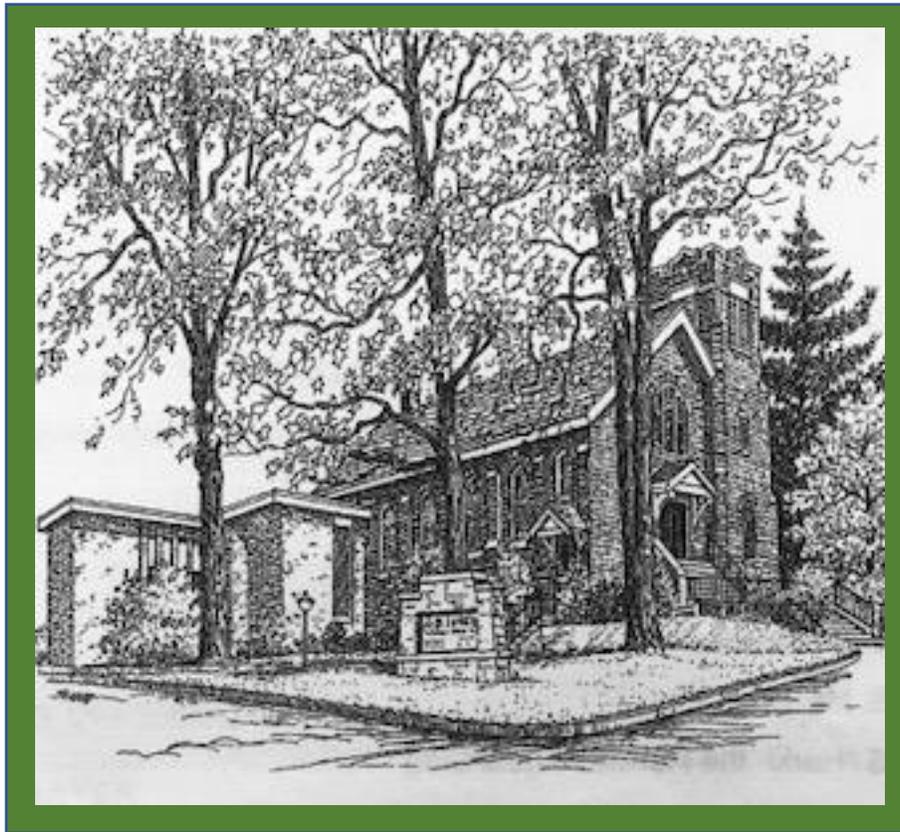


THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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OCTOBER 2021

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

President's Message

Hello from Barbara Allen, your new Church Council President. Our family have been members of St. Luke's for 40 years. We have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Over the years, I have been Church Council President twice and enjoyed doing crafts at Bible School with the Littles. I started my teaching career in 1969 at Antonia Elementary and taught at Clyde Hamrick for 25 years before retiring in 2000. Michael and I have been fortunate to spend our winters in Thailand since my retirement. Hoping to get back that beautiful country when it is safe.

September was a busy month. We had a great Rally Day and celebrated Grandparent's Day in a big way.

Several Church Council members met with the Endowment Committee and learned a lot from Matthew Wagner who works for the United Church Funds. This group manages our Endowment Fund.

We will be having a different Chicken Dinner this year: Carry-out only.

Fall starts Wednesday the 22nd. This a beautiful time of year. Try and get out and enjoy.



LET'S CELEBRATE OCTOBER ...

10/1 Alexander Schimsa	10/10 Michael Allen	10/21 Kimberly Kirk
10/2 Austen Ferbet	Michel Hartmann	Glee Naes
Ellee Russell	10/11 Chelsea Lowry	Glenda O'Tool-Potts
Jason Stuckmeyer	Nancy Roorda	Marilee Sturmer
10/4 Bryan Day	10/12 Janice Lowry	10/22 Crystal Burcham
Sharlene Schlereth	Tammy Stewart	10/23 Paige Seitz
10/5 Sherry Mueller	10/13 Donna Wirth	10/24 Ruth Mueller
10/6 Melva Bradley	10/14 Olivia Kraus	10/26 Christy Nolbert
Sandy Winters	10/15 Julie Hartmann	Dale Winters
10/7 Kay Moss	Owen Nuelle	10/27 Angie Kraus
10/8 Elizabeth Russell	10/17 Loren Stuckmeyer	Thomas Duro
Jack Wilson	10/18 Jordan McKinley	10/28 Jill Charleville
10/9 Ralph Hoffarth	Gregory Rose	Emma Haefner
Sarah Sumner	10/19 Lleyton Perry	10/30 Demi Elrod
Adam Wright	Paul Seitz	10/31 Aaron Russell
	10/20 Brenda Dankel	

Church Council

President
Barb Allen

Vice President
Becky Hollerbach

Secretary
Angela Otto

Treasurer
Sandra Arnold

Fin. Secretary
Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.
Gary Hartmann

BOCE Rep.
Kathy Porter

Building & Grounds
Dwight Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment
Warren Stuckmeyer

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

Meeting Highlights from September 2021

Pastor: Pastor will be spending time preparing and teaching the Confirmation class. He will no longer be attending the Board of Elders and Board of Christian Education meetings. There will be a Blessing and Installation of the Search Committee during worship service on Sunday, October 3rd. Pastor Josh will be on vacation Sunday, December 26th through January 1st. Kathy Porter will be our Guest Pastor on Sunday, December 26th

Financial: Sandy Arnold reviewed the Treasurer's report and monthly financials. The accounts were reviewed. Sandy is organizing the "funds" setup in the accounting system. The Treasurer Report for income and expense as well as YTD quarterly report reflecting giving will be included in the Beacon beginning in October and November. Sandy Arnold is assisting the Search Committee with the financial section of the Church Profile. The Clothing Box donation report will also be published quarterly.

Search Committee: The Board of Elders has worked on our "active" member list and resolved to 298 active members currently to have updated on church profile. There are posters hanging in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall that show pictures of our current Search Committee members, The committee continues to work on the membership roster and definitions for inactive. A survey is being sent to all active members on October 1st and the Church Profile will be updated.

Upcoming Events: Board of Christian Education is hosting a Trunk or Treat event following Sunday Service on October 24th in the parking lot. Women's Guild is planning the chicken dinner to be take out only this year and pre-orders for those attending that Sunday service ONLY due to the influx of food and paper products.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

ST. LUKE'S TREASURER'S REPORT as of August 31, 2020

ACTUAL

INCOME	\$ 24,361
EXPENSES	\$ 15,974
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ 8,387

ST. LUKE'S TOTAL GIVING as of August 31, 2020

ACTUAL

YTD INCOME	\$ 110,635
EXPENSES	\$ 132,974
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$ 23,339)

**Income breakdown of donation allocation will be included in the November Beacon

Board of Elders

Chairperson
Jess McLard

Secretary
Bob Schrepel

Church Council Rep.
Gary Hartmann

Worship
Kay Moss

Visitor Care
Michelle Perry

Ushers
Brenda Day

Nursery
Julie Hartmann

Interim Pastor
Rev, Joshua Pittman

Highlight: from September 2021

Membership: Member request received to transfer from St. Luke's. Membership Task Force is working on creating an accurate list of "Active" members.

Worship: Things continue to go well. Attendance each week has increased.

Visitor Care: In July and August we had sixteen visitors (8 each month).

Confirmation Class: A new class with eight members has been formed and they held their first meeting.

A class schedule through May 2022 has been created.

Baptism: None held / scheduled at this time.

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

Funerals: At this time, it is preferred that all funeral services be held at a funeral home.

New Business: Elders will be reviewing the Beacon Birthday list beginning in October for the November Beacon. The list will be obtained from Tricia and will be reviewed monthly.

Upcoming Events:

Oct 31 st	Chicken Dinner (Carryout Only)
Nov. 7 th	Totenfest Sunday, open to anyone who lost a family member
Nov. 24 th	NO Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service this year.
Dec. 24 th	Christmas Eve Worship Service @ 7p.m. with communion
Dec. 25 th	NO Christmas Day Worship Service.
Dec. 26 th	Guest Pastor (Rev. Kathy Porter) for Service (Pastor Pittman will be out of town)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.



We would like to invite anyone who has lost a family member or friend in the past year to **join us on Sunday, November 7, 2021**. You do not have to be a member of St. Luke's to be included in this Worship Service. We would like to request that you submit a 3-4 sentence statement that will be read during service as well as a picture to be included in a slideshow of your lost loved one. These **statements and pictures must be submitted to the Church Office by October 24th**. This deadline provides time for us to prepare the slideshow, order flowers and prepare special memorial for your loved one.

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 September 2021

Sunday School: Classes resumed September 12th. Class will be held from 10am – 10:45am following Worship Service. Opening will resume in Fellowship Hall. Attendance charts will be posted on each classroom door and teachers will mark students absent or present.

St. Luke's Youth Hope Squad: The 4th – 7th grade students have formed a youth group. Their hope is to put help into action for our local community and church. We encourage everyone to drop by the class across from the bridal room for an update on their current mission. Chris Kraus will provide information regarding activities outside the normal class to both parents and the Church Council for approval.

Voyagers / Youth Group: Cindy Burke attended the BOCE's meeting to discuss Youth Ministry. Suggestions made to suit St. Luke's and youth were to involve parents and community, post pictures on social media platforms (safely and with permission), develop email or texts groups, plan activities and events that will spark interest amongst kids, build relationships with students and develop mentor program, consider missions both local and out of town. Cindy's website is www.mmssuccyouth.org and BOCE will now receive her weekly newsletter.

VBS: VBS spending was projected at roughly \$1100 (note: not all spending was recorded from donations). Of this total, \$250 was turned in for reimbursement and the remaining total was donated. There were fifty kids and 36 adults in attendance throughout the week.

Teacher Appreciation/ Rally Day/All Church Picnic: There were approximately eighty people in attendance. BOCE was responsible for the outdoor games and prizes, as well as purchasing food. The menu was fried chicken, green beans, mac-n-cheese that was purchased from Karsch's. Potato salad, individual bags of chips and desserts were from Sam's and donated by church members. Church Council managed the indoor games and prizes and some of them were moved outdoors that day. Board of Elders served food inside following worship and cleaned up. Canned soda, capri suns and water was purchased and iced in coolers. There was minimum seating provided for indoors and a tent was setup outside for additional seating. The Fire Department declined attending due to COVID restrictions.

Calendar of Events

Oct. 24:	Trunk or Treat
Oct. 31:	Chicken Dinner (carryout only this year)
Nov. 13:	Hayride/Bonfire
Dec. 4:	Santa's breakfast (Gary Cronin will be contacted)
Dec. 19:	Christmas Program / Cookie Reception (makeup date Jan 9 th)
Feb 5, 2022:	Bingo Night
Mar.13, 2022:	Green Eggs and Ham Pancake Breakfast

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Building & Grounds

Thank you...

- **Becky Hollerbach**...for donating a monitor to install in the Church Office for the new security system.
- **Tricia Heckstetter**...for donating the monitor mount for the Security System monitor.
- **To all those that ...** tend to the flower gardens and control the weeds on the church grounds and Burgess Cemetery grounds. These efforts keep everything looking great!
- **To all those that...** continue to assist with funeral luncheons. It means a lot to our Church family to provide this service.

Thanks to All,

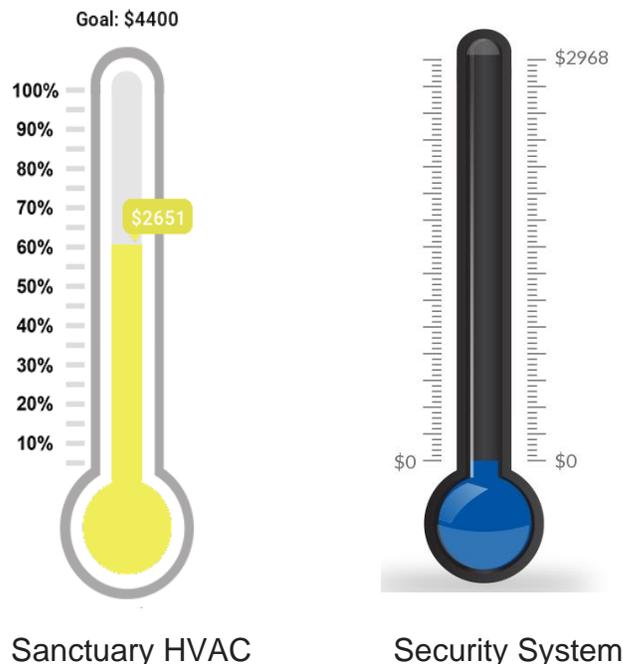
- Dwight Kraus, Building and Grounds

2021 Projects ...

This year we have been blessed to make renovations and upgrades to the Church...here is a synopsis of the projects completed, underway and upcoming.

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| 1) Sanctuary HVAC | Total Project Cost \$4400. | Donations to Date: \$2651.34 |
| 2) Security System | Total Project Cost \$2967.50 | Donations to Date: \$0 |

THANK YOU to everyone that has contributed to the project funds.



Women's Guild

On September 2, 2021, a small group of women met to discuss Festival of Sharing Personal Hygiene Kits, Funeral Luncheons and Chicken Dinner. A lot was accomplished by just a few!

No new volunteers for a fourth funeral luncheon committee, however Teresa Kraus volunteered to replace Rose Raebel.

Thank you Rose for all your years of willing hands and delicious food!

Personal hygiene kits need to be at church on the 3rd of October. Maryln Palmer will see that they are delivered on October 9th.

Thank you to all who have filled the kits!

Chicken Dinner plans were finalized. There will be beets for those who voiced their concern. The price for dinner has been set at \$12.00. There will be six hundred dinners available from 11:00 a.m. until sold out. We will need lots of help on Saturday to get the food ready. Since we need the gravel parking lot for traffic, we hope for a shuttle to the ballpark parking lot for those workers who usually park on the gravel. Anyone with a van who would be willing to shuttle, please volunteer to any Women's Guild member. We will need lots of workers on Sunday, too.

Please come. We need all the help we can get!

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7th, 2021 @ 11:30 a.m.

Evening Circle

Evening Circle Report for September 2021

The Evening Circle group held its meeting on Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- There were seven ladies present.
- Announcement, Cares & Concerns were shared.
- Our Christmas in November meeting will be finalized at our October meeting.
- There was discussion on the upcoming Chicken Dinner. Final details will be decided at the October 7th Women's Guild meeting.
- We reviewed our November trip to the Branson to see "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theater. We'll finalize at our October meeting.
- More Festival of Sharing bags were handed out. All items/bags are due this Sunday, October 3rd .

We invite all ladies of our church family to join us in fellowship and be a part of the discipleship work of our church.



PRAYER IS VITAL....

Every Sunday we list requests for prayers in our bulletin for a variety of people, from those celebrating the birth of a baby to prayers of sympathy for those mourning and encouragement for those undergoing medical treatment. Please be sure to notify the church office and/or Pastor Pittman by emailing or calling to provide the name of someone you would like included in prayer requests. Prayer Request slips are also available in the Sanctuary every Sunday. Also, as we try to keep the list current, please notify the church if someone you have asked to be added no longer needs to be on the list. stlukesimperial@gmail.com or (636) 948-3545



Bruce Acre*, June Balajka, William Brewer*, Tony & Brenda Carter*, Justin Dixon*, Londyn Dixon*, Luella Gammons*, Betty Gruenewald, Logan Heckstetter*, Adam Hughes*, Doris Kettler, June Koenig*, Jim Kraus, Shirley Neun, Jim Ploesser*, Burnell Raebel, Rose Raebel, Shawn Rodgers*, Jean Seymour, Jeff Stephenson*, Loren Stuckmeyer, Donald Wendler*, Ron White, Lisa Young*

Our Military Personnel

Josh & Michelle Brewer*, Caleb Davidson*, Shawn Farson*, Christopher Kettler*, Joseph Koch*, Samuel Lowry, Eric Oliver*, Kai Reyes*, Kelsey L. Schwent, Eric Watkins

Congratulations



SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Jessa Davis, Maybree Saputo, Claire Narup, Jordyn Davis, Flether McLard, Sawyer Narup, Evelyn Keith, Henry Perry, Jillian Davis, Judd McLard, Parizzitta Skaggs, Jane Keith, Logan Narup, Brenna McLard

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



- Oct 5** Board of Christian Education Meeting (6:30pm Fellowship Hall)
- Oct 7** Women's Guild Meeting (11:30 am Fellowship Hall) **Bring a sack lunch.*
- Oct 12** Board of Elders Meeting (6:30pm Fellowship Hall)
- Oct 13** Pastoral Search Committee Meeting (6:30pm Fellowship Hall)
- Oct 18** HARD Deadline to submit articles/announcements for Nov. Beacon.
- Oct 19** Church Council Meeting (6:30pm Fellowship Hall)
- Oct 24** Trunk of Treat (10:15-11:15 a.m. on parking lot)
- Oct 27** Pastoral Search Committee Meeting (6:30pm Fellowship Hall)
- Oct 31** Chicken Dinner (11 a.m. until sold out, carryout only this year)
- Nov 7** Totenfest Sunday
- Nov 13** Hayride/Bonfire
- Nov. 24** NO Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service this year.

FITNESS CLASS!

Fitness Classes will be held every Monday evening in Fellowship Hall from 7-8 p.m. If anyone is interested in joining, contact Jess McLard for more information.

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!

