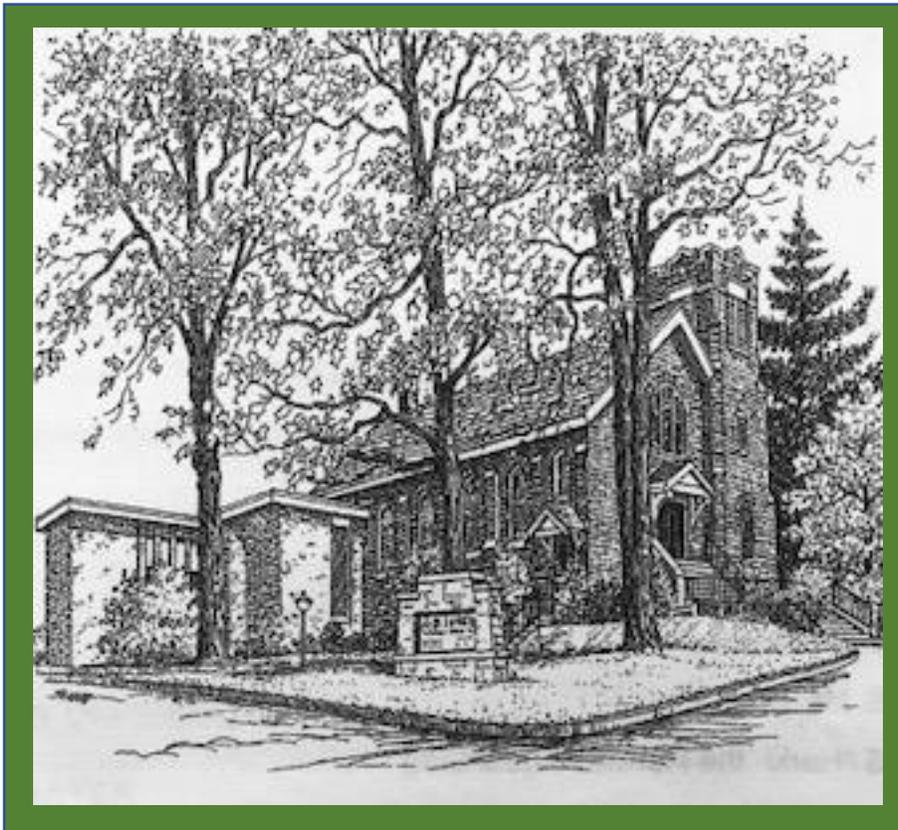


THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
6610 ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ROAD IMPERIAL MO 63052
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FEBRUARY 2022

Website: www.stlukesuccimperial.org
Email: stlukesimperial@gmail.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**The Church Office is currently being managed remotely.
Assistance is available via email/phone**

President's Message

I want to thank everyone who attended the Annual Meeting either in person or via Zoom. It is important to have the people's input into the future of St. Luke's. The Search Committee continues to work hard to find a new Minister. We still have openings on the Church Boards and Committees. We need your time and dedication to move this Church forward.

Barbara Allen
Church Council President

Church Office

I wanted to say "Hello" to everyone and let all of you know that Church Office continues to be managed remotely from my home. I do stop by to check the mail and clear my mailbox as well as spend time printing the publications for the church. I wanted to let everyone know that the Church phone (636-948-3545) is and has been forwarded to my personal cell phone since March 2020 (WOW 2 YEARS!!!) therefore I receive all calls directly. However, if it happens to be either 1) before or after church office hours 2) on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday OR 3) I am unavailable at that given moment...**PLEASE leave a voicemail** for me. It is important to leave me a voicemail so I can properly address everyone's requests and needs as they arise. My cell phone sometimes identifies a number as "Spam" and send it directly to voicemail, but I will get the message and return the call. I have been getting texts with Beacon announcements or Church Happenings to my cell phone as well and I am asking that you kindly not text me and use the church email stlukesimperial@gmail.com instead so that I can keep all St. Luke's work in one place. Your cooperation is much appreciated. Thank you.

Tricia Heckstetter
Church Secretary/Admin.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. There will be a Zoom link setup for those wishing to join from home.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



As winter weather situations develop, please check KSDK's Stormwatch (Channel 5), KTVI Fox2 (Channel 2) or KMOV (Channel 4) for cancellation notices here at St. Luke's UCC.

You can also check the church website for notice.

Church Council

President
Barb Allen

Vice President
<Vacant>

Secretary
Yvonne Davis

Treasurer
Sandra Arnold

Fin. Secretary
Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.
Angela Otto

BOCE Rep.
Kathy Porter

Bldg & Grounds
Dwight Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment
Warren Stuckmeyer

Interim Pastor
Rev. Joshua Pittman

Meeting Highlights from January 2021

Church Council met on January 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the December meeting.

Pastor: Pastor Josh is taking off the last Sunday of the month and Pastor Mary Schaller Blaufuss will be filling in from Eden Seminary. Pastor will also be taking off March 20th and June 26th.

Financial: Sandy Arnold reviewed the Treasurer's report and monthly financials. The accounts were reviewed. Linda provided the Financial Secretary report.

Executive Committee: Council approved Barb Allen as President, Yvonne Davis as the new Secretary and Angela Otto will be the Board of Elders representative for 2022. The VP position is currently vacant. Pastor's contract was approved to be renewed for one year with the understanding that if St. Luke's hires a new permanent Pastor, Rev. Pittman will have three months' notice prior to the employment date of the new hire.

Building & Grounds: Dwight is working on signs, and this will be discussed at the February meeting.

Search Committee: There was no representation at this meeting however they reported that the committee is currently working on the church profile.

Cemetery: A Committee is being formed by Dane Kraus, Garry Dale, and Kevin Stockwell. They will be reviewing the possibility of resetting some stones on a donation basis.

Endowment: The committee has a meeting on February 7th and plans to review applications received for the use of endowment funds.

Board of Christian Education: Church Council approved all noted calendar events for BOCE in 2022 at this time. There will be no soda sales at this year's Sausage dinner since it is drive through only.

Board of Elders: Church Council approved having funerals at St. Luke's with masks recommended but not mandated per existing COVID mitigation plan.

New Business:

Usage requests for upcoming functions in Fellowship Hall were approved by Church Council. Becky Hollerbach turned in her church keys and will work with Sandy Arnold to change over banking access immediately.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Elders

Chairperson
Jess McLard

Secretary
Bob Schrepel

Church Council Rep.
Angela Otto

Worship
Kay Moss

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

Highlight; from December 2021

The Board of Elders met on January 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the December meeting.

Worship: Things continue to go well. Attendance has been good. Confirmands are doing an excellent job serving as Acolytes and reading scripture.

Ushers: Things are going well with three ushers per service. More volunteers are needed to usher. Those who cannot make it when they are scheduled have been notifying Brenda.

Nursery Care: At this time, no nursery care is being provided.

Visitor Care: In December, we had sixteen visitors.

Confirmation Class: Things are going well with the new class who meet with Pastor Joshua on Sunday right after church. They are doing an excellent job reading scripture and lighting the candles.

Weddings: April 9, 2022: Shelby Stuckmeyer and Kyle Stillwell
May 21, 2022, Justin Stuckmeyer and Courtney Merli

Funerals: The Board of Elders is recommending to Church Council that we once again allow funerals to be held at church. Masks are recommended. Per our COVID guidelines, we are not requiring masks.

Birthday List: Brenda Day is updating the monthly birthday list and will provide the required changes to Tricia when complete. The church "undecorated" on January 9th right after the morning service.

2022 Food Drive: The Food Drive will run from February 6th through March 13th. The food collected will be donated to the St. Joseph's Food Pantry. Collection will include dry goods, personal care items and baby care items. Monetary donations may be made also, and funds will be used to purchase additional items for donation.

Sausage Dinner: A sausage dinner is being planned by the combined Women's Guild and Evening Circle for Sunday, February 20th. The dinner will be drive through only immediately following the 9 a.m. Worship Service.

Membership Task Force: Next month the task force will work to finalize the inactive member list.

Ash Wednesday: We plan to have an Ash Wednesday evening service at 7 p.m. on March 2nd. Good Friday evening service on April 15th and Easter Sunday service at 9 a.m. on April 17th.

Pastor: Pastor Josh is working to update the "Supply Pastor" list for us to use for those times when he is not available.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 7th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Christian Education

Chairperson
Connie Stuckmeyer

Secretary
Chris Kraus

Church Council Rep.
Kathy Porter

Elected Members
Angela Logan
Gail Heckenberg
Sherry Pippin
Sarah Saputo

SS Superintendent
Kayla Bailey

SS Asst Super.
Brenda Farson

VBS
Jess McLard

Highlights from January 2022

The Board of Christian Education met on 01/13/22 at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the December meeting.

Sunday School: Curriculum has been delivered for Jess and Amanda's class. Average attendance is only 5-8 students plus 7 Confirmands.

Confirmation: Connie will email Rev. Pittman for an update/progress report and inform him of important dates and events.

Church Council: Sandy has been working on the budget, account entries and divisions to help eliminate confusion.

Christmas Program: There were forty treat bags prepared on 12/22/21 and handed out to the kids following the Christmas Program. There were ten children in participation as well as the 7 Confirmands. There were 60 +/- adults in attendance. A cookie reception with trays purchased from Sam's to include cookies, brownies, cheesecake bites along with coffee and lemonade was held after the program.

Reward Party: Movie/pizza/popcorn party has been moved to 1/30/22 due to low attendance on 1/9/22. A flyer was sent home with Sunday School kids. The party will be from 10:30a.m. until 12 noon, following Sunday School. BOCE will supervise this event if parents wish to drop off the kids.

Calendar of Events: The calendar of events for 2022 is being presented for approval to Church Council at their January 18th meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1st, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



Congratulations



SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE
January 2022

Brenna McLard, Fletcher McLard, Judd McLard

We hope you had fun learning about God's word and blessings.

Women's Guild

Highlight: from January 2022

A group of eleven women met on January 11, 2022, as a joint meeting of the Evening Circle and the Women's Guild. The January 6th meeting had been postponed because of bad weather. After discussion it was decided to have a drive-through Sausage Dinner on February 20, 2022. Each dinner would be \$12.00, consisting of three sausage links, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, and applesauce. We decided to order enough sausage to serve 350 dinners. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. and serve until we are sold out. It was decided to not sell fresh sausage at the meeting, but later by executive decision it was decided to sell links in one-pound packages, which are to be preordered. Notices of the Sausage Dinner are to be mailed to local churches and St. Louis Conference churches. Some discussion was held on the merger of the Evening Circle and the Woman's Guild. Change of name and how to change the bank accounts were also discussed. A motion to table the merger until the February 3rd meeting was passed. All those who are interested please come to our next meeting on February 3, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch and ideas! Hope to see you there.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 3rd, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.

Evening Circle

Highlight: from January 2022

The Evening Circle group held its meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There were fourteen ladies present and dues were collected from twelve. 2022 officers were elected. The officers are the same as 2021; there were no changes. Spring fundraiser discussion ended with the decision to sell hanging baskets again. There was favorable discussion to merge the Women's Guild group and the Evening Circle group. Marlyn Palmer will present the idea to the Women's Guild at their February meeting. If agreeable to merge, the new group plans to have a "Kick-off" meeting/celebration in May. Until May, both groups will still meet at their usual times and dates. All ladies of the church are invited to join the group. Sausage dinner details were mentioned – date, time, ads, workday, and pre-order link sausage. A big thank you goes to Tammy Glaus for all the hard work she does with coordinating and preparing for the Women's Guild fundraising dinners. A thank you note from A Safe Place (for the \$640 in gift cards donation in December 2021) was shared. An invitation from A Safe Place was also shared. It is for a Garden Party Gala on April 23, 2022. Kathy Porter mentioned this fund raiser will take the place of the virtual Mardi Gras event that was held in 2021. A thank you note, and gift card was presented to Kay Moss in appreciation for her assisting the group with Branson accommodations when we went to see the play Jesus at the Sight & Sound Theatre in November 2021. It was mentioned that if you plan to do Spring cleaning of your wardrobe, locations that are accepting clothing donations are: Secondhand Heroes in Crystal City, A Safe Place/Comtrea, and the little house on the parking lot by Burgess Cemetery. The next Evening Circle meeting (February 22nd) will possibly be a dinner meeting depending on Covid numbers. Details for the meeting will be forthcoming. We invite all ladies of our church family to join us in fellowship and be a part of the discipleship work of our church.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Building & Grounds

Thank you...

- **Don Dankel...**for clearing and salting the sidewalks after the last snowstorm.
- **To all the outgoing members of different boards...**for your time and dedication.
- **To Members of the Church...**those that do so many little things that need to be done around the Church to keep it in great shape.

Thanks to All,

- Dwight Kraus, Building and Grounds



02/01 Earleen Stockwell
02/02 Dalton Konopka
02/04 Michelle Poelking
02/08 Sharon Bruemmer
Kimberly Griffin
Lee Nations
Debbie Seitz
Rebecca Thomas
02/09 Sandra Arnold
Yvonne Davis
02/10 Kathryn Reiff
Joseph Rose
02/11 Michael Perry
02/12 Shane Perry
Paul Schneider
02/13 George Carter
Carl McCullough
Lillian Perry

02/15 Keith Morris
02/16 Connor Raebel
Sarah Saputo
02/17 Joyce Wilson
02/18 Samantha Weatherholt
02/19 Tricia Heckstetter
Sawyer Narup
Marlyn Palmer
02/20 Doris Kettler
02/21 Louis Meyer
Jason Poelking
02/22 Kevin Kraus
02/27 Pamela Belleville
Deborah Fluegge
David Stark III
02/28 David Belleville



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

David Belleville
Megan Nuelle
Tim Stockwell

Londyn Dixon*
Zachary Palmer*
Loren Stuckmeyer

Brenda Farson
Robert Samples
Ron White

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*
Alec Schrepel*

Christopher Kettler*
Kelsey L. Schwent

Samuel Lowry
Eric Watkins



St. Luke's is seeking volunteers to serve on the various Church Committees for 2022 (and more!). If you are interested in learning more about how you may be able to help, contact the Church Office or the Committee Chairs.

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!



*"Dear St. Luke's family,
We would like to thank you for the many prayers and offers to help during a difficult time. It truly held me and our family in a place of comfort and peace as we faced the death of my dad, Ronald Eaves and recovering from covid myself. We know there will be continued tears ahead (I am really going to miss that character) but we also know there are hugs, prayers, and beautiful memories.
With love,*

Chris Kraus & Family



"I really appreciate the cards and prayers I received from everyone concerning the loss of my stepson, Donald Wendler. This has been a stressful time and your concern has helped me move on.

Lee Nations



Mark Your Calendars!!!

- 7 Endowment Meeting (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 8 BOE Meeting (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 13 Worship Service (9 AM)
Sunday School (10 AM)
Confirmation Class (10 AM)
- 14 Fitness Class (7 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 15 Church Council (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 19 Sausage Dinner Prep.
- 20 Worship Service (9 AM)
Confirmation Class (10 AM)
Sausage Dinner (11 AM – 4 PM)

SAUSAGE DINNER

(Drive-thru only)



Sunday, February 20, 2022
11 a.m. - (Until We Sell Out Or) 4 p.m.
Cost: \$12.00

(Dinner Includes: 3 sausage links, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and applesauce. No substitutions or changes allowed.)

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(Church is located 2 miles west of Hwy. I-55 on "M" turn right onto St. Luke's Church Road)

Church Office: 636-948-3545
Morning Worship at 9:00 a.m.

- 21 **Beacon Articles are Due!**
Fitness Class (7 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 27 Worship Service (9 AM)
Sunday School (10 AM)
Confirmation Class (10 AM)
- 28 Fitness Class (7 PM Fellowship Hall)

Community Events

Zoom

Celebrating 40 Years
Feed My People
Est. 1982

**VIRTUAL
THROWBACK
TRIVIA
Night**

A night of fun
for ALL

Bring your friends, co-workers
or family to join the event!

Friday, March 18, 2022
Virtual "doors" open at: 6:00pm
Standard Tickets - \$20

To register please contact us:
314-631-4900 x 312
JamesB@fmpstl.org

Test your knowledge by going
through the decades!

Scan Me!

Feed My People's first 2022 event. Go through the decades with them on a Virtual Trivia Night!

Friday, March 18, 2022, at 6:00 P.M.

Tickets - \$20 per person

REGISTRATION:

314-631-4900 x 312

Email: JamesB@fmpstl.org or online:

[Special Events - Feed My People \(feed-my-people.org\)](https://www.feed-my-people.org)

A Safe Place is hosting a fundraiser "Garden Party" on April 23, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the Corpus Christi Ctr (6020 Old Antonia Rd, 63052).

Dinner, Open Bar, Music by Butch Wax & the Hollywoods, Live Auction, Silent Mobile Auction, Dancing, 50/50, & Raffles! \$100 per ticket.

[Garden Party Gala \(comtrea.org\)](https://www.comtrea.org)



GARDEN PARTY GALA

We hope to see you at our new signature fundraiser replacing the annual Mardi Gras event
All proceeds benefit A Safe Place Domestic Violence Shelter, serving Jefferson County and the Greater St. Louis area



\$100 PER TICKET
Purchase your ticket(s) now | Advanced Registration Required

CORPUS CHRISTI CENTER
6020 Old Antonia Road, Imperial, MO 63052

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022
Doors Open 5:00 PM | Music 8:00 PM | Mobile Bidding Closes 9:00 PM

DINNER AND OPEN BAR
Catered meal menu coming soon

MUSIC | AUCTION | ENTERTAINMENT
Music by Butch Wax and the Hollywoods | Live Auction | Silent Mobile Bidding Auction | Mystery Auction | Survivor Testimony | Dancing | Raffles | 50/50 | Entertainment

EVENT ENHANCE

TBD

DRESS CODE

Black tie optional

MOBILE BIDDING

Bring a fully-charged cell phone or mobile device for mobile bidding

VALET PARKING

Complimentary valet parking available

NOTICE

In the case of inclement weather, guests will be notified via email.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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