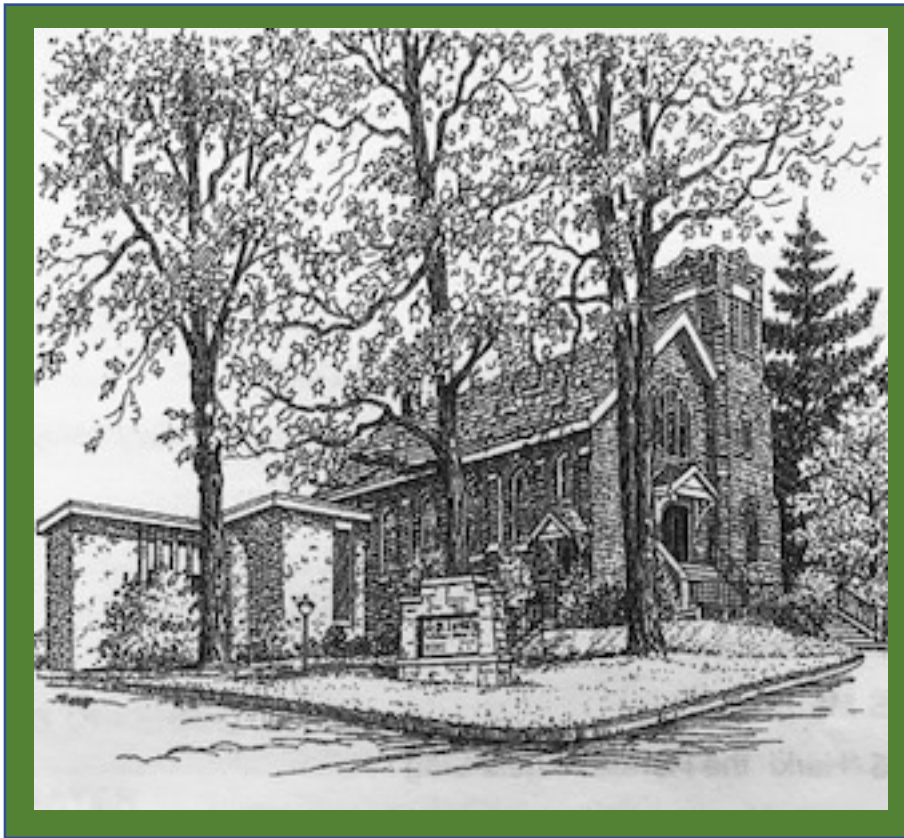


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

From the Pastor:

In the last few weeks, I've spoken with several of our church members who have shared with me how excited you are for our arrival. I promise, we are equally excited! Tara, Isaiah, and I are so glad to now be counted as part of our St. Luke's faith community. We also want to offer the first "thank you" of what I'm sure will be many more for the incredible hospitality our church family has already shown us. Our first Sunday is August 6, only days after most of you will be receiving this newsletter. Join us for worship!

One of my first goals for these next couple of seasons will be to visit with each family in our church. There is no better way for me to learn about our church and community than through each of you. Our church office will provide opportunities to sign up for a visit and I will be reaching out as well. Do not hesitate to contact our church office or me directly to request a time which works for your family. My email address is jameshilljr@icloud.com and my phone number – for calls and texts – is (203) 889-6440, and I hope to have a local number soon.

During these next couple of months, I look forward to sharing more about myself and our family, even as we experience where God is leading our church, together. I'll begin this Sunday in sharing about Jacob wrestling with God in Genesis 32 with my sermon, "Wants & Needs," and continue on August 13 when Jesus' disciples find themselves in a violent storm in Matthew 14 in "Failing Faith." Let's begin this journey together!

**Grace and peace,
Pastor James**

CHURCH COUNCIL

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BOCE Rep.

Kathy Porter

Bldg. & Grounds

Garry Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment

Don Dankel

Pastor

Rev. James Hill Jr.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 18, 2023

Attendants: David Pippin, Don Dankel, Reverend Hill, Michelle Perry, Kathy Porter, Yvonne Davis, Gary Hartmann, Linda Schrepel, Garry Kraus.

At 6:45 pm, David Pippin called the meeting to order.

Reverend Hill said the opening prayer.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – report accepted.

Financial Secretary- report accepted

Executive Committee – Nothing to report.

BOCE - No meeting in July

Board of Elders – No meeting in July

Building and Grounds – A new capacitor was put on the office air conditioner.

There was a urinal leaking, and was repaired.

Cemetery Report –Nothing reported.

Endowment Committee – Nothing to report.

Don Dankel made a motion to accept all reports as given. Gary Hartmann seconded; all were in favor. Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor relations committee was set up with Michelle Perry, Don Dankel, Linda Schrepel, and Brenda Day as members. Yvonne Davis made a motion to accept committee members as listed. Don Dankel Seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- Reverend Hill is working on his licensing for our region. He is not yet able to perform the sacraments. He will not be allowed to do communion the first week he is here. Kathy Porter will bless the sacraments that day.
- Reverend Hill needs a computer and will look into one that will work well for streaming the services. Yvonne Davis made a motion to allow \$3000 budget for a new computer. Kathy Porter seconded. All were in favor Motion Passed.
 - No lay person will be needed for the confirmation class this year.
- Reverend Hill has the insurance forms to be filled out with insurance coverage beginning 9/1/2023.
- Linda Schrepel is looking into more details on having a Trash & Treasure sale in October. She will have more information next month.

OLD BUSINESS

- David Pippin and Don Dankel have both been to the bank to make the required changes for signatures on the accounts.
- David still has the 501C3 form to be filled out.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Deaths – George carter
Births - none
Membership - none

OPEN/CLOSE SCHEDULE

August 20 – Gary Hartmann
August 27- Don Dankel

Gary Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Linda Schrepel seconded, All were in favor. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.
Next meeting is August 15, 2023 6:30 pm

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>June</u>	
General Giving	\$11,278.32
Expenses	\$11,274.35
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$3.97

<u>YTD 2023</u>	
General Giving	\$71,268.32
Expenses (Search Com)	\$5,891.74
Expenses (Operational)	\$90,390.76
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(25,014.18)

The Church Council is asking everyone to do their part to offset the above deficit. Thank you for your support. This is your Church.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

The Women's Circle did not have a meeting in July.

- Next meeting will be in the evening on August 3rd, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall.
- Please plan to attend as we will start to address the subjects on our Fall agenda.
- All ladies of St. Luke's UCC are welcome to join us.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

No meeting in July.

BOARD OF ELDERS

No meeting in July.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Maybree Saputo
Judd McLard

Mariella Saputo
Fletcher McLard

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

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

David Belleville

Robert Perry*

Lee Nations

Dave Sheffer*

Betty Acre

Sharlene Schlereth

Paul Seitz

Wayne Kraemer

Della Kramme

For those that are terminally ill

Jeff Stephenson* (Nephew of Kathy Porter)

Dianna Johnson

Loren Stuckmeyer

Bob Johnson

Kathleen Beining

Susan Bablowitz

Norville Kraus

Family of George Carter

Rose Raebel

Glenda Dickemann O'Tool

Elaine Kraus Alexander* Sister of Marylyn Palmer

Tina White*

Megan Nuelle

Kay Carter

Kim Griggs & Family

Trevor Dulle

Kathleen Beining

Landon Miller*

Margaret (Peggy) Kinzel*

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*

Alec Schrepel*

Isaak Hartung

Christopher Kettler*

Kelsey L. Schwent

Samuel Lowry

Eric Watkins

A NOTE FROM LOREN STUCKMEYER

Don Dankel and the congregation have raised \$2235 in the fight to cure ALS! Please express my gratitude for the prayers, support and generosity of everyone that donated. It helps bring hope that one day this will be a survivable diagnosis. Again, we appreciate all the love and support.

A SAFE PLACE IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

ASP is looking for passionate people to share their skills, talents, and time with victims of domestic violence. This is your opportunity to give back. Contact Alex Hicken at 636-232-2301 or ahicken@comtrea.org

CHURCH KEYS

If anyone has a key to the Church that they are no longer using, please turn it in so we can avoid having to have extras made by a locksmith.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to Kevin and Adam Stockwell for helping repair the urinal in the men's restroom.

Thanks to all that helped with VBS. The children had a great time. You are all heroes!!

Thank you to Kevin Stockwell for cleaning off the education building and for helping with removing the critters that had found their way into the Parsonage chimney and helping install a chimney cap to prevent them from getting in there in the future.

GEORGE CARTER

On Sunday July 9, 2023. Loving husband of Kay Carter. Beloved father of Bryan (Lisa Oliver) Carter, Susan (Tom Staas) Carter and the late Alan (Surviving Leslie) Carter. Cherished grandfather of Justin, Kaitlyn, Aaron, Lane, Chance, Wylie and Ashley. Dear great grandfather of Declan and Sloane. Our dear brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend to many.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Owen Miller	8/1	Michael Wirth	8/18
Mark Day	8/2	Donald Dankel	8/19
John McKenzie	8/2	Norville Kraus	8/20
Craig Charleville	8/2	Angela Logan	8/20
Carter Wallace	8/2	Nicolle Nash	8/20
Brooke Anthonies	8/3	Finnegan Weatherholt	8/20
Hannah Duro	8/3	Betty Kraus	8/23
Barbara Lovera	8/6	Aiden Rebsamen	8/23
William Glaus II	8/6	Rich Schlittler	8/24
Garrett Schimsa	8/7	Jason Gillman	8/24
Ollie Stuckmeyer	8/12	Peter Sturmer	8/25
Megan Nuelle	8/12	Lydia Leeka	8/25
Mark Davis	8/14	Vera McCullough	8/26
Leighton Gillman	8/14	Gail Heckenberg	8/27
John Sieving	8/16	Carol Simino	8/27
Connie Stuckmeyer	8/16	Michele Stockwell	8/27
Walker Nash	8/16	Donald Baum	8/28
Thomas Arnold	8/18	Louis Meyer	8/28
		Dwight Kraus	8/31

AUGUST

1st BOCE Meeting
3rd Women's Circle Meeting at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!
6th Pastor James Hill first service
8th BOE Meeting
15th Church Council Meeting
27th Rally Day / All Church Picnic

SEPTEMBER

10th Goodies with Grands

OCTOBER

29th Chicken Dinner / Soda Sales

NOVEMBER

4th Jason Stuckmeyer Wedding

DECEMBER

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

PLEASE JOIN BOARD OF ELDERS IN FILLING THE BOXES FOR OUR SUMMER

FOOD DRIVE



to benefit Brenden's Friday Backpacks.

Your generosity will help them feed school aged children over the weekends when they would otherwise be hungry.

You can place your donations in the marked boxes in the handicap entrance or the Narthex **July 2-August 6.**

- *single-serve, non-perishable, kid-friendly foods
- *single serve cereal
- *breakfast or granola bars
- *pop top canned soup and pasta
- *ramen noodles
- *pudding and fruit cups
- *individual snacks: crackers, cookies, chips, Rice Krispie treats, trail mix, etc.
- 16-18 oz plastic jars of peanut butter for long breaks

Monetary donations also accepted, please see a member of BOE