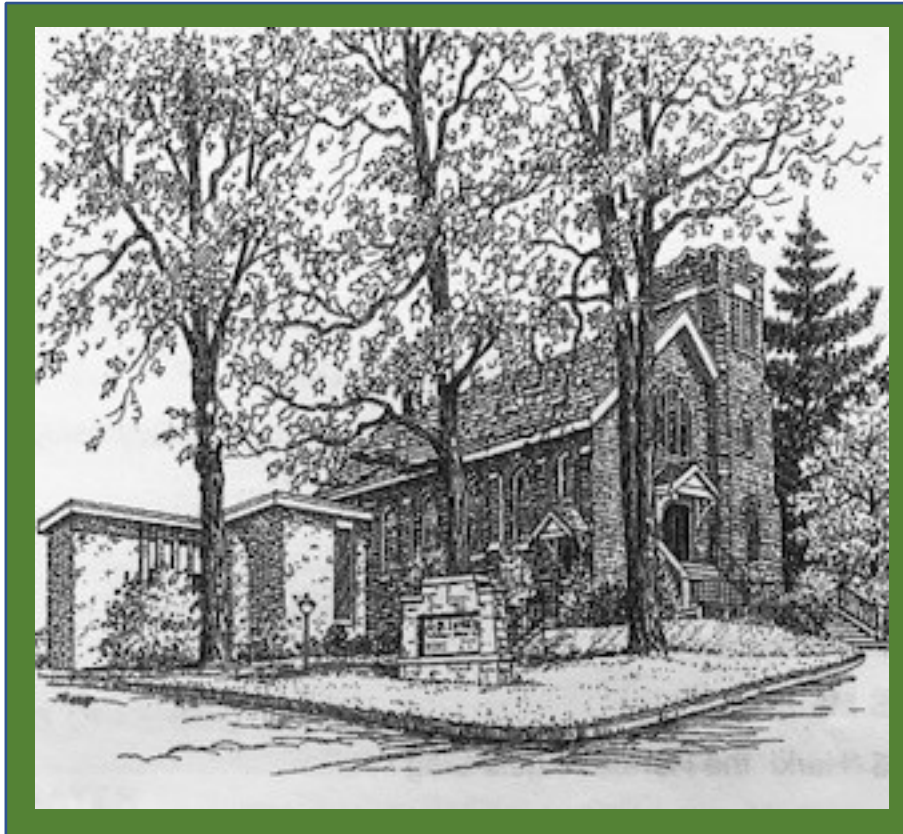


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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

February 3, 2025

St. Luke's Family & Friends,

As you receive this newsletter, we are amid some unseasonably warm weather – and we will take it! If our thoughts had not already turned to Spring, these temperatures help move our perspectives that way. While we may not look forward to allergies blooming or Spring cleaning, new life is always a reason to celebrate. In addition to our weekly Sunday worship, we have a couple of special opportunities coming in February.

On Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, we will host our annual Sausage dinner from 11:00AM until 4:00PM; look for more information in this very newsletter! We can use additional volunteers and helpers, both Saturday morning, February 15<sup>th</sup>, and during the dinner on Sunday. Do not forget our regular worship will be at 10:00AM, instead of the typical 9:00AM, and neither Sunday School nor our Confirmation class will meet on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

February also brings a new bible study opportunity. I plan to begin our Spring pastor's bible study on Wednesday, February 26, at 11:00AM. This 7-week study will be called "Kings & Kingdoms" and will journey through the Old Testament book of 2 Samuel. Join us for about an hour each Wednesday at 11:00AM, beginning February 26. Watch for more information in the weeks ahead.

Easter falls late on our calendar this year, so Lent does not begin until next month. I hope you plan to join us for our Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The first Sunday of Lent will follow on March 9<sup>th</sup> – look for details of my Lenten sermon series in the March Beacon.

See everyone on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James", with a stylized, flowing script.

Pastor James

## **CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

President Warren Stuckmeyer	Vice President Dane Kraus	Secretary Yvonne Davis	Co-Treasurers David Pippin/Don Dankel
Financial Secretary Jess McLard	BOE Rep. Gary Hartmann	BOCE Rep. Kathy Porter	Building/Grounds Garry Kraus
Endowment Don Dankel	Pastor Rev. James Hill Jr.		

January 21, 2025, Church Council Minutes

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

At 6:30 Warren Stuckmeyer called the meeting to order. Reverend Hill said the opening prayer.

### **Officers for 2025**

Don Dankel made a motion for Warren Stuckmeyer as President of Church Council, Dane Kraus seconded, Warren graciously accepted.

Don Dankel made a motion for Dane Kraus as Vice President. David Pippin Seconded. Dane graciously accepted.

Don Dankel made a motion for Yvonne Davis as Secretary. Gary Hartmann seconded; Yvonne accepted. Gary Hartmann made a motion for David Pippin and Don Dankel for co-treasurers, Jess McLard seconded. Both men accepted.

David Pippin made a motion for Jess McLard to be the Financial Secretary. Gary Hartmann seconded. Jess accepted.

Don Dankel made a motion for Garry Kraus as Building & Grounds, Gary Hartmann seconded, Garry accepted.

David Pippin made a motion for Don Dankel to be the representative for the Endowment Committee. Gary Hartmann seconded. Don accepted.

David Pippin made a motion for Gary Hartmann as the representative of the Board of Elders. Don Dankel seconded. Gary accepted.

Gary Hartmann made a motion for Kathy Porter as the representative of the Board of Christian Education. David Pippin seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

### **Reports**

Pastor's report – The new secretary is working out very well.

Reverend Hill went over his personal goals for the year.

Bible Study will start in February, in person, in the morning.

Board of Elders – They would like to do a food drive from Feb. 23 to April 22, 2025.

Building & Grounds – Most of the ice is gone, there is a leak in the parsonage. We will need to check for damage. The rolled roof on the addition is starting to deteriorate.

Cemetery report – Garry Krause now has Daniel Randolph, Dane Kraus, Jessica Kraus, and Kay Moss on the Cemetery Board.

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

### **OLD Business**

- Budget – has been approved
- Insurance renewal – They will be coming out to do a review and make sure we have enough coverage.

### **NEW Business**

- Tammy Glaus requested the Fellowship Hall on 3/29/2025. Garry Hartmann made a motion to approve use on said date. Don Dank seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.
- Review comments from Annual Meeting – Council will call for a special meeting to change the wording in the bylaws about service time.
- Council is going to look into Ellen Cagle's cleaning expectations. This has not been completed in a long time.

### **Membership changes**

Deaths – Loren Stuckmeyer and Joan Thurman

Births – none

Membership – none

### **Open/Close schedule**

February 16 – Garry Kraus

February 23 – Don Dankel

### **LONG TERM PLANS**

Handicap system

New Doors

Carpeting in sanctuary

Sound

New roof – 2-3 years

Furnaces were replaced in 1996

Air Conditioner units replace as needed

Parsonage deck

Parsonage roof

### **MAINTENANCE**

paint porches

Windows re-caulked

Repaint window frames and clean covering

New lights over stairwell in Fellowship Hall

Oil Pews

Book Shelves in library

Parking Lot lights

NEXT MEETING: February 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm

**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, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm

### **MEMBERSHIP**

- Confirmation Class: Going okay, still scheduling issues with sports. Confirmands will be joining the Kirkwood UCC on January 25th to visit the Holocaust Museum. March 7th they will join the Kirkwood UCC for a Shabbat Service at the Ladue Synagogue and will be participating with the upcoming Sausage dinner in February.
- Baptisms: None at this time.
- Weddings: One scheduled for Friday, May 30th with the rehearsal on May 29. This is a non-member church family. Mother of the bride is an ordained minister and will be performing the wedding ceremony. This family are friends of Pastor James.
- Funerals:
  - Carolyn Kraus, passed on December 17, 2024
  - Loren Stuckmeyer, passed on January 3, 2025
  - Joan Thurman, passed on January 6, 2025
- New Member: Pastor made a suggestion when we get a prayer request, *Elders send a card to the person or family. Elders agreed and the Pastor will look into purchasing some cards, once Council approves.*

### **OLD Business**

- Set Elder's food drive dates

### **NEW Business**

- Lenten Mission – Annie's Hope 2025
- Winter Food Drive: Elder's sponsored food drive is scheduled from February 23 – April 27.
- 10:00am Worship Service February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Sausage Dinner – February 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 4pm (or sell out).
- Elder's Calendar reviewed

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

A special THANK YOU to everyone who participated in taking down the Christmas decorations this year. It went very smoothly and was done very quickly.

**Open/Close schedule:**

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|--|---------------------------------|
| • January, February, March, April        | Brenda Day & Judy Duro          |
| • May, June, July, August                | Michelle Perry & Julie Hartmann |
| • September, October, November, December | Kay Moss and Tim Hollerbach     |

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm

**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

January 7, 2025 - CANCELED DUE TO INCELEMENT WEATHER

**Open/Close schedule:**

February 9, 2025 – Greg McLard

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE UPDATES****Women's Circle January Meeting**

There were twelve women and Pastor Hill who attended the meeting. Sherry Pippin did a short devotion. Joys and concerns were shared. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Election on officers was conducted: Michelle Perry, President, Sherry Pippin, Vice-President, Brenda Dankel, Treasure and Gail Heckenberg, Secretary. Business was conducted: \*A four dollar dues was collected from twelve ladies. \*The calendar of meeting dates, times, and missions was set. \*A check will be sent to Crisis Nursery in the amount of \$150 as the January mission. \*Sausage dinner plans were discussed: Dinner to be held on Sunday, February 16, beginning at 11:00 with preparation work day on Saturday, February 15, 8:00 AM. The price will remain \$15.00 with extra desserts at \$3.00. Advertising will be shared by social media, fliers, mailing to local churches, and word of mouth. Pre-orders for sausage will be available as well as sales on the day of the dinner. Piglets will be sold for \$25 to help defray the cost of the sausage meals. \*The Women's Circle will be checking into getting their own charge cube for purchases at the bazaar and other sales.

The next Women's Circle meeting will be on Thursday, February 6 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. Thank you in advance for your help in the annual sausage dinner. Your time and service, as well as donations, craft items, and baked items (for both desserts & bake sale) are all greatly appreciated.

In Christ we serve,  
Gail Heckenberg, Secretary

Any and all women of St. Luke's are welcome to join us for our meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

## 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\*  
Kyle McPhedren\*  
Sandy Fischer\*  
Glenda Dickemann O'Tool  
Cindy (Held) Donaldson  
**Burnell Raebel**  
Family of Shirley Pursley  
Family of Loren Stuckmeyer

Bob Johnson\*  
Jeff Timeus\*  
Jim Forsyth\*  
Kathy Porter  
Brenda Farson  
**Betty McLard**  
Family of Carolyn Kraus

Lee Nations  
Alan Bess\*  
Lauren Watkins\*  
Keith Morris  
David and Pam Belleville  
Family of Donald Baum  
Family of Joan Thurman

Sharlene Schlereth  
Mike Burcham\*  
Bob Heitert\*  
Al Jay Kraus\*  
Ken Eckert

### **Our Military Personnel**

Christopher Kettler\*  
Eric Watkins\*

Samuel Lowry  
Isaak Hartung\*

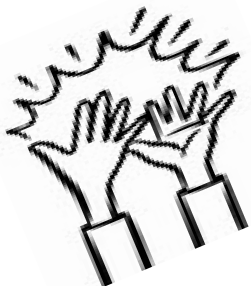
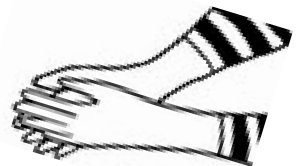
Alec Schrepel\*  
Susan Bablowitz\*

Kelsey L. Schwent\*  
Brian Randolph\*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Jillian Davis  
Lauren Belt  
Fletcher McLard  
Jordyn Davis  
Roni Belt  
Morgan Belt  
Maybree Saputo  
Jessa Davis  
Wyl Belt  
Mariella Saputo



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Earleen Stockwell	2/1	Lillian Perry	2/13
Beth Ryals	2/3	Danielle Randolph	2/15
Michelle Poelking	2/4	Keith Morris	2/15
Harper Hillman	2/6	Sarah Saputo	2/16
Debbie Seitz	2/8	Connor Raebel	2/16
Lee Nations	2/8	Samantha Weatherholt	2/18
Rebecca Thomas	2/8	Marylyn Palmer	2/19
Sandra Arnold	2/9	Sawyer Narup	2/19
Yvonne Davis	2/9	Jacob DeVeydt	2/21
Joseph Rose	2/10	Louis Meyer	2/21
Katheryn Reiff	2/10	Jason Poelking	2/21
Michael Perry	2/11	Pamela Belleville	2/27
Paul Schneider	2/12	Deborah Fluegge	2/27
Shane Perry	2/12	David Stark III	2/27
Carl McCullough	2/13	David Belleville	2/28

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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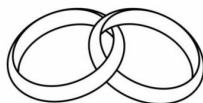
Dear Friends at St. Luke's,

Mom and Dad are doing well and will be celebrating their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on Jan. 26, 2025!

Thank you for the visits, cookies, prayers and love. We love and miss you.

Suzanne Magee for Dr. and Mrs. Magee

*Happy 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*  
*Ed and Lorraine Magee*





*Thank You...*

*We would like to Thank St. Luke's for the support to Loren Stuckmeyer, to the Stuckmeyer Family, and to ALS.*

*It's well appreciated.*

*The Stuckmeyer Family*



**PIES! PIES! PIES!**



**Please send pies/desserts for the Sausage Dinner on February 16<sup>th</sup>. We will not be making calls but please know that we still want your pies!**

**We are also collecting craft items for the bazaar table and baked goods for the bake sale.**

**Thank you in advance for your donations!  
Women's Circle**



**The Elders would like to thank everyone who participated in taking down the Christmas decorations this year. It went very smoothly and was done very quickly.**



**The Elders will be hosting the Winter Food Drive from February 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>.**



**Members are encouraged to contact a Council member, the church office, or drop a note in the collection plate regarding any noticed/needed projects or maintenance around the church.**

## **FEBRUARY**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Christian Education meeting – 6:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Circle – 11:30am
11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Elders meeting – 6:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Worship at 10:00am ( <i>please note change</i> ) Annual Sausage Dinner – 11:00am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council meeting – 6:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elders Winter Food Drive Begins
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study Begins – 11:00am

## **MARCH**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Christian Education Meeting – 6:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday
	Bible Study – 11:00am
6 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Circle – 11:30am
9 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday in Lent
11 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Elder's Meeting – 6:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study – 11:00am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Council Meeting – 6:30pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study – 11:00am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study – 11:00am

## **APRIL**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bible Study – 11:00am
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Women's Circle Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study Ends – 11:00am
13 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday
15 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Elders Meeting 6:30 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
20 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Church Council Meeting 6:30
27 <sup>th</sup>	Elders Winter Food Drive Ends



**BUY A PIGLET**  
for  
**ST. LUKE'S**  
**ANNUAL SAUSAGE DINNER**  
February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 11:00am  
**Sponsored by the Women's Circle**

You can help with the cost of the pork sausage with  
our "BUY A PIGLET" program!

**MAKE A \$25.00 DONATION TO**  
**ST. LUKE'S WOMEN'S CIRCLE**

Send it by mail or drop your check in the collection plate.

Cash? Make sure to mark it for PIGLETS and include your name.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!***

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turn right onto St. Luke's Church Road)



## SAUSAGE DINNER



*(Dine In & Carry-Out)*

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

**11 am - (until we sell out or) 4 pm**

**Cost: \$15.00**

(Dinner to include: 3 pieces of sausage links, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy,  
green beans, applesauce, and dessert.)

**Church Office: 636-948-3545**

**Morning Worship at 10:00 am**