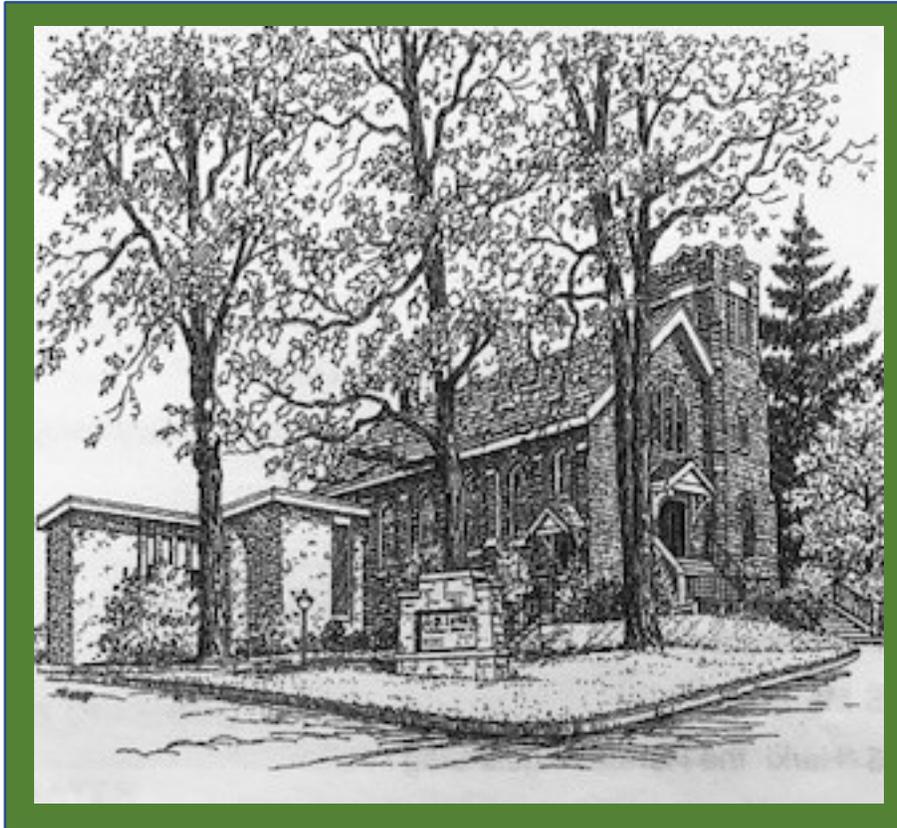


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**FEBRUARY 2024**  
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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear St. Luke's Family & Friends,

Easter is early this year, so as you receive your February church newsletter we are less than two weeks away from Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten season. There are several special worship and devotional opportunities during February and moving into March.

***Transfiguration Sunday, February 11*** – Make plans to worship with us the final Sunday before Lent, which is Transfiguration Sunday. This traditional day in the Christian liturgical calendar includes the retelling of the account of Jesus, Peter, James, and John traveling up a mountain and the disciples observing Jesus' transfiguration, in preparation of their journey turning toward Jerusalem and the cross.

***Ash Wednesday, February 14*** – Come worship with us for a solemn service marking the beginning of the Lenten journey. We will share Holy Communion during this special service which begins at 7:00pm.

***Daily Lenten Devotionals, Starting February 15*** – On each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning during Lent, I will be sharing a daily reflection on a scripture or theme of the day by video on Facebook. Come to our church Facebook page four times each week for a new devotional thought. Our church page is: [www.facebook.com/stlukesuccimperial](http://www.facebook.com/stlukesuccimperial).

***Lenten Sermon Series, Starting February 18*** – My 2024 Lenten Sermon Series is called Covenant and will trace the history of our covenant relationship with God through scripture. I hope you'll plan to join us for each Sunday morning worship time during the season.

***Lenten Lunch, March 7*** – Finally, I'm looking forward to a tradition being reborn this Spring. Our Women's Circle is sponsoring a Lenten Lunch on Thursday, March 7, in Fellowship Hall at 11:00am. We will begin with a time of worship, followed by a fellowship lunch shared with our sister UCC churches in Jefferson County, from Dittmer, High Ridge, Arnold, and Desoto. Want to make a reservation? Contact the church office today!

Watch for more opportunities during the Lenten season in our March Beacon, including Holy Week plans. For more information about any of these, contact the church office, give me a call, or drop me an email. See you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,



Rev. James Hill

Minister

## CHURCH COUNCIL

<b>President</b> Warren Stuckmeyer	<b>Vice President</b> David Pippin	<b>Secretary</b> Yvonne Davis	<b>Co-Treasurer</b> Dave Pippin Don Dankel
<b>Fin. Secretary</b> Linda Schrepel	<b>BOE Rep.</b> Gary Hartmann	<b>BOCE Rep.</b> Kathy Porter	<b>Bldg. &amp; Grounds</b> Garry Kraus
<b>Burgess Cemetery/Endowment</b> Don Dankel	<b>Pastor</b> Rev. James Hill Jr.		

### CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by Warren Stuckmeyer. Reverend Hill said the opening prayer.

Church Council positions were completed.

David Pippin made a motion to have Warren Stuckemeyer as president of the church council. Gary Hartmann seconded.

David Pippin made a motion to have Jess McLard as the vice president of the church council. Garry Kraus seconded.

Jess McLard made a motion to have David Pippin and Don Dankel be co-treasurers. Kathy Porter seconded.

David Pippin made a motion to have Linda Schrepel as the church council financial Secretary. Kathy Porter seconded.

David Pippin made a motion to have Yvonne Davis as secretary of the church council. Kathy Porter seconded.

David Pippin made a motion to have Garry Kraus as the building and grounds contact for the church council. Kathy Porter seconded.

Garry Kraus made a motion to have Jess McLard as the Burgess Cemetery representative. Yvonne Davis seconded.

David Pippin made a motion to have Don Dankel be the Endowment representative. Kathy Porter seconded.

Jess McLard made a motion to have Kathy Porter be the Board of Christian Education representative. Linda Schrepel seconded.

Linda Schrepel made a motion to have Gary Hartmann as the Board of Elders representative. David Pippin seconded.

Garry Kraus made a motion to have all members elected by acclamation. Seconded by Gary Hartmann.

### Reports

Church Council minutes will be reviewed next month as they were not available at the meeting. The Treasurer's report was accepted as given.

Financial secretary's report was accepted as given.

Board of Christian Education report – Greg McLard will get the swing set ordered. Kathy Porter will speak with the members of BOCE to see if we can move Promotion Sunday to another day so it does not coincide with confirmation Sunday. Palm Sunday will be the Easter breakfast after service and also the Women's Guild will have a bake sale. When there is a mission project, please let David Pippin know so he can get the checks issued to the correct mission.

The Board of Elders report was given. Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 pm. There will be a Good Friday service. Not sure if it will be a Tenebrae service or just a regular service. December showed that we had 39 visitors in church. There will be a food collection from February 4th through March 31, 2024. Sausage dinner service will be at 10:00 am. The Board of Elders has requested 2 more hearing devices for the sanctuary.

Building and grounds report – the paddle fan above the choir has been replaced. Roth rooster was at the parsonage to clear the line of clogs. The organ chimes will be repaired 1/24/2024. Cemetery report was accepted as given.

Endowment report was accepted as given.

Pastors report – Ash Wednesday is 2/14/2024. The confirmand's will participate in the Lenten services. Pastor Hill will post devotionals on Facebook on Wednesday's and Thursday's. The spring bible study will be on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. Pastor Hill has a QR code on his business card that will take you to the church website. Pastor Hill will be participating in a pastors meeting on Thursday. This will be with other Jefferson County Pastors.

Don Dankel made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Gary Hartmann seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

### Old Business

Garry Kraus went to Sam's and purchased 2 membership cards for the church. Yvonne Davis made a motion to have Garry Kraus and Tammy Glaus hold those cards. Don Dankel seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. If there are supplies that are needed for the church, please let the office know and we will make a monthly purchase.

Swing set- the funds for the swing set will come from the endowment fund and the building and grounds fund.

Doors-the doors will be paid for using the memorials specifically set for that project. The remainder will be paid with the Swacker and Mangelsdorf funds. We will have dedication plates made for the doors.

### New business

The officers for the church council were appointed.

The chimes need to be repaired and will be paid for from the organ fund.

Technology Team – anyone interested in helping out and learning how things work, please contact Reverend Hill. He has had a member or two show interest.

There was a request for building usage by Chrissy Kraus for Saturday 3/16/2024. Garry Kraus made a motion to approve said usage. Gary Hartmann seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

There were no membership changes for the month but Reverend Hill did say that we will soon have baptisms to perform.

### Open/close

February 18- Garry Kraus

February 25- Gary Hartmann

Gary Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Don Dankel. All were in favor and the meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting February 20, 2024

## **BOARD OF ELDERS HIGHLIGHTS**

Julie Hartmann, Chairperson  
Judy Duro, Visitor Care  
Brenda Day, Ushers  
Pastor James Hill

Kay Moss, Worship  
Michelle Perry, Secretary  
Jess McLard, member  
Gary Hartmann, Council Rep.

There will be a service on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. The board agreed upon 7 PM for the service time.

The Winter Food Drive will start February 4<sup>th</sup> and end March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sausage Dinner service will be at 10:00 am on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS**

Angie Logan, Chairperson  
Sarah Saputo, Sunday School Superintendent & VBS

Greg McLard, Secretary  
Kathy Porter, Church Council Liaison

Reward party will be 2//4/24 from 9 to 11:30 am. Pizza, Popcorn, Drinks and the movie "Elemental".

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024

Vacation Bible School will be July 8, 2024 thru July 12, 2024.

Playground Equipment – Greg to present details and answer questions from the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

## **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!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Jillian Davis  
Isaiah Hill

Maybree Saputo  
Jordyn Davis

Mariella Saputo  
Jessa Davis

### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS..... (\*DENOTES NON-MEMBER, NAMES IN BOLD ARE NEWLY ADDED)

Family of Ian Dunlap\*  
Megan Nuelle  
Bob Johnson\*  
Dave Sheffer\*  
Paul Seitz  
Jeff Timeus  
Mike Burcham\*  
Sandy Fischer\*  
Glenda Dickemann O'Tool  
Harvey Hegemann\*  
**Gail Heckenberg**

Robert Perry\*  
Kay Carter  
Lee Nations  
Dianna Johnson\*  
Trevor Dulle\*  
Mandy Hopen\*  
James Gray Jr.\*  
Jim Forsythe\*  
Nichole Godi\*  
Bob Heitert\*

Loren Stuckmeyer  
Landon Lambert  
Sharlene Schlereth  
Kyle McPhedren\*  
Wayne Kramer Jr.\*  
Alan Bess\*  
Kathryn Morris\*  
Lauren Watkins\*  
Jane Rebsamen  
Jean Seymour

#### **Our Military Personnel**

Shawn Farson\*  
Alec Schrepel\*  
Isaak Hartung\*

Christopher Kettler\*  
Kelsey L. Schwent\*  
Susan Bablowitz\*

Samuel Lowry  
Eric Watkins\*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Earleen Stockwell	2/1	Carl McCullough	2/13
Beth Ryals	2/3	Lillian Perry	2/13
Michelle Poelking	2/4	Keith Morris	2/15
Harper Hillman	2/6	Sarah Saputo	2/16
Debbie Seitz	2/8	Connor Raebel	2/16
Lee Nations	2/8	Samantha Weatherholt	2/18
Rebecca Thomas	2/8	Marylyn Palmer	2/19
Sandra Arnold	2/9	Sawyer Narup	2/19
Yvonne Davis	2/9	Louis Meyer	2/21
Joseph Rose	2/10	Jason Poelking	2/21
Katheryn Reiff	2/10	Pamela Belleville	2/27
Michael Perry	2/11	Deborah Fluegge	2/27
Paul Schneider	2/12	David Stark III	2/27
Shane Perry	2/12	David Belleville	2/28

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Chloe Jacob was selected by the Arnold Rotary Club as Student of the Month for Seckman High School.

## **PIES / DESSERTS**

We are in need of pies/desserts for the sausage dinner. Even if you don't get a call, we ask that you send one (or two!). Thank you for your contributions...our patrons will love it.

Brenda Dankel and Betty McLard

The Pie Room Ladies

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Sandy Arnold for her time as Treasurer, Jess McLard and Chrissy Kraus for serving their perspective committees.

Thank you to all the volunteers that serve on the boards and committees and the behind-the-scenes volunteers.

## **PASTOR JAMES' NEW NUMBER**

Pastor James has a new phone number: (314) 756-1176. The older number will still work but only for a short while.

## **GIVING ONLINE**

Did you know that you can now make contributions to the church online, via electronic check or with your debit or credit card? Simply go to the church website at [www.stlukesuccimperial.org](http://www.stlukesuccimperial.org), click on the link for online giving, and follow the instructions. Questions? Contact our church office today!

## **RECYCLE FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES**

Don't throw away your old or broken holiday lights – donate them instead! Thanks to Didion Orf Recycling, your old lights can be turned into a monetary donation to RMHC. You can recycle holiday lights, extension cords, PC towers, network gear, cell phones, laptops, power adapters, chargers, or office phones. For more information visit [rmhcstl.com/recycle](http://rmhcstl.com/recycle).

## **FEBRUARY**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza, Popcorn & Movie Reward Party 9am-11:30 a.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	BOCE 6:30 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Transfiguration Sunday
13 <sup>th</sup>	BOE 6:30 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sausage Dinner – Worship at 10:00 a.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	COUNCIL 6:30 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	All Board Meeting

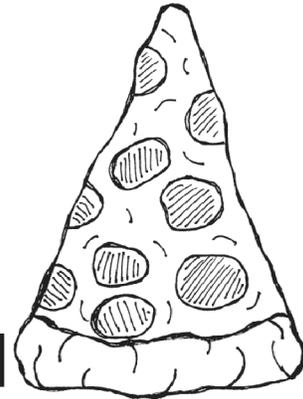
## **MARCH**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Green Eggs & Ham Pancake Breakfast
5 <sup>TH</sup>	BOCE 6:30 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Circle Lenten Worship & Lunch
12 <sup>TH</sup>	BOE 6:30 p.m.
19 <sup>TH</sup>	COUNCIL 6:30 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Palm Cross Making & Easter Egg Hunt
24 <sup>th</sup>	palm Sunday Breakfast & Bake Sale
29 <sup>TH</sup>	Good Friday
31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday

# REWARD PARTY 2/4/24

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FUN!  
SUNDAY MORNING • FELLOWSHIP HALL • 9 TO 11:30AM

# PIZZA



# POPCORN

# MOVIE

**BRING A FRIEND!**  
Bring a pillow & blanket

SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



**9AM to 11:30AM**



# BUY A PIGLET

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SAUSAGE DINNER

Sponsored by the Women's Guild/Circle

YOU CAN HELP WITH THE COST OF  
THE PORK SAUSAGE WITH OUR  
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***ST. LUKE'S WOMEN'S GUILD***

PICK UP A FORM AND

ENVELOPE-SEND IT WITH YOUR

SEPARATE CHECK BY MAIL OR

DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION PLATE

OR IN THE OFFICE.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT



Please join us  
for fellowship &  
great food!

BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

**\$15**

# ST. LUKE'S U.C.C. SAUSAGE DINNER

**February 18, 2024**

**11 am to 4 pm**

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