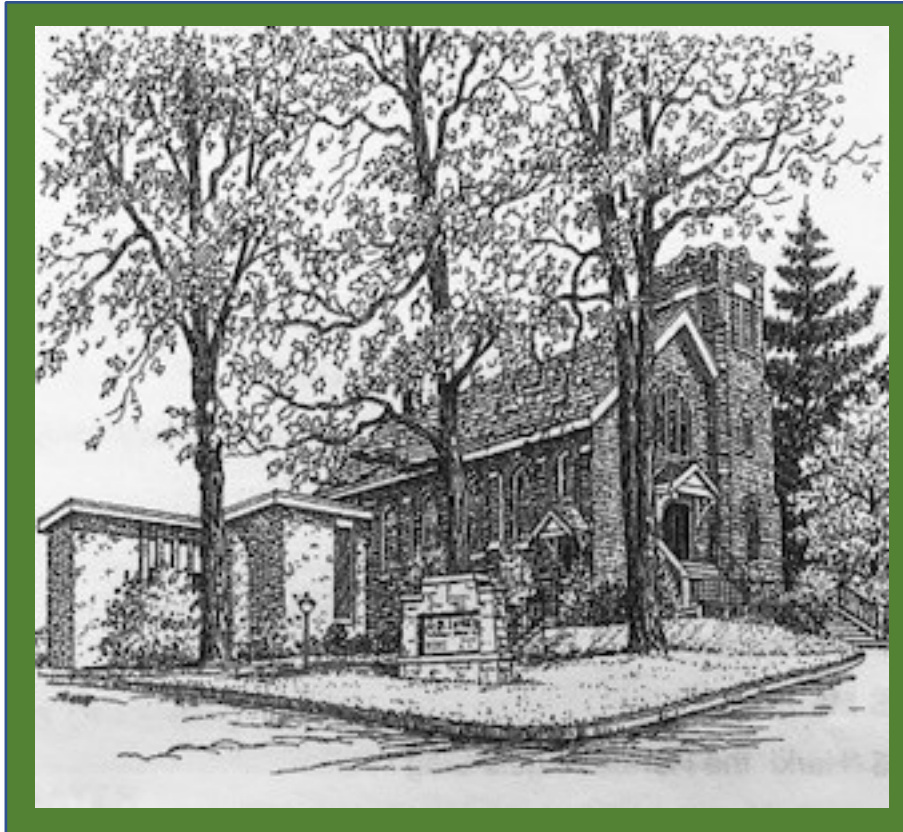


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August 2025

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

August 1, 2025

St. Luke's Family & Friends,

August often feels like a sacred threshold—summer's heat remains, but autumn begins to beckon. Gardens ripen, children and teachers prepare for new school years, and many of us savor one last vacation or moment of rest before the pace picks up again.

In the rhythm of the church, August invites us into a time preparation. As we enjoy the last joys of summer—whether in backyard gatherings, a last road-trip getaway, or moments of prayer during a summer storm—let's allow ourselves to be present to God's grace. In that spirit, I look forward to sharing a 3-week sermon series from the book of Hebrews, beginning August 17, I'm calling "On the Road."

August 17	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	<i>Making Our Way Home: On the Road, Part 1</i>
August 24	Hebrews 12:18-29	<i>Stirred, Not Shaken: On the Road, Part 2</i>
August 31	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	<i>The Prisoner's Dilemma: On the Road, Part 3</i>

Remember: What sometimes seems like a detour can be a holy path. As we walk our roads together, I invite you to join me in two small practices:

Gratitude walks: Take time outdoors to name that for which you're thankful.

Prayer for new beginnings: As students, teachers, and families prepare for the school year, hold them in your prayers.

Our road will soon lead us to the Fall, and some exciting new opportunities we look forward to sharing about next month, including my next weekly Bible study opportunity – so stay tuned! May the Spirit continue to lead us, surprise us, and renew us as we journey together.

Grace and peace,



Pastor James

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 22, 2025

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

At 6:35 Warren Stuckmeyer called the meeting to order. Reverend Hill said the opening prayer.

Reports

- Pastors report – Reverend Hill will be gone Sunday August 10, 2025, and he has his replacement set for that service.
- Treasurer’s report – Warren requested a comparison of where we were at this time last year. David Pippin will have that at the next meeting.
- Building & Grounds – The a/c man came out and put freon in the units for the Kitchen and Office units. The next time, we will have to replace those units as freon is no longer being produced. The parsonage roof is leaking again. We will have to have that roof replaced. Garry will get quotes for that. Battery-operated clocks all need the batteries changed.

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

Old Business

- The Marely AEDs need to be serviced. Waiting for a call back from the representative Chip Georges regarding the service.
- The fire inspection was completed.
- The sanctuary roof will be replaced due to storm damage. The roofer said we are in line and it will be about 13 months.
- The hardware for the doors has been ordered and we have been notified that it will be 45-60 for door delivery.
- Reverend Lake is having his service check donated to the UCC disaster relief fund.
- The first aid kit in the kitchen has been discarded as everything is outdated and Band-Aids no longer stick. A new first aid kit will be put at the top of the stairs in the Fellowship Hall so it is not exposed to the heat of the kitchen. A small kit will also be put in the Northax.

New Business

- Garry Kraus made a motion to approve the building usage by Julie Hartmann on 9/27/2025. David Pippin seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried
- Michelle Perry forwarded a proposal for work on the garden by the Fellowship Hall. If the Women’s Guild wants the Dogwood tree worked on, they can. As for the branches hanging over the buildings, Garry Kraus will get quotes to have the branches removed.
- Brenda Day is requesting a Trash & Treasure sale. The only weekends we have available are September 20, and October 11. We will wait to hear back on what date they would like.
- Fish Fry – no one has stepped up to take care of a fish fry this year. At the Annual meeting we will try to get a younger group to take over.
- The copier is limping and having issues. Reverend Hill is going to get quotes for a new one.

Membership changes

Deaths – none

Births – none

Membership – none

Open/Close schedule

August 17 – Jess McLard

August 24 – David Pippin

August 31 – Don Dankel

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

Next Meeting August 19, 2025 at 6:30 pm

LONG TERM PLANS MAINTENANCE

Parsonage Roof ASAP Replace Hanging Pendant lights in stairwells

New Doors 45-60 Days Windows recalked

Sound Repaint window frames and clean covering

Carpeting in Sanctuary Paint porches

All concrete sidewalks reworked Oil Pews

Handicap system Bookshelves in library

New Roof 2-3 years Parking Lot Lights (when warmer)

Furnaces were replaced in 1996 Boards replaced on Parsonage deck

Air Conditioner units replaced as needed

Women's Circle

The last Women's Circle meeting was June 5th when five women gathered at Smokin Pie in DeSoto for dinner. It was decided not to have a formal meeting due to the attendance. There was no meeting in July and it is now time to resume our regular meetings. We invite all ladies at St. Luke's to join us on Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for this welcome back meeting. There will be a lot of fall business to discuss. Mark your calendars and come be a part off the fellowship, projects and missions we share in for our church and community.

June Giving & Expenses

Monthly		YTD
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10,670	Giving	84,537.07
13,486.42	Expenses	97,429.80
- 2,916.42	Total	-12,892.73

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
Sharlene Schlereth	Alan Bess*	Mike Burcham*
Kathy Porter	Brenda Farson	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	Gina Montgomery*	Marlyn Palmer
Family of Clark Nolen*	Kay Olsen	Garry Kraus
Family of Richard Livengood*		Minerva Ainsley
Juliet Gilmore*		

Our Military Personnel

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

John McKenzie	8/2	Angela Logan	8/20
Craig Charleville	8/2	Nicolle Nash	8/20
Carter Wallace	8/2	Finnegan Weatherholt	8/20
Brooke Anthonies	8/3	Betty Kraus	8/23
Hannah Duro	8/3	Aiden Rebsamen	8/23
Barbara Lovera	8/6	Rich Schlittler	8/24
William Glaus II	8/6	Jason Gillman	8/24
Garrett Schimsa	8/7	Peter Sturmer	8/25
William Lowry	8/9	Lydia Leeka	8/25
Ollie Stuckmeyer	8/12	Vera McCullough	8/26
Mark Davis	8/14	Gail Heckenberg	8/27
Leighton Gillman	8/14	Carol Simino	8/27
John Sieving	8/16	Michele Stockwell	8/27
Connie Stuckmeyer	8/16	Rhonda Dobbs	8/28
Walker Nash	8/16	Donald Baum	8/28
Michael Wirth	8/18	Louis Meyer	8/28
Donald Dankel	8/19	Dwight Kraus	8/31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST

- 3rd-25th MoVal Adventures in Communities (18+)
- 5th Board of Education Meeting – 6:30pm
- 7th Women’s Circle- 6:30pm Fellowship Hall
- 12th Board of Elders Meeting – 6:30pm
- 19th Church Council Meeting – 6:30pm

24th Rally Day/All Church Picnic

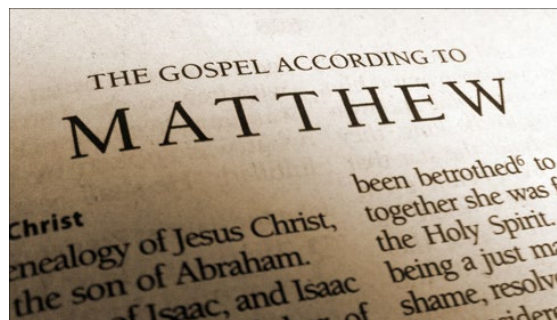
SEPTEMBER

- 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
- 16th Church Council meeting, 6:30pm

Coming in September 2025

Matthew's Message

A Journey Through the First Gospel



Pastor James' weekly Bible study

Every Thursday at 6:30pm
Beginning September 4th

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/Maryl andHeights/STLCURESARCOMA6KRUNWALK>

Thank you,
Denise

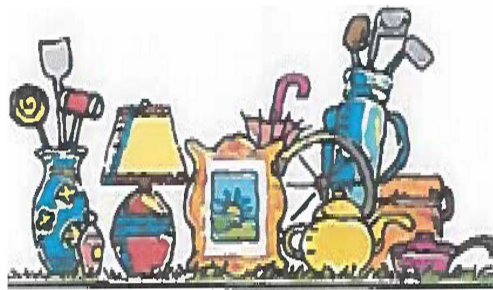


STL Cure Sarcoma Supports
Researchers Close to Home While Also
Fueling National Progress that Benefits
Patients Everywhere!

October 12, 2025

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

www.stlcuresarcoma.org



St. Luke's UCC
Trash & Treasure Sale

SAT. SEPTEMBER 20TH 7 AM - 2 PM

&

WED. SEPTEMBER 24TH 7AM - 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

ST. LUKE'S

RALLY DAY

All Church Picnic

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD, GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP
MEAT & DRINKS PROVIDED • PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE

Sunday, August 24th
Following 9am Worship

- GREAT FOOD • DUCK POND • SUCKER PULL • SODA/RING TOSS • SNOW CONES
- BALLOON POP • FACE PAINTING • DAVID & GOLIATH SLINGSHOT • CAKE WALK
- SARAN WRAP BALLS • CARD GAMES • CORNHOLE • PRIZES & MORE!