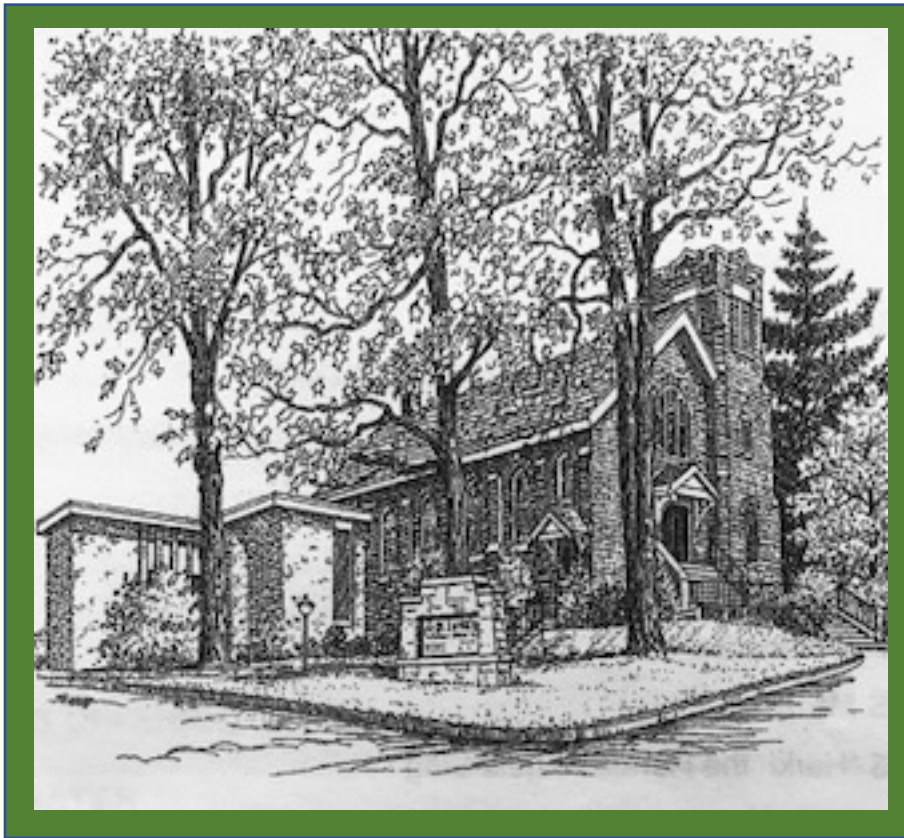


# THE BEACON

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**ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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**APRIL 2023**

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

# CHURCH COUNCIL

**President**

Warren Stuckmeyer

**Vice President**

Dave Pippin

**Secretary**

Yvonne Davis

**Treasurer**

Sandra Arnold

**Fin. Secretary**

Linda Schrepel

**BOE Rep.**

Gary Hartmann

**BOCE Rep.**

Kathy Porter

**Bldg. & Grounds**

Garry Kraus

**Burgess Cemetery/Endowment**

Don Dankel

**Interim Pastor**

Rev. Joshua Pittman

## CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

March 21, 2023

Attendants: Warren Stuckmeyer, David Pippin, Yvonne Davis, Linda Schrepel, Don Dankel, Gary Hartmann, Garry Kraus, Kathy Porter

Finalized the Call agreement for the new Pastor. Council will send out a letter before April 3, 2023 to announce a Special Congregational Meeting after service on April 23, 2023. Garry Kraus made a motion to accept the Call Agreement as prepared. Don Dankel Seconded, all were in favor. Motion Passed.

**Board of Elders** – Jess McLard came in to the meeting as were discussing moving some members to affiliate status. Gary Hartmann made a motion to move said members to affiliate status. Garry Kraus second, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Jess also brought to our attention that Church Windows has the ability to print a membership roster with pictures. Each member/family should either send a photo or we will have a camera set up in the fellowship hall for pictures to be taken. This should be completed before the new Pastor starts. David Pippin will grant access to the membership portion of Church Window only to Jess McLard. Jess McLard will also make announcement in church as well as in the bulletins and Beacon.

**Building and Grounds** –\*The panels are in for the stained-glass window. Terry Kohler will paint, and we will get the new panes of Plexiglass put back up. We will need to eventually replace more, as the Plexiglass that is up there is getting very old and starting to bow out.

**Cemetery Report** – Garry Kraus will clean the winter decorations off the gravesites as soon as the weather breaks. Kathy Porter made motion to accept all reports as given. Linda Schrepel seconded; all were in favor. Motion Passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was a request for building use for Ida Haefner to host a shower on July 29, 2023. Garry Kraus made a motion to approve use. David Pippin seconded; all were in favor. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

. The children's chairs are still available for \$5 each.

## **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Deaths - none

Births - none

Membership - none

## **OPEN/CLOSE SCHEDULE**

April 16 – Yvonne Davis

April 23 – David Pippin

April 30 – Don Dankel

Gary Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Garry Kraus seconded, All were in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting is April 18, 2023 6:30 pm

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **February**

General Giving	\$10,942.00
Expenses	\$17,158.13
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(6,216.13)

### **YTD 2023**

General Giving	\$21,840.00
Expenses	\$30,655.85
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(8,815.85)

## **WOMEN'S CIRCLE**

Women's Circle Meeting -- Thursday, March 2, 2023

Discussions on:

--Spring hanging basket fundraiser

--Donating a raffle gift basket to the Comtrea Gala event in April

--Lent Luncheon with area UCC churches. Holding off until 2024 when there is more time to discuss and prepare.

--Post event discussion on the February 19th sausage dinner.

--Discussion and planning the Palm Sunday bake sale.

Next Women's Circle meeting: Thursday, April 6th, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall. All ladies at St. Luke's Church are invited to attend. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch!

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Chairperson**  
Angie Logan

**Secretary**  
Greg McLard

**Church Council Rep.**  
Kathy Porter

**Elected Members**  
Connie Stuckmeyer  
Shelbey Stilwill  
Chrissy Kraus

**Superintendent**  
Sarah Saputo

**VBS**  
Sarah Saputo

The Board of Christian Education met for their monthly meeting on 03/07/23.

### **Reorganize Boards**

- Chair Person – Angela Logan
- Secretary – Greg McLard
- Sunday School Superintendent and VBS- Sarah Saputo
- Church Council- Kathy Porter
- Members – Connie Stuckmeyer, Shelby Stilwill and Chrissy Kraus

Easter egg Hunt and Palm Cross 4/1/23  
Activities start at 9:30am  
Egg hunt at 10:15am.

Palm Sunday/Easter Breakfast (4/2/23)

Next Event Promotion Sunday/ Teacher Appreciation 5/21/23

### **Open & Close Schedule**

04/09/23	Crissy
05/14/23	Greg
06/11/23	Shelbey

## **ENDOWMENT**

Endowment has funds available. Any duly elected or appointed Board, Council or Church Committee (not individuals) are eligible to apply. Applications are available upon request from the Church Office.

## **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!

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

**Chairperson**  
Jess McLard

**Secretary**  
Judy Duro

**Church Council Rep.**  
Gary Hartmann

**Worship**  
Kay Moss

**Visitor Care**  
Michelle Perry

**Ushers**  
Brenda Day

**Nursery**  
Julie Hartmann

**Interim Pastor**  
Rev, Joshua Pittman

### **REPORTS:**

**Worship:** Going well. We had a discussion on the Benediction and if the congregation should stand or sit. We are requesting that the congregation stand during the singing of the benediction and then sit.

**Visitor Care:** Month of Feb-17 visitors. 1 left contact information and Judy will send a card.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Finalize plans for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter: Palm Sunday will be at 9 am, the children are singing during service. Good Friday is a traditional service at 7 pm. Easter will be at 9 am. All will have communion.
2. Review membership roll: We reviewed the current active membership list as well as attendance and giving reports from the date range of 1/1/2021-3/4/2023. Jess is making 3 lists: (1) members to move to affiliate because we have no current contact information. (2) Members to call to ask their intentions of remaining an active member. (3) Members that we only have an address or those that do not have a working phone number. They will receive a letter asking their intentions of remaining an active member. Both lists 2 & 3 will be reminded of what the By-law requirements are for active membership. Elders will then compile a list to recommend to Council for movement to Affiliate.

### **OTHER ITEMS:**

It has been requested that when a member changes their name (marriage, etc) the birthday list in the Beacon is also changed. This will be passed along to the church secretary when it is noticed.

Discussion on the new directory with pictures of individuals in preparation of a new pastor.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Lauren Belt  
Fletcher McLard  
Jessa Davis  
Rachel Bujnak

Judd McLard  
Roni Belt  
Maybree Saputo

Jordyn Davis  
Morgan Belt  
Mariella Saputo

## **GIVING ENVELOPES**

The giving envelopes have finally arrived! Please pick your box in the cry room next to the narthex.

## **NEW PASTOR**

The Search Committee is happy to announce that we feel we have found a candidate that will be a good fit as our next Pastor. The pastor, along with his wife and child, will be visiting our church on April 21, 22 and 23. There will be an all church congregation meet and greet potluck dinner on Saturday, April 22 at 4-7pm, along with fun and games for all ages. Fried chicken will be provided but we ask that each family bring either a side dish or a dessert to share. So that we know how much chicken to order, there will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church or you can call the church office and leave a message, if necessary. More information will be coming from the council regarding the Sunday candidate service and process of the vote.

## **NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Search Committee and Church Council has reviewed and approved a pastoral candidate. A Special Congregational Meeting has been called by the Church Council on Sunday April 23, 2023, following the 9:00 AM worship service. The sole purpose of this meeting is to elect the pastor candidate that has been brought to us by the Search Committee. The pastoral candidate will give the Sermon during the worship service beginning at 9:00 AM. Immediately following the service a Bio will be given along with a discussion of the compensation and benefit package for the pastoral candidate. Following that, a vote will be taken to determine if the pastoral candidate will be our new pastor at St. Luke's.

There will be an opportunity to meet the pastoral candidate, his wife and family at a special social function (potluck dinner) to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday April 22 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

All congregational members are invited to attend on April 23, at 9:00 service. Keep in mind, this is your church and opportunity. Please mark your calendars.

## **SERVICE TIMES**

Elders has heard from members of our congregation about when service times are offered and why. We met recently and had a discussion regarding this, taking into consideration that we are also in the process of hiring a new Pastor. In those discussions with potential pastors, the Search Committee could reference the opinion of the church members when discussing our wants and needs regarding service. This survey is for informational purposes only, we will not be changing any service times or Sunday School times while Pastor Josh is Interim. We would like your thoughts and concerns on weekly service offerings and ask you to please write in when your preferred service would be held. You can also include any comments you would like Elders to know. Elders will develop a church service times survey to help determine what is the most popular time for Sunday services and coordinate results with Church Council and Pastor Josh.

## **NEW DIRECTORY**

We are working on a new directory and need to get current pictures, addresses, phone numbers and emails from everyone. There will be a photo stand set up in the Church to get your pictures taken after service on Sundays. If you prefer, you can send your information via email to:

[2023picturesforstlukes@gmail.com](mailto:2023picturesforstlukes@gmail.com)

## **BAKE SALE**

The Women's Circle will host a Bake & Bakeless Sale on Palm Sunday, beginning at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

## **HANGING BASKETS**

You can order your hanging baskets that will be in time for Mother's Day. Order forms are on the table in the narthex and on the piano. Hanging baskets are only \$15 each.

If you have any questions, please see a member of the Women's Circle.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

Elders food drive is scheduled for Feb 26-Apr 2. We are collecting all types of canned and shelf stable food as well as paper products/cleaning supplies. This drive will benefit our local food pantry. Monetary donations will be accepted to purchase food as well. Please leave donations in the marked boxes in the handicap entrance or Narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

-Board of Elders

## **TODDLER CHAIRS**

There are toddler chairs available for \$5.00 each. If interested, arrange a pick up on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9am to 2pm. After February 28<sup>th</sup> the chairs will be listed in Market Place and eBay to the general public.

## **USHERS**

We are in need of additional ushers. If interested, please contact the Church Office or Brenda Day.

## **A NOTE FROM MARYLYN PALMER...**

Dear St. Luke's Church Family,

Thank you all for the prayers and calls and the cards. During my sister Betty's illness, you gave me will to go on the trips to the hospital every day. Also, I'll never forget all the birthday wishes and cards. Bless you.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Fish Fry – Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

(\*Denotes Non-member, Names in bold are newly added)

David Belleville	<b>Dianna Johnson</b>	Tina White*
Robert Perry*	Loren Stuckmeyer	Megan Nuelle
Kay Carter	Bob Johnson	Lee Nations
Nyra Mueller	Dave Sheffer	Kathleen Beining
Kim Griggs & Family		

Our Military Personnel		
Shawn Farson*	Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry
Alec Schrepel*	Kelsey L. Schwent	Eric Watkins
Isaak Hartung		

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sandy Kraus	4/1	Susan McKinley	4/19
Henry Schneider	4/1	Arneda McClenahan	4/20
Sharon Kraus	4/2	Annie Neislein	4/20
Parizzitta Skaggs	4/3	Melanie Raebel	4/21
Eddie Lowry III	4/5	Jacob Bogowith	4/21
Erin Magee	4/5	Timothy Farson	4/22
Elora Hoehn	4/5	Timothy McKinley	4/22
Michael Jordan	4/6	Gracen Miller	4/22
Gregory McLard	4/10	Kay Carter	4/23
Zach Neislein	4/11	Timothy Hollerbach	4/24
Bill Magee III	4/13	Patricia Bone	4/25
Emma Hollerbach	4/15	Elizabeth Skaggs	4/28
Scott Geary	4/18	Toby Rebsamen	4/29



## **APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> Palm Cross Making & Easter Hunt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday Breakfast  
7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday – Worship at 7pm. Communion  
9<sup>th</sup> Easter Service 9am – No Sunday School  
30<sup>th</sup> Hymn Sing – Pot Luck

## **MAY**

21<sup>st</sup> Promotion Sunday / Teacher Appreciation

## **JUNE**

10<sup>TH</sup> Fish Fry

## **JULY**

10<sup>th</sup> VBS (ends 7/14) 5 days from 9am to noon  
16<sup>th</sup> Children sing in Church - VBS

## **AUGUST**

27<sup>th</sup> Rally Day / All Church Picnic

## **SEPTEMBER**

10<sup>th</sup> Goodies with Grands

## **OCTOBER**

29<sup>th</sup> Chicken Dinner / Soda Sales

## **DECEMBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Santa's Breakfast  
17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program / Cookie Reception

# Easter egg hunt

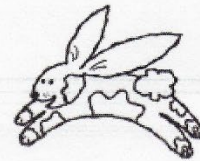


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## WHEN

**SATURDAY: April 1st at 9:30 am**



## WHAT

- Refreshments
- Craft Stations
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Visit from the Easter Bunny!!

HOPPY EASTER!



## STUFF TO BRING

Please bring your  
Easter basket or a bag  
to collect eggs.

Please bring your  
camera for pictures  
with the Easter Bunny

Please bring your  
Friends!



## WHERE

St. Luke's Fellowship Hall  
& Outside (weather permitting)