending rain seems to be behind us, but we can be real light in the lives of others, showing them the love and compassion that Jesus taught us.

On Sunday, July 6, while our family is away on vacation, Rev. Damien Lake, Associate Conference Minister for the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be our guest minister. I know our church family will make Rev. Lake feel welcome; come hear all about what is going on in the Missouri Mid-South Conference. Additionally, while I'm not planning a specific sermon series for the Summer, I will be sharing a brief, 3-week sermon series in August called "On the Road." I hope you will plan to join us for worship whenever possible this Summer!

See you on Sunday (July 13th)!

Grace and peace,



Pastor James

CHURCH SECRETARY MESSAGE

Greetings St. Luke's members,

I am Emma, the new secretary here at St. Luke's. I am originally from House Springs, Missouri but I spent the past six years living in Tennessee while my husband, Gavinn, served in the United States Army. Gavinn and I met in middle school and have been together ever since. Together we are raising our daughter, Ameila Jo, and our mini poodle Remi. I have a bachelor's in human biology from Logan University. I enjoy spending time with my family, cheering on the St. Louis Blues and Kansas City Chiefs, and immersing myself in a good book. I look forward to serving this beautiful church and her people.

Emma

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

June 8, 2025 – Special Meeting

43 members in attendance

- Called to order by Warren Stuckmeyer at 9:50 am
- Pastor Hill opened with a prayer
- Warren appointed Tellers: Teresa Kraus and Linda Schrepel
- Warren reviewed the proposed changes to the By-laws in regards to the Annual Meeting time and how we will communicate with the congregation (see below). No discussion.
- Members voted on ballots: #1 - 42 Yes, 1 No; #2 - 43 Yes. Both changes passed.
- Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:57 am

Original By-laws

Article 4: Congregational Meetings

1. The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held at the church property on the third Sunday of January of each year at the hour of 2:00 P.M.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Council or upon the written request of four percent (4%) of the voting members. The Council shall issue a call for such a meeting within two weeks after the request had been received. This meeting shall be held within thirty days after a written notice to each member in good standing is given of time, place and purpose of special congregational meetings.

Proposed changes to By-laws

Article 4: Congregational Meetings

1. The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held at the church property on the third Sunday of January of each year, after the church service at a time set by the Church Council 30 days in advance.
2. Special meetings may be called by the Council or upon the written request of four percent (4%) of the voting members. The Council shall issue a call for such a meeting within two weeks after the request had been received. This meeting shall be held within thirty days after notification, electronic or written notice, to each member in good standing is given of time, place and purpose of special congregational meetings.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

June 3, 2025

*Angie Logan - Chairperson

*Sarah Saputo - Sunday School Superintendent & VBS

*Shelbey Stilwill

*Emily Dulle

**present*

*Greg McLard - Secretary

Kathy Porter - Church Council Liaison

*Connie Stuckmeyer

*Pastor James Hill

Opening Prayer

Minutes - Connie is behind in 1st quarter mission. Will send out ASAP. Sarah motion to accept, Angie 2nd - minutes accepted.

Reports

1. Sunday School
 - a. Need more teachers. Connie has list - will continue to ask for help. Sarah will do June 8th.
 - b. Lauren Belt & Jillian Davis will be Confirmands.
2. Church Council - Quick meeting. Mostly building related. Congregational meeting for By-law update this Sunday.
3. Confirmation - is over.
4. Budget BOCE \$2,500 VBS \$1,000
5. Missions (Sunday School offering and any additional donations)
 - a. Lunch balances - Clyde Hamrick Elementary - 1st Quarter.
 - b. 2nd quarter - Helping Hands and Horses

OLD BUSINESS

Open Close Church Schedule :

June 8, 2025 – Connie Stuckmeyer

July 13, 2025 - Emily Dulle

August 10, 2025 - Shelby Stilwill

1. Confirmation - May 25th.

Service went well. Confirmands were calm.
2. Promotion Sunday & Teacher's appreciation - All went well.
 - a. Certificates given to all kids.
 - b. Teacher's were acknowledged and given gift of appreciation.
 - c. 6x gifts given all teachers + Connie (opening), Sarah & Brenda F. Cake at coffee hour.
 - d. Angie bought the cake from Walmart
 - e. Leftover muffins from Palm Sunday breakfast in freezer were used. Leftovers given away.
 - f. White milk, chocolate milk, juice and water will be put out as well.
 - g. Approximately 30 people in attendance.
 - h. Food and drink amount good for this year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VBS: Theme = ROAD TRIP!!
 - a. Sarah has curriculum ordered. Not here yet.
 - b. Sarah has flyers to post - more advertising.
 - c. Teachers - have all needed.
 - d. Volunteers -
 - i. Need 1 story teller.
 - ii. Need helpers. Recruit some teens to help.
 - e. Registration - Ongoing.
 - f. Decorations - TBD
 - g. Music - TBD

Upcoming Events:

7/7-7/11- Vacation Bible School

7/13- VBS roadies sing during serve/ Story time

8/24- Rally Day

Lords Prayer

Next Meeting 8/5/2025 6:30pm

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*	Lee Nations
Alan Bess*	Mike Burcham*	Sharlene Schlereth
Kathy Porter	Brenda Farson	Burnell Raebel
David and Pam Belleville	Bob Schrepel	Mark Pursley*
Vicki Kramme Carpenter	Doris Stephenson*	Joan Flesh*
Al Kraus*	Sharon Kaplan*	Eddie Lowry
Joyce Kraus	Ollie Stuckmeyer	Jana Kramme
Emily Crawford	Gina Montgomery*	Family of Clark Nolen*
Kay Olsen	Garry Kraus	Family of Richard Livengood*
Minerva Ainsley	Juliet Gilmore*	Marlyn Palmer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Charlie Carpenter	7/1	Kenneth Kirk	7/11
Lorraine Magee	7/2	Sally Morris	7/11
Jason Kirk	7/2	Courtney Stuckmeyer	7/13
Courtney McKinley	7/2	Brittany Carver	7/13
Lucinda Simino	7/2	Theodore Kohler	7/15
Darrell Kraus	7/3	Ryan Kirk	7/15
Robert Stuckmeyer	7/3	Delaney Jacob	7/15
Tonya Linderer	7/3	James Hill Jr.	7/16
Anthony Jordan	7/5	Ariyanna Schneider	7/17
Caizer Crawford	7/7	Robert Kirk	7/18
Diane Riordan	7/10	Justin Stuckmeyer	7/20
Kensley Glaus	7/10	Clara Narup	7/21

Bob Johnson	7/22	Golda Dickemann	7/25
Kenneth Eckert	7/22	Randall Skaggs Jr.	7/29
Pamela Arnold	7/22	Emma Pippin	7/30
Karen AuBuchon	7/23	Ralph Samples III	7/31
Kathy Magee	7/24	Chris Kraus	7/31
Karen Geary	7/24	Adam Stockwell	7/31
Elizabeth Lynn Meyer	7/24		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY

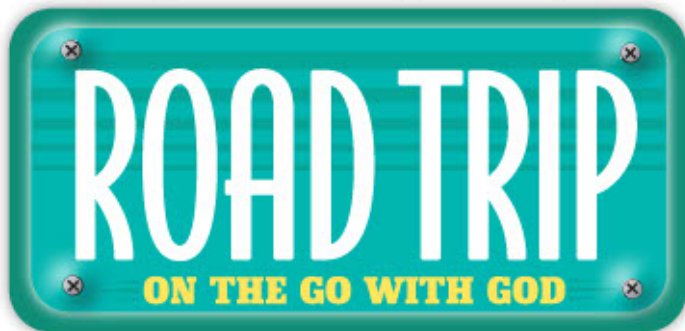
- 1st Board of Christian Education Meeting – 6:30pm
- 6th Vacation Bible School Begins
MoVAL Camp Week #2 (Grades 3-9)
- 8th Board of Elders Meeting – 6:30pm
- 13th VBS kids sing during Worship
MoVAL Camp Week #3 (Grades 3-9)
- 15th Church Council Meeting – 6:30pm
- 20th S.T.E.A.M. Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)
'And Me' Summer Camp (all ages, adult guardian 21+)

AUGUST

- 3rd-25th MoVal Adventures in Communities (18+)
- 5th Board of Education Meeting – 6:30pm
- 12th Board of Elders Meeting – 6:30pm
- 19th Church Council Meeting – 6:30pm
- 24th Rally Day/All Church Picnic

**GET READY FOR TWISTS, TURNS
AND EXCITEMENT WHILE WE
FIND STRENGTH IN GOD'S
PRESENCE AT ST. LUKE'S VBS!**

Kids ages 2 through 6th grade!



**EMBARK ON AN EXCITING
JOURNEY AT ST. LUKE'S U.C.C.
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JULY 7th - 11th
DAILY FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON.**

**Kids will discover God's presence everywhere
as we explore new Bible stories, songs, crafts,
activities, games, food and FUN!**

Daily Themes:

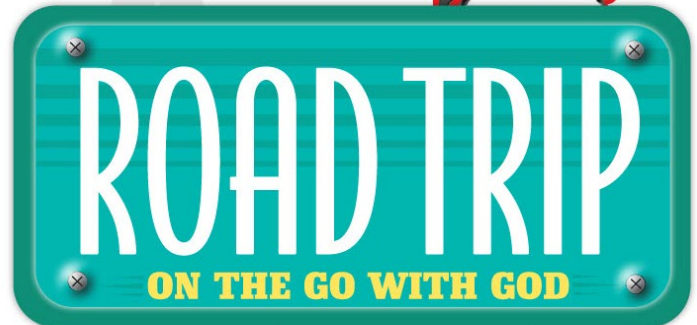
- God is with us on the journey
- God is with us when we go off course
- God is with us when we're joyful
- God is with us when we're lonely
- God is with us near and far

**Lunch served at noon on Friday
7/11/25. All are welcome to attend!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP ON
JULY 13TH 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!**

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EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

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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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**Sponsoring Don Dankel for the ALS 5K Run
In honor of Loren Stuckmeyer**

To donate to ALS for the 5K run at Kimmswick on July 29, 2023, go to the following website:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/73632/kimmswick-5k/pledge/participant/20002054>

The page should reference Don Dankel and the goal is to raise \$250. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Cash donations will be accepted and I will pass it on to ALS. With your help, we can achieve the goal and possibly exceed it. Thank you for your generosity.



SUMMER

at a glance

June	6/22 - 6/27/25 All Ages Camp #1 (grades 3-9) 6/22 - 6/27/25 High School Camp (grades 9-12) 6/29 - 7/3/25 Family Camp (all ages)
July	7/6 - 7/11/25 All Ages Camp #2 (grades 3-9) 7/13 - 7/18/25 All Ages Camp #3 (grades 3-9) 7/20 - 7/22/25 S.T.E.A.M. - Summer Camp (grades 3-9) 7/20 - 7/21/25 'And Me' - Summer Camp (grades 3-9)
August	8/3 - 8/8/25 Adventures in Community (ages 18+)

**FOR INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER** → 