

THE BEACON

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

August 1, 2024

St. Luke's Friends and Family,

Though the calendar may say we are in the middle of Summer, we know when August rolls in we all begin to look toward Autumn, back-to-school, and the regular rhythms of life. In many ways, September marks the beginning of a new church year as our Sunday School starts a new year, Confirmation classes kickoff, and the choir returns. However, Summer isn't over yet; I hope you and your family will have a few more opportunities to enjoy the season before it passes.

During the month of August, I will be continuing my sermon series called "Authentic Community" from the book of Ephesians. Together, we consider each Sunday how first century wisdom for those earliest Christians can teach us how to have a stronger faith community even in the 21st century. Here are the upcoming scriptures and sermons:

- August 4 – One: Authentic Community Ephesians 4:1-16
- August 11 – Peace Building: Authentic Community Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- August 18 – Gratitude: Authentic Community Ephesians 5:15-20

It is my privilege to share with our congregation each week and if your family has been away on vacation for a week or two this Summer, don't forget that recordings of our live weekly worship can be found on our church YouTube page: www.youtube.com/@st.lukesuccimperial20

Finally, we have two upcoming events you will not want to miss. First, on Sunday, August 25, we will celebrate the coming season in the life of our church with Rally Day! Make plans now to stay after worship for fun games and great food. Watch for more information about Rally Day in the weeks ahead. Second, on Sunday, September 15, we worship one hour later than usual, at 10:00am, followed by our annual fish fry beginning at 11:00am! At St. Luke's, we are known for our dinners and the word is already getting around about this relatively new tradition. It is not too late to volunteer – contact our church office or Warren Stuckmeyer. And come hungry on September 15th.

Like all of you, I will be doing my best to stay cool in the August heat. Don't forget to check on your neighbors, especially the most vulnerable, during the extreme weather. And come worship with us in the air conditioning on Sunday mornings ☺.

Grace and peace,



Pastor James

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President

Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President

Jess McLard

Secretary

Yvonne Davis

Co-Treasurer

Dave Pippin

Don Dankel

Fin. Secretary

Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.

Gary Hartmann

BOCE Rep.

Kathy Porter

Bldg. & Grounds

Garry Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment

Jess McLard / Don Dankel

Pastor

Rev. James Hill Jr.

July 16, Church Council Minutes

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

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

Reports

Church Council – Accepted as presented

Treasurers report – accepted as presented.

Financial Secretary report – accepted as presented.

Board of Christian Education – No meeting

Board of Elders – No meeting.

Building and Grounds – Accepted as presented

Cemetery report – accepted as presented.

Endowment committee – Accepted as presented.

Pastor's report – accepted as presented. .

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

Old Business

Old chairs that were donated to the new church in Hillsboro were greatly appreciated.

Fish Fry – Garry Kraus made a motion to move the date of the fish fry to September 15, 2024. Linda Schrepel seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Kramme donation of piano – We are greatly appreciative of the thought but would like it better if they could find someone that would use it. We have too many now and no more room.

Kramme donation for Trash and Treasure sale – we cannot accept anything until after the Chicken Dinner.

New storm door at parsonage – Yvonne Davis made a motion to replace the storm door for an approximate cost of \$400.00 at the parsonage. David Pippin seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

2 downspouts on church – Don Dankel made a motion to have Gravity Drain come and clean all the downspouts on the church to make sure they are all running clearly. Linda Schrepel seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Angie Logan requested the use of the Fellowship Hall for August 10, 2024. Gary Hartmann made a motion to approve building usage. Garry Kraus seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

Ellen Cagle, our cleaning lady came in every day after VBS and cleaned. We would like to make sure she gets appreciated.

Rally Day is August 25, 2024 – Council agreed on the indoor games to be taken care of.

Membership changes

Deaths – Cecil McLard

Births – Kensley Glaus, daughter of Will and Ashley July 10, 2024

Membership –

Open/Close schedule

August 18 – Garry Kraus

August 25 – Yvonne Davis

Gary Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Yvonne Davis. All were in favor and the meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Meeting August 20, 2024

TREASURER’S REPORT

June

General Giving	\$10,972
Expenses (Operational)	\$19,590
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$8,618)

YTD 2024

General Giving	\$94,216
Expenses	\$103,892
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$9,676)

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

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.

No meeting in July. Next meeting August 13, 2024 @ 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

No meeting in July. Next meeting August 6, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

WOMEN'S CIRCLE HIGHLIGHTS

There was no meeting in July, but our next meeting is on August 1st at 6:30 pm and as always all ladies of the church are invited to join us in fellowship and discussing the projects of our church and community.

.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*	Loren Stuckmeyer	Bob Johnson*	Lee Nations
Sharlene Schlereth	Kyle McPhedren*	Jeff Timeus*	Alan Bess*
Mike Burcham*	Sandy Fischer*	Jim Forsyth*	Lauren Watkins*
Bob Heitert*	Nichole Godi*	Kathy Porter	Glenda Dickemann O'Tool
Harvey Hegemann*	Jamie Gray*	Jane Kraus*	Cindy (Held) Donaldson
Keith Morris	Mike Seymour	Paul Schneider	Al Jay Kraus
Carolyn Kraus	Family of Cecil McLard	Family of Paul Seitz	Belt Family
Brenda Farson	Family of Joan Haefner	David Belleville	

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*	Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry	Alec Schrepel*
Kelsey L. Schwent*	Eric Watkins*	Isaak Hartung*	Susan Bablowitz*

A NOTE FROM BETTY McLARD

Words cannot express all my gratitude for words of comfort, hugs, cards and offers of help. It is so comforting to have my church family support. A special thank you to Pastor James for his prayers and help during this time. The Women's Circle and ladies of the church plus all those who helped organize the fellowship hall for the luncheon deserve an extra big thank you. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Blessings to all, Betty

A NOTE FROM LOREN STUCKMEYER

I really appreciate the donations to ALS Assoc from the congregation, and the time and effort of Don Dankel to raise awareness and money to aid in conquering this disease.

Thank you for keeping my family in your prayers,
Loren Stuckmeyer

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

We are working on scheduling a date for an "All Church Work Day". We will need volunteers and suggestions for tasks to be completed. Please see Dave Pippin, Garry Kraus, Kevin Stockwell and Dwight Kraus for more details.

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you to our VBS director, Sarah Saputo, and all our workers and volunteers who made this year's VBS such a wonderful success. We could not have done it without you!

FISH FRY

St. Luke's Second Annual Fish Fry will be Sunday, September 15th after our **10:00 am Worship**. Would you like to help out with the fish fry? Please contact Garry Kraus or call the church office at 636-948-3545.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Owen Miller	8/1		
Mark Day	8/2	Donald Dankel	8/19
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 Antonies	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
Ollie Stuckmeyer	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
Michael Wirth	8/18	Louis Meyer	8/28
		Dwight Kraus	8/31

AUGUST

1 st	Women's Circle Meeting 6:30
6 th	BOCE Meeting 6:30
13 th	BOE Meeting 6:30
20 th	COUNCIL Meeting
25 th	Rally Day

SEPTEMBER

2 nd	Memorial Day
3 rd	BOCE Meeting
8 th	Goodies With Grands
10 th	BOE Meeting 6:30
15 th	Second Annual Fish Fry – Worship at 10:00
17 th	COUNCIL Meeting 6:30

OCTOBER

1st BOCE Meeting 6:30
8th BOE Meeting 6:30
15th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30
27th Chicken Dinner – ***Worship at 10:00***

NOVEMBER

3rd Daylight Savings Ends
5th Election Day – BOCE Meeting 6:30
11th Veterans Day
12th BOE Meeting 6:30
19th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30
28th Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

3rd BOCE Meeting 6:30
7th Santa's Breakfast / Caroling
10th BOE Meeting 6:30
17th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30
22nd Christmas Program / Cookie Reception
24th Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day
31st New Year's Eve