

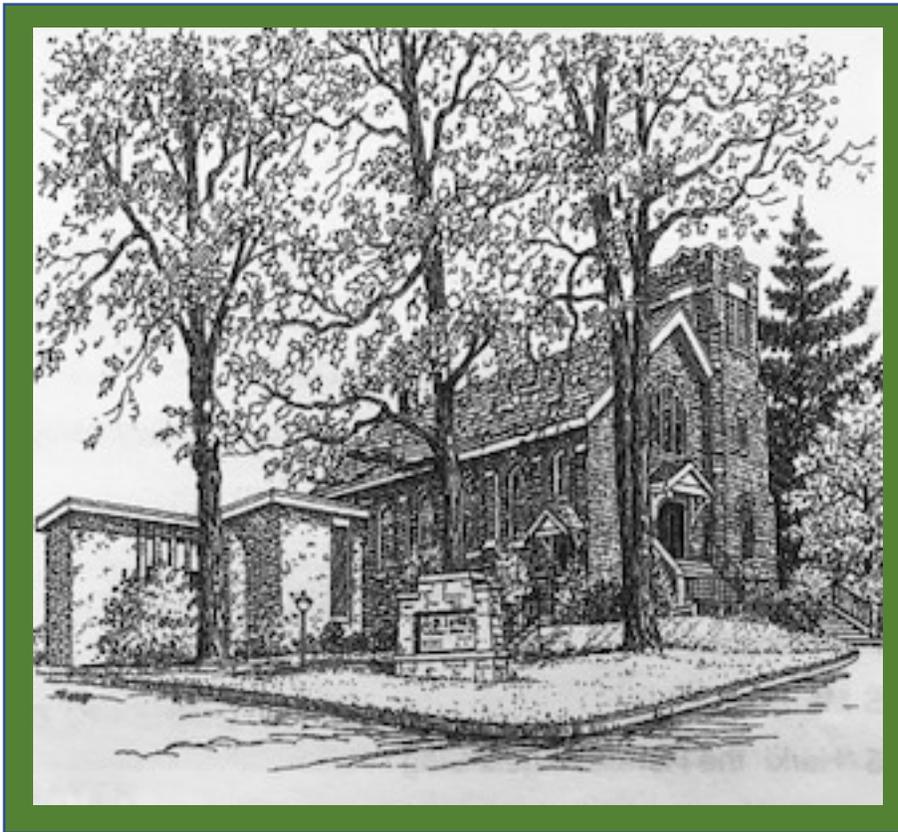
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**ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**JANUARY 2023**

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**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

### REPORTS

Search committee: Has interviewed 2 candidates. Further research is being done on both candidates.

Pastor's Reports: None

Church Council: Minutes from November 15, 2022 Approved

Treasurers Report: Sandy Arnold is teaching David Pippin the accounting system. All is going well. Still in a deficit.

Swacker & Mangelsdorf funds have been combined in one account with UCF.

Financial Secretary Report: The envelopes for 2023 were ordered in September. They may not be available until after the first of the year.

Executive Committee: It is in Pam Hemann's contract that she is to have a 3 month review. We are still in need of this meeting.

BOCE: Minutes look good.

BOE: Minutes look good.

Building & Grounds: Nothing new to report.

Cemetery Report: Nothing to report.

Endowment Committee: Nothing to report.

### NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Arnold would like to get Church Windows on her computer at home.

David Pippin will research accepting Venmo contributions.

Pam Hemann has not taken her allotted time off for the year. A motion was made and passed to pay her the 20 hours as a bonus so it does not get carried over.

There are quite a few old chairs from the Sunday School classrooms that are just taking up space in several closets and classrooms. It will be put out to the Church members and website for anyone that would like the chairs. \$5 each or Goodwill offering.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made and passed to accept the Annual Budget as proposed for the Annual Meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

Deaths: 0

Births: Cal Eugene Carpenter 12/16/22 Grandson of David & Sherry Pippin and Great Grandson of Marilyn Palmer.

Membership: 0

### **OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE**

January 15<sup>th</sup>: Linda Schrepel

January 22<sup>nd</sup>: Yvonne Davis

January 29<sup>th</sup>: Dwight Kraus

Next meeting is January 17, 2023 @ 6:30 pm.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **November**

General Giving	\$13,712.00
Expenses	\$18,631.96
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(4,919.96)

### **YTD 2022**

General Giving	\$124,791.51
Expenses	\$151,411.42
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$(26,619.91)

## **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  
Mariella Saputo

Judd McLard  
Maybree Saputo

Jordyn Davis  
Fletcher McLard

# **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 12/11/22.

## **Sunday School**

Fellowship/Coffee Hour during/after the Sunday School Hour is in need of supplies. We will put out a donation can and ask if anyone would like to host/donate cookies, coffee, juice, milk, Dixie cups, etc.

## **2022 Budget**

BOCE \$2500 VBS \$500 Connie submitted our budget for 2023 to the Church Council and is requesting a \$250 increase for VBS to total \$750.

## **Santa's Breakfast**

60+ in attendance (29 children and 32+ adults) Children arrived at 9am for breakfast and activities. Santa arrive at 10aam to hand out candy and take pictures. Breakfast included donuts, fruit, yogurt, pigs in a blanket, milk, OJ and coffee. Activities were making reindeer food, letter to Santa, color pages, wooden ornament to decorate and sugar cookie decorating. Thank you to all who attended and helped! Also, thank you to the Women's Guild for the use of your Christmas table cloths.

## **Christmas Program / Cookie Reception**

Ornaments for the treat bags were delivered and dated and signed. Thank you to Don & Brenda Dankel for their generous donation!

## **Sunday School Curriculum**

Has been ordered and delivered.

## **BOCE Terms**

We continue to search for replacements for Gail & Sherry as their terms will be complete at the end of 2022. Some possible candidates have been discussed and asked but no confirmations. New members are needed by the February meeting.

## **Youth Account Money**

This money will be used to replace the existing playground set that was so generously donated by Carl and Caroline Kraus years ago. If the budget allows, we may install playground mats beneath as well.

Next meeting - 01/03/2023 @ 6:30 pm

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

<b>Chairperson</b> Jess McLard	<b>Secretary</b> Bob Schrepel	<b>Church Council Rep.</b> Angela Otto	<b>Worship</b> Kay Moss
<b>Visitor Care</b> Michelle Perry	<b>Ushers</b> Brenda Day	<b>Nursery</b> Julie Hartmann	<b>Interim Pastor</b> Rev, Joshua Pittman

### **REPORTS:**

Worship: Going fine. We now have a full choir, and they sound great.

Ushers: We need more members to volunteer to be ushers. We are down six ushers, so this will require current ushers to serve more often. We have lost two ushers because they have joined the choir and two have requested to be removed from the usher list. If anyone knows of anyone who might be interested in helping, please let Brenda Day know. Most Sundays, because of low attendance we only need 3 ushers to collect the offering but on communion Sundays we need 4 to run communion smoothly. We will need 4 ushers for Ash Wednesday on February 22, as it will be a communion service.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Baptisms: None scheduled.

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

Funerals: None

New membership: Beth Ryals would like rejoin St. Luke's by a Reaffirmation of Faith application.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Hanging of the Greens was done immediately after service on Sunday November 27th .

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Christmas Eve Service: We are coordinating with Pastor Josh on the type of Christmas Eve Service that we have done in the past and he said he is fine with that.

2. Advent Wreath Candles: We have not been able to find candles for the Advent and discussed options for next year.

3. Christmas Eve Service: Batteries have been added to the candles for Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

4. Lenten Services: Pastor Josh suggested that we conduct a survey as to what the congregation would want. 1. A service every Wednesday evening, plus Good Friday. 2. Service only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

# 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	Brenda Day	Tina White*
Betty Gruenwald	Robert Perry*	Loren Stuckmeyer
Megan Nuelle	Kay Carter	Bob Johnson
Family of Nancy Dubois*	Lee Nations	<b>Shawn Gilmore</b>
<b>Kyle McPhedren</b>	<b>Katelyn Huelsing*</b>	
<b>Family &amp; Friends of Hunter Guilfooy</b>		

Our Military Personnel		
Shawn Farson*	Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry
Alec Schrepel*	Kelsey L. Schwent	Eric Watkins
Isaak Hartung		

## CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT

The Christmas Gift Drive was successful again this year. St. Luke's helped five families with 11 children for a total of 33 gifts. The families were all connected with one of our local schools. The gifts were delivered on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The presents were beautifully wrapped and were greatly appreciated by the families that received them.

In addition to the local families we served, we also took 110 items (toys, books, art supplies, and clothing) to the Jefferson / Franklin County area providing for children ages newborn to 16. Such agencies as Head Start and Division of Family Services can send their families to the facility to shop for their children.

We thank all who participated in this year's drive and feel privileged to work with such a generous and caring group of people.

Brenda & Don Dankel

## **GIVING ENVELOPES**

We still have not received our giving envelopes. They were ordered in September. If you are in Church, you can use the Pew envelopes for your donation. All we need is your name and you will get credit on your giving statements. You will receive your 2023 envelopes as soon as they are delivered to us. You will be notified by email and can pick them up in the Narthex of the Church or phone the Church office and arrange a pickup Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9am to 2 pm. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

## **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.

## **THANK YOU ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

After purchasing our new Sanctuary Christmas Tree in 2021 and the new Nativity for outside they closed their account and donated the balance of their funds to St. Luke's.

## **BIG THANK YOU!!!**

- Thank you to those who donated at our Blood Drive on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Although we only had 9 donors, that will help 27 people.
- Thank you Kevin for fixing the drawers in the Church Office.

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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!

**A note from Lorna Meyer.....**

I want to thank everyone who helped out with my mother's funeral. From snow removal to the luncheon afterwards. It was greatly appreciated.

**A note from Kathy Porter.....**

To the members of the congregation: Thank you so much for the Christmas card and money. It was very unexpected and very much appreciated. I appreciate the support of the congregation and being a member of the Church. Hope everyone had a good Christmas and wishing everyone a wonderful New year!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Betty Gruenewald	1/1	Patricia Sieving	1/13
Amy McLard	1/2	Sarah Schimsa	1/14
Kelsey Nash	1/4	Judith Duro	1/16
Stephanie Winters	1/5	Ida Haefner	1/17
Alexandria Meier	1/5	Emily Magee	1/18
Lorna Meyer	1/7	Aidan Elrod	1/20
Gavin Kundert	1/7	Joseph Stuckmeyer	1/23
Tyler Morris	1/8	Eddie Lowry Jr.	1/24
Jean Seymour	1/10	Olivia Raebel	1/26
Peggy Schneider	1/10	Ryan Perry	1/29
Cecil McLard	1/13	Zach Schneider	1/30
Benjamin Lowry	1/13	Teresa Kraus	1/31

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

## **JANUARY**

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
29<sup>th</sup> Movie / Pizza Reward Party

## **FEBRUARY**

19<sup>th</sup> Sausage Dinner

## **MARCH**

12<sup>th</sup> Green Eggs and Ham Pancake Breakfast

## **APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> Palm Cross Making & Easter Hunt  
2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday Breakfast

## **MAY**

21<sup>st</sup> Promotion Sunday / Teacher Appreciation

## **JULY**

10<sup>th</sup> VBS (ends 7/14) 5 days from 9am to noon  
16<sup>th</sup> Children sing in Church - VBS

## **AUGUST**

27<sup>th</sup> Rally Day / All Church Picnic

## **SEPTEMBER**

10<sup>th</sup> Goodies with Grands

## **OCTOBER**

29<sup>th</sup> Chicken Dinner / Soda Sales

## **NOVEMBER**

4<sup>th</sup> Hayride / Bonfire

## **DECEMBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> Santa's Breakfast  
17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program / Cookie Reception



