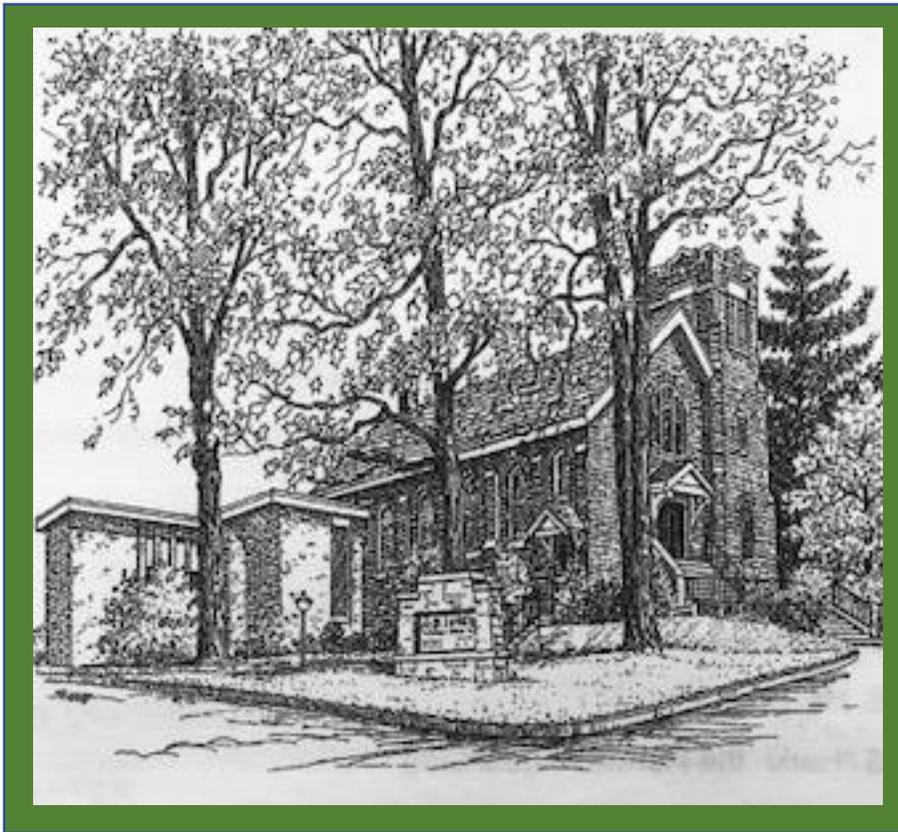


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MAY 2022

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

President's Message

Our church is at a crossroads since reopening post -Covid crisis. To “return to normal,” this is a request to our members to assist with ushering our 9:00 am Sunday service. We need four ushers and sometimes find it difficult just to find three. This is especially important for Communion. The same group of church family currently ushering are also members of Council, and other Church Boards. Please prayerfully consider participating to make our church and fellowship more vibrant. If you have never ushered before, you can be scheduled with an experienced usher, and there are instructions. Contact Jess McLard at (314) 609-8935 or email stlukesimperial@gmail.com for information.

We also still need and are looking for a Vice-President for Church Council. Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30. Contact Barb Allen, any other Council Member or email stlukesimperial@gmail.com

Barbara Allen

Church Council President



The All-Board Meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th has been postponed until Tuesday, August 16th at 6:30 P.M. Church Council made this decision based on realization that the month of May is very busy for most people with holidays, confirmation, end of school year and more.



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

David Belleville
Megan Nuelle
Loren Stuckmeyer

Melva Bradley
Zachary Palmer*

Brenda Day
Robert Perry*

Ken Eckert
Tim Stockwell

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*
Alec Schrepel*

Christopher Kettler*
Kelsey L. Schwent

Samuel Lowry
Eric Watkins

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 April 2022 were not available at this time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

MARCH. 2022

Operating Income	\$ 11,689.
Expenses	<u>\$(17,642.)</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(5,953.)

YTD 2022

Operating Income	\$ 33,837
Expenses	<u>\$(44,882)</u>
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(11,045)

Search Committee

The Search Committee had a meeting scheduled with Rev. Damien Lake to review the completed Church Profile. Once it is approved, it will be posted for applicants to apply.

Women's Guild

Meeting Highlights from April 2022

On April 7, 2022, a group of eleven women met in the Fellowship Hall at St. Luke's. This was to be the final meeting of the Women's Guild before the merger with Evening Circle. Everyone enjoyed their lunch and some tasty pastries shared by several ladies. A final update of the Sausage Dinner was given as \$3,222.42. We also received \$700 from the Endowment Committee for new Chicken Dinner signs. Tammy Glaus has been asking for estimates from sign companies. Everyone was reminded of the Palm Sunday Bake/Bakeless sale that will coordinate with the Palm Sunday Breakfast. The committee will price the items for sale. The Guild will supply plates, cups, napkins and utensils for the Palm Sunday Breakfast and the Confirmation Luncheon being held on May 1, 2022.

Final decisions concerning the merger with Evening Circle will be made at the Blue Owl at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2022. All women of the church are invited to attend and give their ideas. Hope to see you there!

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 6th, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m.



5/1	Peyton Cusumano Mark Sproull	5/12	Alexa Stacy	5/20	Cody Harris Hermetta Stuckmeyer
5/2	Liam Pippin Sherry Pippin	5/13	Nathan Davis Brenna McLard Stacie Perry	5/21	Taylor Reiff
5/3	Suzanne Abuzeide Michael Cusumano Tara Cusumano	5/14	Amanda Davis William Glaus, III Matthew Pippin	5/24	Maybree Saputo
5/4	Malachi Lowry	5/15	William Wright	5/25	Tammy Glaus Shawn Lambert Carter Rose Holly Skaggs
5/6	Derek Ehlers	5/16	Casey Charleville Sheila Milam Dwight Randolph	5/26	Kevin Stockwell
5/7	David Pippin	5/17	Nina Lionberger Fredith Ramirez	5/27	Kody Kraus
5/8	David Fluegge Dustin Hoehn Melissa Price	5/18	Alison Arnold Tyler Mize Sophie Roorda	5/28	Brenda Farson Shirley Neun
5/9	Gail Jacquin Barbara McCarthy Wayne Timeus			5/29	Abigail Bailey Ronald Ehlers Douglas Leeka Carson Schneider
5/10	Jake Narup Verlon Thurman			5/31	Shane Weatherholt

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 April 2022

The Board of Elders met on April 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the March meeting.

Worship: Things are going fine. Weekly attendance is improving. For Good Friday service we are now using a black sheet to cover the altar which will make switching back to white for Easter easier.

Ushers: Things are going well. Jess McLard will be doing the Usher schedule until Brenda Day returns. We do have a few more volunteer ushers, but we could always use more especially when we return to the traditional way of doing communion.

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

Visitor Care: In March, we had eighteen (18) visitors.

Communion: All communion supplies are in good shape. For now, the plan is to use up the approximately 200 prefilled communion cups we already have before we switch back to the traditional way, we used to do communion. When we do switch, the ushers who serve communion will no longer wear robes.

Confirmation Class: Things are on track for Confirmation Sunday on May 15th. The class made over \$500 at the Palm Sunday breakfast. The class has been meeting with Pastor Joshua on Sunday right after church service. They continue doing an excellent job reading scripture and serving as the Acolyte each Sunday.

Baptisms: May 8, 2022, Vincent Reiff, child of Kathryn and Taylor Reiff

Weddings: May 21, 2022, Justin Stuckmeyer and Courtney Merli

Funerals: James Kraus' funeral was held on April 6th at St. Luke's with internment at Burgess with military honors. Pastor Pittman officiated.

All Board Meeting: There will be an All-Board Meeting held on May 18th (**date changed to August 16th after this meeting*). This will be a planning and group discussion meeting. Elders will submit to the agenda that usher recruitment is an issue and procedure on how new members join the church officially.

Summer Food Drive: The BOE Summer Food Drive will be June 5th to July 31st.

Membership Task Force: Now that the active membership roll has been updated per the Bylaws, the task force will begin working through the list to get an accurate membership number and report to the Elders.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 10th, 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

Highlight: from April 2022

The Board of Christian Education met on April 5, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Minutes were reviewed and approved from the March meeting, with correction to the events calendar changing the Easter Breakfast to Palm Sunday Breakfast.

Sunday School: The children will be singing two songs on Palm Sunday during worship. Sunday School average attendance has been 8-10 children.

Confirmation: Connie and Sarah met with confirmands and parents to confirm and plan upcoming events. Easter Breakfast was moved to Palm Sunday Breakfast and the parents began planning for this event. Parents will provide and serve breakfast on April 10th, following worship service with the support of BOCE.

2nd Quarter Mission: Crisis Nursery. We will continue to use the fishbowl on the piano in the sanctuary to collect donations for the second quarter. Angie reported that money from the 2021 donation was used to create individual cleaning supply buckets that were handed out at an event to those in need.

Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast: This event was a big success with 40-50 in attendance.

Palm Cross Making/Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 9th. Planning for 50-60 people. Confirmands asked to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. Plans were made and in place for a successful morning.

Confirmation Luncheon: May 1st. BOCE will provide fried chicken, bread, drinks and a decorated cake. The congregation will be invited to join and bring a "potluck" style side or dessert.

Confirmation Sunday: May 15th. Tricia has ordered certificates and necklaces for the confirmands. She gathered monogram for each confirmand and provided information to Connie who has retrieved the communion cups from church and is having them engraved. Chris Kraus is ordering corsages from Schnucks in Festus. The robes have been rented and should be received in the next week. Tricia had them shipped to her home, so they were not left out in the weather upon delivery.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE MARCH 2022

**Delaney Jacob, Evelyn Keith, Brenna McLard,
Fletcher McLard, Judd McLard, Maybree Saputo**

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



Congratulations

New Parents, Will and Ashley Glaus...

Proud Grandparents, Bill and Tammy Glaus

Proud Great-Grandparents, Cliff and Jane Rebsamen

Will and Ashley welcomed their baby girl, Callie Drew on Sunday, April 3rd.



" To St. Luke's Congregation:

Many thanks to everyone for the prayers, condolences, sympathy cards, and texts during the time when our daughter-in-law, Chelsea was sick in the hospital and the months following her death. Your support kept us going during those first months of grieving. We especially want to thank those of you that helped set up and served her funeral luncheon: the Dankels, Brenda Day, the Winters, Teresa Kraus & Peggy Schneider. Thank you to Tammy Glaus for arranging the flower vases with particular attention to Chelsea's favorite colors and flower. My apologies if I forgot someone that helped out. We also want to thank everyone for supporting Henry & Jolene along with Ryan as they navigate life without their mother. Thank you for making church and Sunday School a safe place for them and a comfortable place with so many familiar faces.

*God's Blessings,
Mike & Michelle Perry"*

"Thank you to the Norville Kraus Family for covering the cost for the replacement of the Church sign in the hay field by the new Highway M."

- Dwight Kraus, Building & Grounds

"We wanted to take a minute and say THANK YOU to everyone that continues to pray for Logan during his continued health hurdles and ongoing/recurrent surgeries and to everyone that has taken the time to send cards and goodies to cheer him up! He has loved getting little surprises in the mail from time to time. We appreciate your kindness and feel blessed to be a part of St. Luke's family."

- The Heckstetter Family (Tricia, Jay, Dylan & Logan)



Directory Updates

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

Gail Jacquin
314-603-7955

Bernice Roffler
386-222-4040

Laura & Thomas* Harris
1817 Valley View Drive
Festus, MO 63028

Dorothy Schlittler
2145 South Oaks Drive
Barnhart, MO 63012
314-399-6137

Strengthen the Church Offering

St. Luke's plans to participate in the scheduled Strengthen the Church offering on June 5, 2022. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Please join us in planting the seeds needed to grow and sustain our denomination by making a gift to Strengthen the Church offering. The offering envelopes will be in that Sunday's bulletin if you wish to contribute, and/or you can mail your giving to the Church Office, and these will be handled appropriately.



Clothing Donation Box

Spring is here!

... as you begin cleaning out closets and drawers and Spring cleaning... please remember the clothing recycle box next to the paper recycling bin on the gravel parking area by the cemetery. Charity Clothing Pickup is an organization that raises money for non-profit organizations through the distribution of used clothing and shoes. CCP has been operating in St. Louis for over 20 years. They contract with charities to collect used clothing. The clothing is then sold in bulk to local thrift stores. This provides jobs in the community as well as income for the charities they work with. St. Luke's receives a monetary credit for your clothing donations.



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!



- 1** Worship Service (9 AM)
Confirmation Luncheon / Bake & Bazaar Sale
- 2** Fitness Class (7 PM Fellowship Hall) Endowment
Meeting (7 PM Quilting Room)
- 3** Quilters
Board of Christian Ed. Mtg (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 5** Women's Guild/Evening Circle (11:30 AM The Blue Owl)
- 8** Mother's Day / Reiff Baptism Worship
Service (9 AM)
Sunday School / Confirmation Class (10 AM)
- 10** Quilters
Board of Elders Meeting (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 15** Confirmation Sunday Worship
Service (9 AM) Sunday School (10
AM)
- 17** Quilters
Church Council Mtg (6:30 PM Fellowship Hall)
- 21** Merli/Stuckmeyer Wedding
- 22** Worship Service (9 AM) Sunday
School (10 AM)