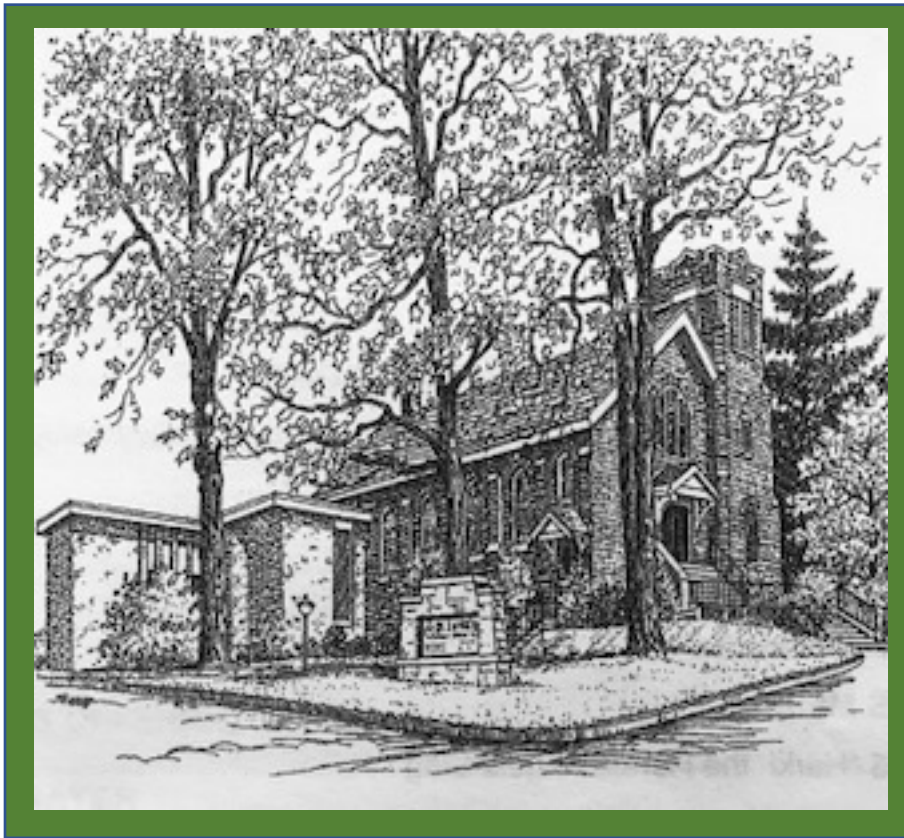


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ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

6610 ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ROAD IMPERIAL MO 63052

(636) 948-3545



DECEMBER 2022

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Email: stlukesimperial@gmail.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL

President

Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President

Dave Pippin

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

<vacant>

Interim Pastor

Rev. Joshua Pittman

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Pastor's Report: Everything is going good. It was brought up that he should repeat announcements. Some people speak too soft.
- Pastor Josh reported that the Christmas Eve Service will be at 9:00pm on Christmas Eve with no service Christmas day. This decision came from the survey sent out to all members.
- The hanging of the greens this year was on November 2th after service.
- Pastor Josh will be off the first week of January.
- Treasurers Report: Sandy Arnold will be working to teach David Pippin the accounting system.
- Executive Committee: We will have a review with Pam Hemann after service on 12/4/2022.
- Reducing the Church council from 9 members to 7 members.
- A preliminary annual budget was put together to be brought to the annual meeting for approval.
- The council is forming a Nominating Committee for positions in BOE & BOCE.
- The Pastor has requested additional PTO instead of a raise Motion made and approved to go from 4 weeks of vacation to 6 weeks PTO.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October

General Giving	\$18,725.00
Expenses	\$16,171.22
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$2,553.78

YTD 2022

General Giving	\$111,079.51
Expenses	\$132,779.46
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ (21,699.95)

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

The Board of Christian Education met for their monthly meeting on 11/1/22.

Sunday School Report

Beginning 11/6/22 we will move Sunday School Opening to the Choir room. Thank you Choir for sharing your space!

Practice has begun for the Christmas Program.

Fellowship/Coffee Hour will continue in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour. If you are interested in hosting, please sign up!

The candles for opening need to be replaced and/or looked at as they will not stay lit. We will have temporary candles in place until the alter candles are functioning.

Open /Close Schedule

Chrissy-11/13/2022

Gail - 12/11/22

Sherry - 1/8/23

Falling for Jesus Festival Report - 10/23/22

Attendance: kids- 18, adults- 30+

We had a great time and turn out after Sunday School with games, crafts and snacks. Thank You to all that attended and helped!

Santa's Breakfast- 12/3/22

Children will arrive for crafts, activities, a book reading and snacks from 9am to 10am; Santa will be here from 10am to 10:30am to greet the children and take pictures. All are welcome.

Christmas Program/Cookie reception -12/18/22

12/18/22 at 6:45pm. Children to arrive at 6:15pm. Cookie reception to follow.

Practice Saturday 12/17/22 from 9am to 11am.

BOCE Terms

Gail and Sherry will have completed their terms at the end of 2022. Thank you for your tireless commitment to St. Luke's. You will be missed

We will be searching for those that might be interested in joining the Board of Christian Education

Next meeting - 12/6/2022 @ 6:30 pm

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

REPORTS:

Worship: Going well. This past Sunday attendance was up because it was Totenfest where we honored those who have passed on this past year. We now have a full choir and they sound great.

Ushers: Things are going good with the ushers and we could always use more.

Communion: All communion supplies are in good shape. Because Sunday attendance has been down we have been filling only every other grape juice and wine cup. For communion on December 4th there will also be a baptism and for the Christmas Eve service we will be filling all cups.

Visitor Care: In October we had 9 visitors.

MEMBERSHIP:

Baptisms: December 4th Connor and James Cathcart will be baptized.

Weddings: Jason Stuckmeyer & Ashlee Mc Pherson, Saturday Nov 4, 2023.

There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service again this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The church will be decorated for Christmas on Nov 27th with a "Hanging of the Greens" church service. We have a "to do list" for everything that needs to be done inside and outside, to accomplish decorating the church. Cards are being made for each task. Following is the list:

Before Hanging of the Greens on the 27th

- Set up the Advent wreath inside
- Set up the Outdoor Nativity Scene

The following will be done on the 27th

Inside

- Main Tree- Stand, cloth for stand, Nativity under tree, Ornaments, lights.
- Nativity Scene on the Altar
- Hanging garland on the balcony
- Wreaths on the walls in the church
- Put up angel
- Add batteries to the candles for Christmas Eve Candlelight service

Outside

- Hanging garland and bows on the railing
- Bows on the lights
- Hang wreaths on all doors outside (wood doors usually get real wreaths)

2. For Christmas church services, the congregation has voted for Christmas Eve on Saturday at 9pm and no service on Sunday.

ENDOWMENT

Endowment has funds available. Any duly elected or appointed Board, Council or Church Committee (not individuals) are eligible to apply. Applications are available upon request from the Church Office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Jessa Davis
Jillian Davis

Roni Belt
Maybree Saputo

Jordyn Davis

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

President

Gail Heckenberg

Vice President

Sherry Pippin

Treasurer's

Linda Schrepel
Brenda Dankel

Secretary

Earleen Stockwell

Women's Circle Meeting Highlights from November 2022

The Women's Circle met on November 10th, 2022. Discussions were held on:

- Christmas in November date set for Wednesday, November 16th, 11:30AM at Frankie Giannino's. There will be a collection of canned goods and \$15 gift cards for a local charity.
- Blood Drive scheduled for Monday, December 5th, 2-6PM.
- Chicken Dinner overview.
- February 2023 Sausage Dinner discussion. It will be a dine-in dinner. Further discussion will be at the January 2023 meeting.
- Toy donation cards will be hung by November 20th. Toys due December 11th.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 5th, 11:30AM at St. Luke's Fellowship Hall.

All ladies of St. Luke's church are invited to join us. Don't forget to bring a sack lunch!

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!

TOY DRIVE

St. Luke's is once again conducting a toy/gift drive this Christmas season. We will be working with one of our local schools as well as the Jefferson County Toy Distribution campaign conducted by the Heart of the Apostle Fellowship Church. The gift drive begins on November 20th and ends on December 11th. We appreciate everyone's generosity and look forward to another successful toy drive this year. If you have any questions, contact Brenda or Don Dankel at 636-942-3630; 314.330.0337 (Brenda's cell); or 314.705.2729 (Don's cell).

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

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

David Belleville
Robert Perry*
Tina White*
Kay Carter

Brenda Day
Loren Stuckmeyer
Amy Gilmore*
Bob Johnson

Megan Nuelle
Betty Gruenewald
Lee Nations
Family of Nancy Dubois*

Our Military Personnel
Shawn Farson*
Alec Schrepel*
Isaak Hartung

Christopher Kettler*
Kelsey L. Schwent

Samuel Lowry
Eric Watkins

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Luke's will be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, December 5th from 2 PM – 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment call the Church Office at 636-948-3545 on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's from 9 AM – 2 PM. Walk-ins are welcome. It is because of donors like you that impact life blood center is continuously able to provide lifesaving blood products to patients in need.

BAPTISM

Conner & James Cathcart, sons of Corey & Jessica Cathcart, will be getting Baptized at St. Luke's Church Sunday, December 4th.

Grandparents: Garry & Denise Kraus, Robin Cathcart, the late Phil Cathcart

Godparents: Zack & Megan Nuelle, Morgan Cathcart & Alan Woodland

PLEASE WORK ON GETTING YOUR REPORTS IN FOR YEAR END.

2022 DONATIONS DEADLINE

All 2022 donations to St. Luke's must be received before **Christmas Day, December 25, 2022** to be included on your 2022 **GIVING STATEMENTS**. This cut-off date ensures that your donations are counted and recorded at the bank before January 1, 2023 and it also gives an accurate accounting report for the Council and the Congregational Meeting.

Please take note that our address is:

6610 St. Luke's Church Road, Imperial, MO 63052

DO NOT USE THE ADDRESS ON THE CURRENT CHURCH DIRECTORY.

USHERS

We are in need of additional ushers. If interested, please contact the Church Office or Brenda Day.

BIG THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to everyone that helped make our chicken dinner a success. It would not have been possible without all the hard work from all our church family volunteers.

Thanks to all who purchased chickens to fill the "Hen House". 82 chickens sold...\$820.00

To Dwight Kraus & Kevin Stockwell for installing new stair nosings on the stairs by the kitchen.

To the crew that tackled the leaf removal around the Church property.

To all those that do things behind the scenes that keep our Church looking and functioning great.

4th QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION

The 4th quarter Sunday school mission is a food drive. Our goal is 500 non-perishable food items collected by the end of December. These items will be donated to Brendan's Backpack and also the Jefferson County Rescue Mission. Please help the Sunday School students reach their goal of 500. You may place donated items in the boxes located in the narthex and also at the handicap entrance of church. Thank you for helping the youth of the church!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Matthew Riordan	12/1	Jordyn Davis	12/15
Ronald White	12/5	Judd McLard	12/17
Stephen Anthonies	12/5	Barbara Lambert	12/18
Kregg Kraus	12/5	Wayne Raebel	12/19
Katelyn Schimsa	12/6	Fletcher McLard	12/20
Mary Hollerbach	12/8	Stacey Miller	12/22
William Michel	12/8	Christopher Cano	12/23
Carol Cameron	12/10	Jessica McLard	12/23
Bernice Roffler	12/11	Courtney Anthonies	12/24
Shelbey Stuckmeyer	12/11	Johnny McKenzie	12/25
Jessa Davis	12/11	Suzanne Magee	12/28
Garry Dale Kraus Jr.	12/12	Burnell Raebel	12/29
Glenda Haefner	12/12	Ashley Carpenter	12/29
Susan Gillman	12/13	Zachary Nuelle	12/29
Joan Thurman	12/14	Judy Dehner	12/30
Warren Stuckmeyer	12/14	Lewis Johnson	12/30
Paislee Carver	12/14	Brenda Day	12/31

*****Please start working on items needed for the 2022 Annual Report.*****

DECEMBER

3rd Santa's Breakfast
4th Cathcart Baptism
5th Blood Drive 2pm-6pm
18th Christmas Program – Cookie Reception
24th Christmas Eve Service - 9PM

JANUARY

15TH Annual meeting

FEBRUARY

19th Sausage Dinner

Join us at St. Luke's
DECEMBER 3RD
Begins at 9:00AM!

9:00-9:50AM: Snacks & Activities

9:50AM: Story

10:00-10:30AM: Santa!



Breakfast with
SANTA



**CRAFTS, FOOD, STORY TIME
& A VISIT FROM SANTA**



BLOOD DRIVE

It is because of donors like YOU that ImpactLife blood center is continuously able to provide lifesaving blood products to patients in need.

St. Luke's United Church of Christ

Monday, December 5 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

6610 St. Luke's Church Road

To schedule an appointment, call the Church Office Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9am – 2pm (636)948-3545 or schedule online through the email from Church sent out November 11th. Walk-ins are welcome.

Thanks in advance for your help and we hope to see you at the drive!

Give blood 11/14/22 – 1/15/23 & get your choice of a gift card or a donation to Feeding America.