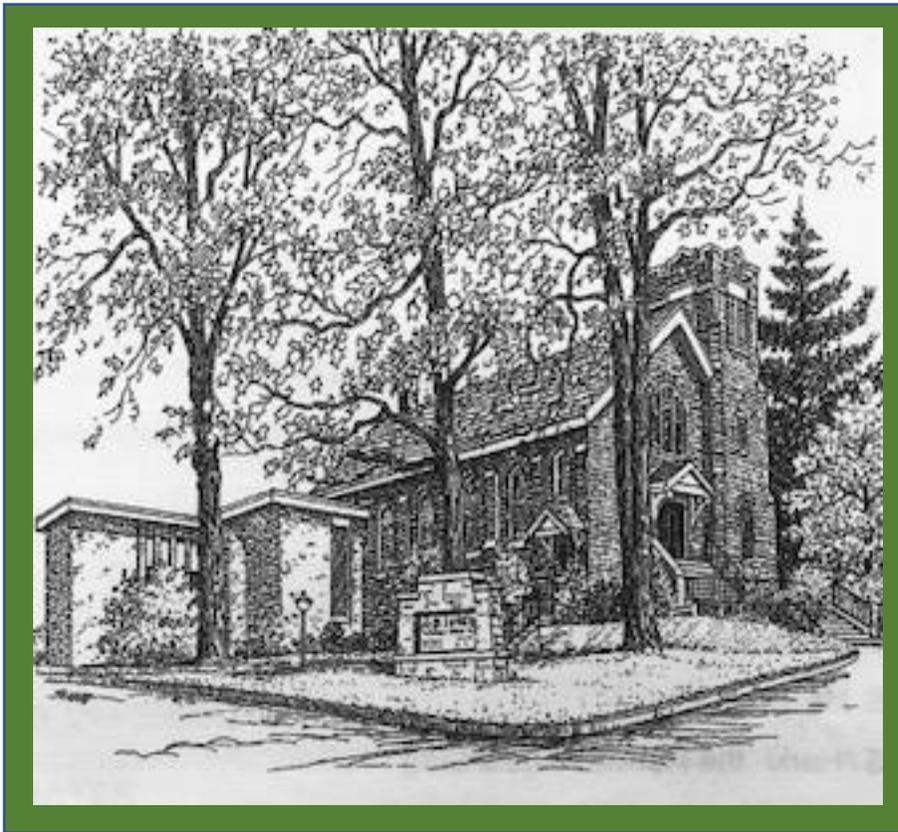


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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

President's Message

Hello Church families,

The CDC has changed things recently regarding their guidelines and so St. Luke's Church Council met and have decided ... so are we! I cannot thank you all enough for your patience through this everchanging situation over the past year. Our main goal is to continue keeping everyone as safe and comfortable as we can. We are asking that everyone please proceed with caution..we all know this is not completely over. I think we could agree that everyone at St. Luke's, just wants to be back to normal and I want you to know that your Church Council is doing the best they can to get us there.

First, to move forward following CDC changes, we are no longer mandating that masks must be worn while in church, however we are recommending that if anyone is not vaccinated, immunocompromised or just uncomfortable not wearing a mask, to please continue to wear your mask while in attendance.

Second, the reservation system has been disabled at this time, it is no longer required to reserve seats each week with the Church Office or via Signup Genius.

Lastly, seating has been opened more. The far side of the Sanctuary and Balcony are fully open. The piano side of the Sanctuary will remain every other pew for those who wish to maintain a bit more distance still.

On another note, after two long weeks of Tricia trying out a new adventure, she realized that St. Luke's was her family. I am here to tell you that our Church office OPENED as of Monday, May 24th and Tricia has returned. Please welcome her back to our family. She will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays with additional time flexed later in the week to complete weekly tasks such as printing our Sunday bulletins.

I know this past year has been hard on us all in many, different ways. I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who have sent in your regular contributions to St. Luke's during this time of distance. Last year we were granted assistance with our payroll and insurance expenses to help fill the gap since we missed out on so much. This year so far, we do not have that assistance and we are experiencing a deficit. We would appreciate any extra monetary help if you are able. Mail has resumed being sent to church so there is no further worry about monies not being received via post office transit.

To wrap up, if you are interested in being a part of the Search Committee organizing to meet and seek our new permanent Pastor, please reach out to me. We are in need of volunteers for this. Thank you all for your dedication to St. Luke's as we have maneuvered this difficult time.

Blessing to all of you,
Becky Hollerbach, Church Council President

Church Council

Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2021

The Church Council met on Tuesday, May 18th for their regularly scheduled meeting. Minutes from the April 20th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Amendment to Re-Open Plan: CDC updated current guidelines so those were reviewed, and Council decided to remove the mask mandate as well as open seating in the Sanctuary on half of the pews. Motions were made to amend current guidelines. (See *President's Message*)

Financial: Sandy Arnold will be attending future meetings to assist with Treasurer's duties. Due to circumstances last year and no grant assistance with church expenditures this year as well as less donations due to restricted worship attendance, St. Luke's is facing a 25k deficit currently.

Building and Grounds Committee: The lighting in the Sanctuary is complete. The parsonage was exterminated. The facia has been repaired from damage caused by birds. The tankless water heater will need to be serviced every year. Dwight will be servicing in the next week or two. The front steps have been power washed and the parking lot graded. Dwight continues to obtain quotes for a church security system.

Endowment Committee: Will be holding a meeting on May 25th at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

Worship: Reviewed how worship services are going every Sunday. The Zoom meeting/hybrid in-person worship services are going well.

Church Events: Sarah Saputo is working on plans for Rally Day. The Board of Elders will be in charge of food and Church Council will be asked to assist with indoor games. VBS is being planned and will be announced soon.

Church Office/Secretary: Review of reinstatement of Tricia Heckstetter as Church Secretary. Tricia will be returning to the office effective May 24, 2021. The church office will be open on Monday and Wednesday each week.

Search Committee: 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.

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

Board of Elders

Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2021

The Board of Elders held their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021. Minutes from the April 13th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Worship: Baptism service went well on Sunday, May 9th. There were 66 total in attendance with approximately 50 being visitors and church members who were part of the family of Mariella Saputo, who was being baptized.

Ushers: Now that there are two ushers per service, we need more members to volunteer to usher.

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

Communion: Elders to check supply of pre-filled communion cups prior to Confirmation Sunday, May 16th since communion will be served.

Visitor Care: St. Luke's had three (3) visitors this past month.

Confirmation Class: Confirmation has been set for Sunday, May 16th during the regular 9am service. The class is ready. The 2021 class is: Kaylin Hollerbach, Olivia Raebel and Elizabeth Skaggs.

Baptisms: May 9th, Mariella Saputo, daughter of Michael and Sarah Saputo was baptized.

Funerals/Memorial Services: Herb Conway, Madge Klable, Vernon Kramme and Mary Sue Kraus. All services were held at a funeral home.

Weddings: 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, will be looking into the bylaws for working as to what defines who is a member. After a good definition is determined, it will be presented to Council to update the bylaws accordingly.

Prayer List: The "Thoughts and Prayers" section in the bulletin and Beacon needs to be reviewed periodically. There are currently 30 names listed, 16 of which are not members of St. Luke's. The questions is: "do all of these names need to remain indefinitely on the list?"

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....

Please consider volunteering some of your time...

- Pastoral Search Committee (*Church Council*)
- Ushers for Sunday Worship Service (*BOE*)



Board of Christian Education

Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2021

The Board of Christian Education met on Tuesday, May 4th for their regularly scheduled meeting. Minutes from the April 6, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sunday School: Reported to be working well. The first four Sundays there has been between 9 and 13 students in attendance. Curriculum has been delivered for June through August.

Church Council: Safety protocols have been further relaxed: bibles, hymnals and seat cushions added back to the Sanctuary, singing is allowed, and additional pews have been opened for seating.

Confirmation: All items have been obtained and are ready for Confirmation Sunday, May 16th.

Voyagers / Youth Group: Remains on hold.

Youth Group: There has been some discussion regarding group meetings/activities, how often to plan events (monthly or quarterly), reaching out to past confirmands, and promoting events.

2nd Quarter Mission: Designated mission for 2nd quarter is Crisis Nursery. A collection jar is placed in each classroom and in the Sanctuary.

VBS: Discovery on Adventure Island: Safety protocols will be written and made available for review by Sarah Saputo. Some of the guidelines may include: a sanitation station at the entrance with motion sensor hand sanitizer, mask requirement, a waiver will be included on the registration form, small classes will be divided and sectioned for opening/closing, snacks will be served by gloved individuals from carts brought to seated children, and hard surfaces will be cleaned/sanitized. Advertisement will be Facebook page, the Leader, church bulletin, banners on the bridge and possibly "yard style" signs. Pastor Pittman suggested to post a video representing a challenge, game or activity for the first day. Chris will prepare a registration/waiver form.

Rally Day/All Church Picnic: 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

- May 16:** Confirmation
- May/June:** Teacher Appreciation (Gail, Angie, Sherry and Kathy are planning)
- July 5-9:** VBS (led by Sarah Saputo)
- July 11:** VBS Sing
- Sept 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, May 4th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Evening Circle

Meeting Minutes from May 25, 2021

The Evening Circle group held their meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There were eleven (11) ladies present. There was discussion and approval to make a monetary donation to the Ronald McDonald House since in-person attendance is still not recommended. Gift cards and teapots were collected, and four gift baskets were assembled to donate to the SafePlace / Mary's House of Hope Mardi Gras fundraiser in June. A blood drive and other fundraiser/outreach projects were discussed and will be addressed again in the fall season. There will be no Evening Circle meeting in June. We invite all ladies of our church family to join us in fellowship and be a part of the discipleship work of our church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Earleen Stockwell, Secretary

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 27th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Women's Guild

Meeting Minutes from May 6, 2021

On May 6, 2021, the Women's Guild met at the Blue Owl in Kimmswick. A dozen members and guests sat around the big round table and enjoyed food and fellowship. Some old business was discussed, and it was decided to meet in June on our regular meeting date. For the next meeting, everyone is to bring a sack lunch and be ready to decide on the activities for the rest of the year. We will be discussing the Festival of Sharing project and the Chicken Dinner possibilities. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to come and join us. See you there!

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 3rd, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.

Endowment

Endowment Fund Information

The Endowment Committee would like to announce the availability of funds for disbursement to any duly elected or appointed Board, Council or Church committee (not individuals) who completes the application and meets the guidelines. If more than one committee submits an eligible request, the amount available will be shared equally. The deadline for application is July 31, 2021. Applications are available upon request from the office. Thank you.

- Don Scherer, Endowment Secretary

Building & Grounds

Thank you...

- **Tammy Glaus, Cliff & Jane Rebsamen...**for installing the pew ropes in the Sanctuary.
- **Kevin Stockwell...**for spraying weeds around the church property.
- **Kevin & Adam Stockwell...**for continuous work and TLC to the Burgess Cemetery.
- **Cliff Rebsamen...**for helping re-secure the soffit above the Sanctuary doors where the starlings were causing a mess.
- **Tammy Glaus and Cliff Rebsamen...**for addressing a shut off issue on a downstairs urinal.
- **To all those that...**tend to the flower gardens around the church grounds.
- **To All those that ...** do so much behind the scenes without anyone even knowing to keep our property in good repair.

Sanctuary Lighting...

The additional lighting in the Church Sanctuary has been installed. The total cost for the lighting project was \$5318.66. We are asking for anyone interested in helping offset the cost of the project to please mark your donation as a "Church Lighting" donation. We have received \$500 towards offsetting that cost so far. Thank you for contributing to this long-needed project.



Respectfully,
Dwight Kraus



Bruce Acre*, June Balajka, Melva Bradley, William Brewer*, 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

*I would like to thank everyone for the love and support
given to my family upon the death of our mother, Madge Klabbe.
Thank you for the food, cards sent, donations given, visiting with our family,
and those who attended the visitation and funeral.
St. Luke's is blessed with thoughtful, caring people!*

*God Bless All of You,
Brenda Day & Family*

Happy Birthday



6/1	Jennifer Cano	6/10	Serina Hoehn	6/21	Benjamin Glaus
6/2	Timothy Hendrickson		Jessica Kraus		Henry Lowry
6/3	Jackie Craig		Betty McLard	6/22	Vera Dotson
	Janet Mize		Benjamin Pfeil		Janet Knopp
6/4	Marianne Gaertner	6/12	Lora Eckert		Emily Michel
	Matthew Perry		Landon Lambert		Logan Narup
6/5	Kole Williams	6/13	Carolyn Kraus		Joyce Ruhland
6/6	Susan Hartmann	6/14	Michelle Perry	6/26	Susan Ferbet
	David Stark, Jr.	6/15	K. Wally Lionberger	6/27	Julie Jordan
6/7	Elaine Alexander		Margaret Richards		Julie Schimsa
	Elizabeth Kundert	6/18	Dallas Konopka	6/29	Rebecca Arnold
6/9	Alice Kohler		Clifford Rebsamen	6/30	Jillian Davis
					Landen Miller



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Katelynn Schimsa!

Katelynn has been named to the Spring 2021 President's List at Culver-Stockton College. By completing academic coursework with 4.00 grade point average, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours, and no grade lower than a C, has resulted in this prestigious honor. Culver-Stockton College has recognized Katelynn for earning a spot on the President's list during Spring 2021.



Directory Updates

Listed below are some updates to the Church Directory received recently...

Barbara Kraus
Friendship Village Care Center
Room 8247
12651 Village Circle Drive
Sunset Hills, MO 63127

Richard Kraus
Friendship Village Care Center
Room 8232
12651 Village Circle Drive
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2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. LUKE'S U.C.C... JULY 5TH -9TH

DISCOVERY ON **Adventure ISLAND**

Quest for God's Great Light

JOIN US FOR AN ISLAND ADVENTURE AT ST. LUKE'S THIS SUMMER

Each day we will learn about God's Great Light through familiar bible stories, songs, activities, crafts, games, food and fun. Kids will begin a quest each morning in search of the mysterious infinity lanterns which represent the following:

- God's Light of Love
- God's Light of Trust
- God's Light of Faith
- God's Light of Joy
- God's Light of Hope



The adventure begins July 5th through July 9th from 9am to 12 noon with lunch served on July 9th at noon- All are welcome!

Please join us for Sunday Worship on July 11th at 9am as the kids will sing and share a story!

Food Donations for snack time are much appreciated. Some needed items are: peanut butter, cream cheese, little smokies, cheese cubes, pretzel sticks, cheese balls, Gala apples, grapes, Ranch dressing, vegetables, cookies, etc. At this time we are unable to accept homemade items. THANK YOU!

For questions please call: 314-691-0823

Registration Form

Please Pre-register by June 28, 2021

NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE COMPLETED _____

AGE _____

SPECIAL NEEDS/ALLERGIES/MEDICAL INFORMATION:

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: CHILD- XS S M L XL

ADULT- S M L XL XXL

Safety protocols will be encouraged.

By allowing your child to participate in St. Luke's Vacation Bible School you are agreeing to not hold St. Luke's responsible for any injury or illness.

Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Print name _____





June

Worship on Sunday Mornings: 9:00 AM
 Communion – First Sunday
 Sunday School – 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>Church Office Closed on Tuesday's</i>			<i>Church Office Closed on Friday's</i>	
		1 Quilters 8:30 AM BOCE Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3 Women's Guild 11:00 AM	4	5
6 9 AM Worship Communion Sunday	7	8 Quilters 8:30 AM Board of Elders 6:30 PM	9	10	11	12
13 9 AM Worship	14	15 Quilters 8:30 AM Church Council 6:30 PM	16	17	18	19
20 9 AM Worship Father's Day	21 <i>BEACON ARTICLES DUE</i>	22 Quilters 8:30 AM	23	24	25	26
27 9 AM Worship	28	29 Quilters 8:30 AM	30			