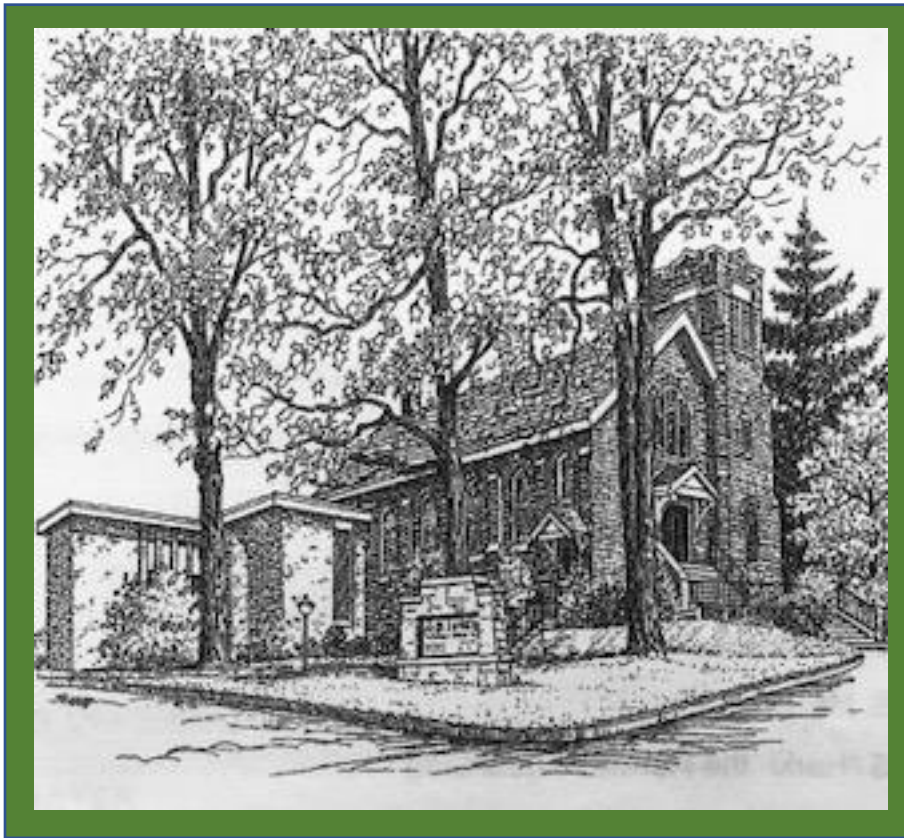


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

President's Message

Hello again St. Luke's families,

I will start this month by saying it has been so wonderful seeing all your faces in the Sanctuary! Our congregation has been growing every Sunday and this truly has made my heart happy. For Summer we tend to have smaller crowds with everyone vacationing so seeing our congregation grow during June has been a blessing. Your Church Council has been working with the governing boards to help meet the needs of our members to help bring us all together again. I am also happy to announce we have a Search Committee!!

Please join us after Worship on Sunday, July 11th for a meet and greet with Pastor Josh in the Fellowship Hall. We will have donuts, coffee, and fellowship.

The Board of Christian Education has come to us with an addendum for our Bylaws. As some of you know our Sunday School groups are quite small. I know this has been an issue in the past and we are seeing this issue continue and thought that it needed to be addressed. Church Council has looked through the proposed changes and current Bylaws and discussed thoroughly. It has been approved to take this addendum to all of you. Below is the recommendation from BOCE. Also, parents, BOCE, and Pastor will all be weighing in on allowing a child in 7th grade to enter Confirmation. We all think one child in Confirmation would not be a great idea. Waiting until High School could also not work out because once kids are heading to High School many things could change for some kids. Our goal is for all our members who want to go through Confirmation have the opportunity with the kids they have been in Sunday School with from day one. The Bylaw pertaining to the age of Confirmand will remain the same but will now have the following addendum: "Pending yearly evaluation of class size to allow the addition of children entering 7th grade and upon the discretion of the children's parents and acting minister."

The Board of Elders also has a recommended Bylaw change. This change has to do with how we select a new Pastor. Having a congregation of 300 members, a minister would think we have many more people at a service than we do and request more staffing and more money. This change is not to eliminate people who want to be a part of St. Luke's, it is to help us get a new minister that wants to be a part of a small church; what we are. The request is below that Council has also approved to take to the Congregation.

"If a member shall neglect to partake of Holy Communion or fail to contribute to the support of the Church either financially or by service, or continuously absent themselves from the public worship for one year, the member shall at the discretion of the Pastor and the Church Council be admonished and encouraged, in writing, to resume active membership within the life of the congregation. If, after admonition and encouragement, the member continues in such neglect of duty, the Church Council shall notify the member that they are no longer a member in good and regular standing. If, before the expiration of sixty days, the member shall not give evidence of change of heart or conduct, the Church Council shall place the member's name on the roll of inactive members. The inactive membership roll will be reviewed every six months. If the member has not changed their status or, if accurate contact information is no longer available, the name may be dropped from the inactive roll per the Church Council. If any member of the Church shall unite with another congregation without a letter of transfer, the Church Council shall take the proper action at its meeting to erase said member's name from the Church's role of members.

We have listed August 8th for our Congregational meeting to discuss these 2 items and our parking lot that Dwight has been working on.

I hope you all have a wonderful Independence Day, and I am looking forward to seeing you all in Service.

- Becky Hollerbach

Church Council

Meeting Minutes from June 15, 2021

Church Council met Tuesday, June 15th and minutes from May 18th were reviewed and approved.

Pastor Report: Pastor is working to put more music into the service and asked the Board of Elders to pick up the giving plates and bring forward for the offering but do not pass the plate. Pastor, Tricia and Andrea have been meeting and planning services for upcoming months.

Financial: Sandy Arnold was voted into Church Council and will fill the vacant Treasurer role. She will be attending future meetings and will be added to accounts to manage the financials. Review of the Treasurer report and decisions postponed until the July meeting after Sandy has time to review accounts. The Financial Secretary reports were reviewed and approved.

Building and Grounds Committee: The Sanctuary HVAC unit has a bad computer board and needs to be replaced. The thermostat in the quilting room is bad. The total to complete the replacement and work will be \$3900. Dwight is also working on bids for the security camera system and will be moving forward with getting that installed. Bids received for asphalt paving, to pave from the bridge to the rock road, cut out bad spots and replace with new asphalt.

Endowment Committee: Motions passed to remove old “authorized signers” from the United Church Fund and Contingency Fund accounts and add Sandy Arnold (Treasurer) and Warren Stuckmeyer (Endowment Council Rep).

Church Events: Sarah Saputo is working on plans for VBS and Rally Day. A motion was made to open Fellowship Hall for catered events.

Church Office/Secretary: Tricia returned to the office May 24, 2021. The church office will be open on Monday and Wednesday each week and flexing other hours to accomplish tasks as they arise.

Member Care: Cards being mailed to the families of those that lost a loved one last year during COVID and experienced restrictions with using St. Luke’s for their services/memorials/luncheons. A meet and greet donut/coffee hour has been planned following service on Sunday, July 11th for members to meet and chat with Pastor Pittman in Fellowship Hall.

Search Committee: Emails sent out again to “All Church” seeking volunteers. Announcements placed in the bulletin and The Beacon. Have a short list of those that have volunteered already. Working on compiling a list of church volunteers to serve on the search committee. Once this committee is established, they will self-elect a chairperson and secretary to report minutes. The chairperson will work with Church Council President and Rev. Damien Lake to begin the process of reviewing candidates and provide guidance.

Cemetery (Burgess) Committee: Motion to add Warren Stuckmeyer to the Cemetery checking account. The account has been balanced and the Cemetery fund was reviewed. Disbursement of funds to be decided.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Elders

Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2021

The Board of Elders held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Minutes from the May 11th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Worship: Worship is going well. The Choir is on their summer break. Sunday attendance is improving as COVID restrictions are reduced and more members to return to in-person worship.

Ushers: Now that there are two ushers per service, we need more members to volunteer to usher. Some of the usher duties need to change as worship service evolves from COVID restrictions. Ushers will now dismiss like we used to, from the front of the church to the back. We are still not passing the offering plate, one will be available in the Narthex and one on the piano in the Sanctuary. For security reasons, when the service begins, the plate in the Narthex will be moved to the altar. The friendship registers will be back in service for keeping track of attendance weekly. Ushers will count attendance also and record on the sheet in the Narthex. Some of the Elders have requested to be "briefed" on when and how to ring the bell.

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

Communion: The supply of pre-filled communion cups has been replenished.

Visitor Care: Because of the large baptism and confirmation services, we had 54 visitors in May.

Confirmation Class: Kaylin Hollerbach, Olivia Raebel and Elizabeth Skaggs were confirmed on May 16th and they are now the newest St. Luke's members.

Baptisms: None scheduled.

Funerals/Memorial Services: At this time, it is still requested that all funeral services be held at a funeral home.

Weddings: April 9th, 2022 Shelby Stuckmeyer and Kyle Stilwell; May 21, 2022 Justin Stuckmeyer and Courtney Merli

Membership: In preparation for the search for a new full-time Pastor, Elders will be updating the membership roll. In order to make this difficult process a bit easier, looking into the bylaws for wording as to what defines who is a member. Preliminary working is being worked on. After a good definition is determined, it will be presented to Council to update the bylaws accordingly.

All Church Picnic: The Elders will only be responsible for what they have been traditionally responsible for: setup tables in Fellowship Hall, things needed from the kitchen, serve food, clean up the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. We will not be involved with menu creation or food purchase and preparation.

July Meeting: Normally the Board of Elders do not have a July meeting however they will meet July 13th to discuss only Shepherding Groups.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Board of Christian Education

Meeting Minutes from June 1, 2021

The Board of Christian Education met on Tuesday, June 1st for their regularly scheduled meeting. Minutes from the May 4, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sunday School: Curriculum has arrived and has been handed out to the appropriate teacher for use beginning June 5th. Church Council approved to move the kids back into the classrooms. Jess will be with kids ages 2-5; Amanda will be with grades K-3 and Chrissy with grades 4-7. Kayla plans to purchase age appropriate perfect attendance prizes. Snacks will be handed out to the children as they leave Sunday School, until further notice.

Church Council: Covid restrictions have been loosened. Efforts continue to find members to complete the Search Committee.

Confirmation: Connie will ask Tricia to print a list of eligible confirmands and BOCE will send out letters inviting them to class. Anyone interested will meet with Pastor Pittman (date TBD) to arrange and agreeable class time to begin meeting in September, review expectations and a calendar/syllabus.

Voyagers / Youth Group: Remains on hold.

2nd Quarter Mission: Designated mission for 2nd quarter is Crisis Nursery. A collection jar is placed in each classroom and in the Sanctuary. \$70 worth of Sunday School offering and at this time there is an unknown amount from the Sanctuary offering jar.

VBS: Discovery on Adventure Island: Sarah will order curriculum and estimate attendance based on previous years. In need of volunteers for stories, 2-5 craft leaders and class leaders. Crafts, music, recreation and snacks, as well as some of the divided class leaders have committed volunteers but all helpers are welcome! Sarah will continue to make phone calls to potential volunteers. Researching hand sanitizer stations. Registration forms have been placed on the piano in the Sanctuary, in the Narthex and electronic registration form was created by Tricia and provided via Facebook and St. Luke's website. Snack donations are still requested and appreciated. A tub will be near the Sanctuary for collection.

Rally Day/All Church Picnic: Planning details for August 29th. Will be planned activities for all ages. Some additional kid activities might include a bounce slide, obstacle course, or a dunk booth. Food could be catered or brought in by each individual family. Further planning is needed. Church Council, Board of Elders and BOCE will divide responsibilities.

Calendar of Events

- July 5-9:** VBS (led by Sarah Saputo)
- July 11:** VBS Sing
- Aug. 29:** All church picnic (planning needed)
- Oct 16:** Hayride/Bonfire/Trunk or Treat
- Dec 4:** Santa's breakfast (Gary Cronin will be contacted)
- Dec 19:** Christmas Program (makeup date Jan 9th)
- Feb 5, 2022:** Bingo

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 6th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Women's Guild

Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2021

On June 3, 2021, the Women's Guild met for a "sack lunch" meeting in Fellowship Hall. There were six members and three visitors in attendance. After a prayer and a devotional on the hymn history of the Doxology, President Marilyn Palmer called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. Sherry Pippin motioned to accept the minutes from the May meeting. Thank you notes were received from ECH for the Christmas money and other donations, from the Nations for the cookies at Christmas and from Pastor Vicki for her Christmas gift (most from 2019). Election of Officers will take place in September. Minerva had a list of old officers and how long they served. The Guild motioned to have personal hygiene kits as their project for Festival of Sharing. Discussion regarding Chicken Dinner and the consensus was to have it as carryout dinner and try only 500 with sides of slaw, applesauce, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy and a utensil packet. There will be no beets, bread, drink or dessert. More discussion and final plans will be offered at the August meeting when more people can be present. Discussed possibility of doing a "Save the Label" project, saving Best Choice labels for 3 cents a label and \$30 for 1000 labels was introduced. No decision was made at this time. Funeral luncheon possibilities were discussed. It was decided that for now the Guild would not offer supplying any food. If the family wishes to use the Fellowship Hall and it is approved by Church Council, some of our volunteers would setup, serve and clean up for the family. As the CDC and Church Council change guidelines, we will revisit this decision. At adjournment, all joined hands and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 5th, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.

Endowment

Meeting Minutes from May 24, 2021

The minutes from the February 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial: The financial report for the period of 1/1/21-3/31/21 was prepared by Sherry Pippin and the United Church Fund Report were both presented and approved.

Endowment Fund Distribution: The committee continued discussion about how to determine the amount each year available for distribution. Dane Kraus, who had served on the committee when the bylaws were re-written, explained how the funds were meant to be used and distributed. After much discussion, a motion was passed to assist with this process. The determined and available amount for disbursement will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 2nd, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Building & Grounds

Thank you...

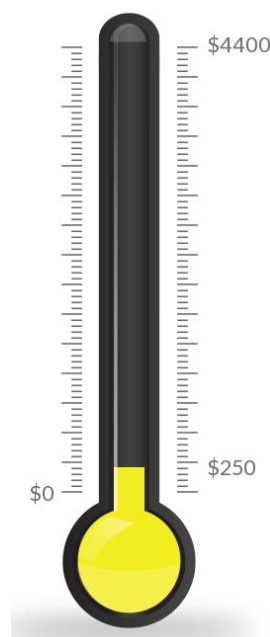
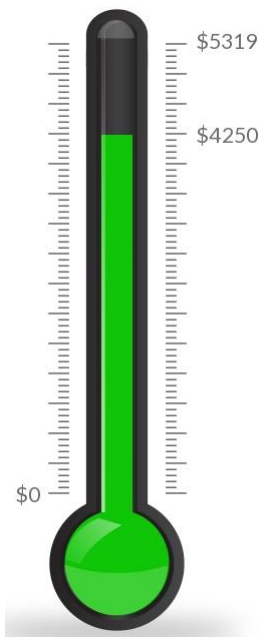
- **Tammy Glaus & Cliff Rebsamen...**for meeting with contractors for bids and opening Church to allow them to do their work.
- **Kevin & Earleen Stockwell...**for their ongoing TLC to the Burgess Cemetery.
- **Kevin Stockwell...**for repairing the loose tiles in the Fellowship Hall kitchen hallway and for helping to clear the brush along St. Luke's Church Road.
- **To the Church neighbor (Allen Derickson)...**for helping clear the brush along St. Luke's Church Road and providing a tractor and grapple to assist with that.
- **Kraus Dairy Farm...**for providing a tractor to assist with the St. Luke's Church Road cleanup efforts.
- **To All those that ...** offer up their time and efforts to keep the church up to snuff. A lot goes on behind the scenes without anyone even knowing to keep our property in good repair.

Thanks to All,

- Dwight Kraus, Building and Grounds

Sanctuary Lighting and Sanctuary HVAC...

The additional lighting in the Church Sanctuary has been installed. The total cost for the lighting project was \$5318.66 and recently the Sanctuary HVAC unit had a bad computer board that needed to be replaced. The thermostat in the quilting room was bad. The total to complete the replacement and work will be \$3900. We are asking for anyone interested in helping offset the cost of these projects to please mark your donation as a "Church Lighting" or "Church HVAC" donation. We have received \$4250 towards offsetting the lighting cost so far. Thank you for contributing to this long-needed project.



Evening Circle

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SUMMER EVENING OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

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EVENT: EVENING CIRCLE GET-TOGETHER

DATE: THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

TIME: 6:00 - 7:30 PM

LOCATION: LACHANCE WINERY OF KIMMSWICK
6035 SECOND STREET



ALL LADIES FROM ST LUKE'S CHURCH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



**IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE CALL OR TEXT ONE OF THE NAMES
BELOW SO WE KNOW ABOUT HOW MANY SEATS TO RESERVE.**

Gail Heckenberg: 314-630-2248
Earleen Stockwell: 314-496-7405

Sherry Pippin: 314-805-6051
Brenda Dankel: 314-330-0337



LET'S CELEBRATE JULY ...

7/1	Charlie Carpenter	7/12	Andrew Jones	7/23	Karen Aubuchon
7/2	Lorraine Magee	7/13	Brittany Carver	7/24	Karen Geary
	Courtney McKinley		Barbara Redecker		Kathy Magee
	Lucinda Simino	7/14	Jason Day		Terry O'Hara
7/3	Darrell Kraus	7/15	Delaney Jacob	7/25	Golda Dickemann
	Tonya Leeka		Pamela Klable	7/26	Rose Raebel
	Robert Stuckmeyer		Theodore Kohler	7/28	Sarah Calhoun
7/5	Anthony Jordan	7/16	Henry Cords	7/29	Randall Skaggs, Jr.
7/7	K. Wally Lionberger	7/17	Ariyanna Schneider	7/30	Emma Pippin
7/10	Brianna Jones	7/20	Justin Stuckmeyer	7/31	Chris Kraus
	Diane Riordan	7/22	Pamela Arnold		Ralph Samples, III
7/11	Kenneth Kirk		Kenneth Eckert		Adam Stockwell
	Sally Morris		Bob Johnson		



Bruce Acre*, June Balajka, Melva Bradley, William Brewer*, Tony & Brenda Carter*, Londyn Dixon*, Luella Gammons*, Juliet Gilmore, Betty Gruenewald, Joyce Hartoebben, Adam Hughes*, Robert Kempf, June Koenig*, Barbara Kraus*, Richard Kraus*, Jo Ann Mautner*, Debbie Mentz*, Shirley Neun, Jim Ploesser*, Joyce Ruhland, Jean Seymour, Arlein Simpson, Loren Stuckmeyer, Catherine Talbot*, Mike Talbot*, Donald Wendler*, Ron White, Lisa Young*

Our Military Personnel

Josh & Michelle Brewer*, Caleb Davidson*, Matthew Dixon*, Shawn Farson*, Christopher Kettler*, Joseph Koch*, Samuel Lowry, Eric Oliver*, Kai Reyes*, Edward Van Dee Scharff IV*, Kelsey L. Schwent, Eric Watkins



Please review the above prayer list and notify the Church Office by emailing or calling to provide the name of someone you would like included and/or removed from our ongoing prayer requests. stlukesimperial@gmail.com or (636) 948-3545

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 3RD QUARTER MISSION

The Sunday School 3rd Quarter Mission will run from July through September. Sunday School will be collecting for Brenden's Backpack.

Hunger can affect anyone, and hundreds of children in our area suffer every day. These can be children in your neighborhood, children that your child sits next to every day at school or children your child plays with at the park. These children do not look forward to the weekends and long school breaks because often they know that they may not have much to eat until they go back to school. School food programs only provide free breakfast and lunch during the week but many times these families struggle to put food on the table over the weekend.

Brenden's Friday Backpacks began in 2011 with 4 children in a single school and has grown to a program that currently feeds over 1400 children in 68 schools throughout Jefferson County and in St. Francois County on a weekly basis during the school year. Every Friday, each child takes home a bag of single-serve, non-perishable, kid-friendly foods that can be easily prepared and last until the child returns to school the next week. The program is run entirely by volunteers and takes anonymous referrals directly from local schools.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Women's Guild is collecting personal hygiene kits. There are plastic bags with the list of requested items placed in the Narthex for pickup. These bags will be collected both in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. We ask that the items have lids tightened and placed into the large Ziploc bags provided. Thank you.

PERSONAL HYGIENE PAK

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 fluoride toothpaste (6 oz or more)
- 1 toothbrush in original, unopened package
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 bottle shampoo (12-16 oz.)
- 1 deodorant
- 1 bottle skin lotion (12-16 oz.)
- 2 disposable razors
- 1 comb or brush

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!

UPCOMING **Mark Your Calendars** **EVENTS**

- July 5** *Office closed July 5th in observance of the holiday.*
- July 5-9** Vacation Bible School (9 a.m. until 12 noon daily)
- July 6** Board of Christian Education Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- July 11** VBS Sing during Worship Service (9 a.m.)
Fellowship Coffee Hour / Meet & Greet Pastor Pittman
- July 13** Board of Elders Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- July 18** Hymn Sing (9 a.m. Worship Service)
- July 20** Church Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- July 27** Evening Circle Meeting (6:30 p.m.)



Wow, what a crazy year we have had! St. Luke's welcomed Pastor Joshua Pittman in a very unordinary way in January.... seeing him only via a computer screen in our homes. Over the past two months, church has gradually re-opened, and we have begun gathering as a "family" once again on Sunday mornings for Worship.

With that said, we would like to invite you to join us on Sunday morning, July 11th, following 9 a.m. Worship in Fellowship Hall. We will have coffee and donuts, and everyone will have the opportunity to meet and welcome Pastor Pittman.

