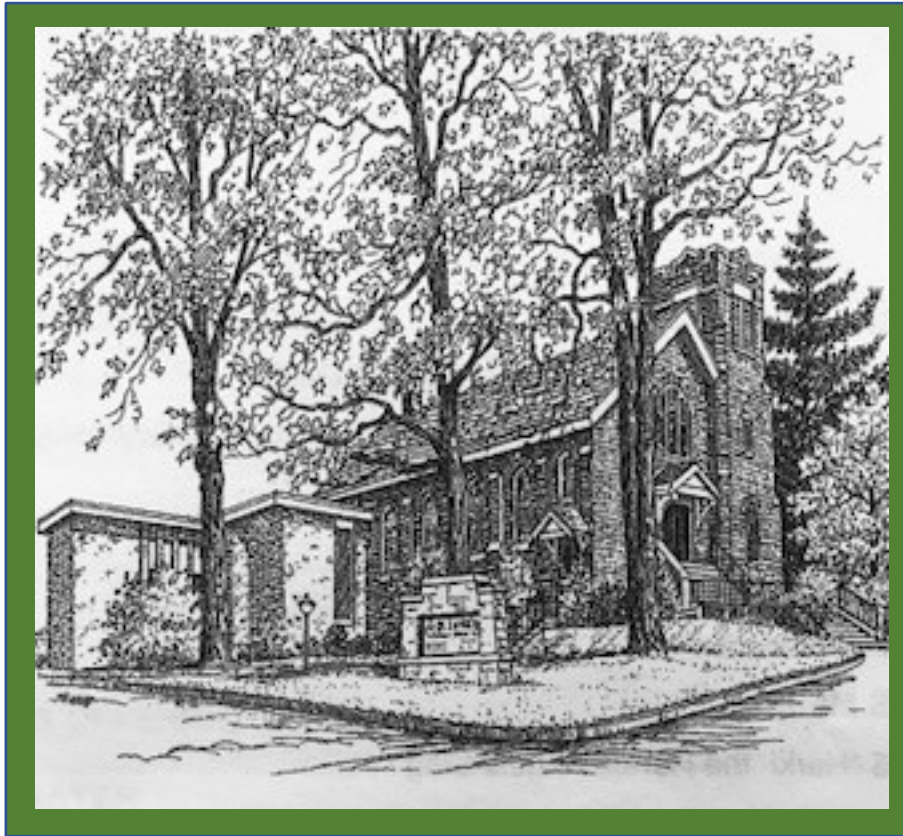


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JULY 2024

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

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President

Warren Stuckmeyer

Vice President

Jess McLard

Secretary

Yvonne Davis

Co-Treasurer

Dave Pippin

Don Dankel

Fin. Secretary

Linda Schrepel

BOE Rep.

Gary Hartmann

BOCE Rep.

Kathy Porter

Bldg. & Grounds

Garry Kraus

Burgess Cemetery/Endowment

Jess McLard / Don Dankel

Pastor

Rev. James Hill Jr.

June 18, Church Council Minutes

In attendance – Warren Stuckmeyer, David Pippin, Don Dankel, Linda Schrepel, Yvonne Davis, Jess McLard. Garry Kraus, Kathy Porter, Gary Hartmann and Reverend Hill.

At 6:15 pm Warren Stuckmeyer called the meeting to order. Reverend Hill said the opening prayer.

Reports

Church Council – No copy available.

Treasurers report – accepted as presented.

Financial Secretary report – accepted as presented.

Board of Christian Education – accepted as presented.

Board of Elders – accepted as presented.

Building and Grounds – The Freezer was cleaned and fixed. Dwight Kraus repaired the closure on the East Facing door at the kitchen. It was brought to Garry Kraus' attention that the main door the Fellowship Hall needs to weather-stripping as we are getting lizards in the building.

Cemetery report – accepted as presented.

Endowment committee – Accepted as presented.

Pastor's report – accepted as presented. Almost finished with certification. He still has his interviews to be completed. Yvonne Davis made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Gary Hartmann seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Cleaning cabinet in sanctuary. Still looking for the right one.

All Church Workday – Kevin Stockwell has some ideas of things that need to be completed. No date set as of yet.

Reverend Hill filed a complaint with the moving company that moved them. The church will receive a \$300 credit. With that credit the Pastor requested he get a new office chair.

New Business

Jess McLard made a request for access permission on the Church Windows Program so she can learn what Linda Schrepel does and she can take over when Linda's time is up.

Fish Fry – It was previously approved to have the Fish Fry on Saturday September 14, 2024. Garry is going to ask the people involved in running the fish fry if they think a Sunday after church would have better results.

Gary Hartmann requested looking for someone in the church to write a PR article for the newspaper for Reverend Hill installation.

Don Dankel is going to work with the Technology Team so that on a Sunday when Greg McLard and Tim Hollerbach are not at church, Don can use the remote.

*Building use – David Pippin made a motion to approve building use for a shower

by Connie Stuckmeyer in the Fellowship Hall on 8/18/2024. Linda Schrepel needed to use some tables to be returned the same day. Yvonne Davis seconded. All were in favor, motion passed.

Membership changes

Deaths –

Births – Aurora Neislein June 13, 2024

Membership –

Open/Close schedule

July 21 – Gary Hartmann

July 30 – Don Dankel

Gary Hartmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Yvonne Davis. All were in favor and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting July 16, 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT

May

General Giving	\$13,981.00
Expenses (Operational)	\$15,977.87
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$1,996.87)

YTD 2024

General Giving	\$83,293.93
Expenses	\$93,220.90
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	(\$9,926.97)

The Church Council is asking everyone to do their part to offset the above deficit. Thank you for your support. This is your Church.

BOARD OF ELDERS HIGHLIGHTS

Julie Hartmann, Chairperson

Judy Duro, Visitor Care

Brenda Day, Ushers

Pastor James Hill

Kay Moss, Worship

Michelle Perry, Secretary

Tim Hollerbach, Member

Gary Hartmann, Council Rep.

Worship: Pastor has been looking for a guest pastor for July 7, still waiting to hear back from 2 pastors yet. Main issue is we need a UCC pastor to bless the elements for communion. Board discussed moving the July communion to June 30th. Motion was made to move the July communion to June 30th, seconded by Judy Duro. There will not be communion on July 7th.

New member Sunday June 30 with a Reception to follow in fellowship hall.

Chicken dinner 10:00 am Service.

Last food drive sponsored by the Elder's collected 134 items and we would like to thank everyone for their contributions.

All Church Picnic is scheduled for August 25th.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Angie Logan, Chairperson
Sarah Saputo, Sunday School Superintendent & VBS
Shelbey Stilwill
Emily Dulle

Greg McLard, Secretary
Kathy Porter, Church Council Liaison
Connie Stuckmeyer
Pastor James Hill

VBS: July 8th thru July 12th. Need large boxes – refrigerator size, camping items, snacks.

July 14th – Kids sing in Church.

Confirmation: May 19th. 5 students were confirmed. All went well.

Open / Close Schedule:

July 14th Emily

August 11th Greg

No meeting in July.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE HIGHLIGHTS

There were twenty women who met at Las Brisas in Pevely to kick off the summer. There was great fellowship, great food and a lot of sharing and caring. No formal meeting but we did touch base on things to discuss for our next meeting, The Women's Circle has helped send seven Sunday School children to camp MoVal this year in the amount of \$1961.50. A few discussions for our August meeting will be: the garden area, a new banner, and the chicken dinner. There is not a meeting in July so everyone have a safe and happy summer. As always, we invite all ladies of the church to join us for our meetings, to join us in fellowship, and be a part the care of our church and community.

.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!

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

(*DENOTES NON-MEMBER, NAMES IN BOLD ARE NEWLY ADDED)

Robert Perry*
Sharlene Schlereth
Mike Burcham*
Bob Heitert*
Glenda Dickemann O'Tool
Jane Kraus*
Cindy (Held) Donaldson
Family of Cecil McLard

Loren Stuckmeyer
Kyle McPhedren*
Sandy Fischer*
Nichole Godi*
Harvey Hegemann*
Keith Morris
Paul Schneider
Family of Paul Seitz

Bob Johnson*
Jeff Timeus*
Jim Forsyth*
Jean Seymour
Kathy Porter
Mike Seymour
Al Jay Kraus
Family of Joan Haefner

Lee Nations
Alan Bess*
Lauren Watkins*
Jamie Gray*
Lana Cornish*
Carolyn Kraus
Belt Family

Our Military Personnel

Shawn Farson*
Kelsey L. Schwent*

Christopher Kettler*
Eric Watkins*

Samuel Lowry
Isaak Hartung*

Alec Schrepel*
Susan Bablowitz*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charlie Carpenter	7/1	James Hill Jr.	7/16
Lorraine Magee	7/2	Ariyanna Schneider	7/17
Jason Kirk	7/2	Robert Kirk	7/18
Courtney McKinley	7/2	Justin Stuckmeyer	7/20
Lucinda Simino	7/2	Clara Narup	7/21
Darrell Kraus	7/3	Bob Johnson	7/22
Robert Stuckmeyer	7/3	Kenneth Eckert	7/22
Tonya Linderer	7/3	Pamela Arnold	7/22
Anthony Jordan	7/5	Karen AuBuchon	7/23
Caizer Crawford	7/7	Kathy Magee	7/24
Diane Riordan	7/10	Karen Geary	7/24
Kenneth Kirk	7/11	Elizabeth Lynn Meyer	7/24
Sally Morris	7/11	Golda Dickemann	7/25
Courtney Stuckmeyer	7/13	Randall Skaggs Jr.	7/29
Brittany Carver	7/13	Emma Pippin	7/30
Theodore Kohler	7/15	Ralph Samples III	7/31
Ryan Kirk	7/15	Chris Kraus	7/31
Delaney Jacob	7/15	Adam Stockwell	7/31

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Ryan Perry and Whitley Barton. They were joined in marriage on June 8th, 2024. The groom had Henry Perry as his best man and Jolene Perry was the mini-bride.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

We are working on scheduling a date for an "All Church Work Day". We will need volunteers and suggestions for tasks to be completed. Please see Dave Pippin, Garry Kraus, Kevin Stockwell and Dwight Kraus for more details.

5K RUN FOR ALS

Sponsoring Don Dankel for the ALS 5K Run In honor of Loren Stuckmeyer and Don G.

To donate to ALS for the 5K run at Kimmswick on July 27, 2024, go to the following website:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/87871/kimmswick-5k/pledge/participant/26547746>

The page should reference Don Dankel and the goal is to raise \$1000. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Cash donations will be accepted and I will pass it on to ALS. With your help, we can achieve the goal and possibly exceed it.

Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU!!!

To Kraus Dairy Farm for providing the equipment to brush hog the area along the gravel drive.

To all who contributed to the cake reception welcoming our new members on June 30th. What a wonderful way to show new members what our church family is all about.

Cecil L. McLard, age 85, died at home in Barnhart on June 25, 2024

Cecil was loving husband to Elizabeth "Betty" (nee Young), his wife of nearly 57 years, a devoted father to Amy (Eric Kundert) McLard and Gregory (Jessica) McLard, and adored his role as Grandpa Cecil to Elizabeth, Brenna, Judd, Gavin and Fletcher. He leaves behind a large extended family, including his sisters Alma Smith, Lillie Bagley and Shirley Johnson; sisters- and brothers-in-law Janet McLard, Herb Young, Ruth Parker, Richard (Kathy) Young; cousins, nieces and nephews (including many greats and great-greats). He could light up a room with his amazing laugh and welcoming smile, and was known for his big hugs, jokes and stories.

Cecil was born in Neelys Landing, Mo. to the late William and Nellie McLard. He graduated from Jackson High School in 1957 and served two years in the U.S. Army. After graduation, Cecil moved to St. Louis and joined his older brothers in working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He worked there for 42 years, and his handiwork as a machinist was used in locks and dams all along the Mississippi River and other water ways. He was a skilled woodworker, avid gardener, lifelong cattle farmer, expert apple butter maker and loved driving his tractors, especially his Kubota.

Cecil met Betty when she was college roommates with his sister, Shirley. He wasted no time proposing – but they waited to marry until after her graduation in 1967. Cecil and Betty raised two children, Amy and Gregory, in a home filled with love, learning, high expectations and animated discussions. They took family road trips all across the country, often to visit extended family and their dear friends, the Kohls. A fierce defender and strong supporter of his family, Cecil always told his children there was no limit to what they could accomplish. As the family grew, he was an excellent father-in-law and even better Grandpa Cecil. With his grandkids, he played games, attended their events, and proudly shared their latest accomplishments to all who would listen.

During his more than 50 years as a master Mason, Cecil twice served as Worshipful Master of Herculaneum Lodge 338 and was a current member of Joachim No. 164 Lodge in Hillsboro, Mo.

As a member of St. Luke's United Church of Christ for more than 50 years, Cecil served on multiple boards and committees, including Church Council president and as the disciple Thaddeus in bi-annual Last Supper depictions. His strong faith, generosity, kindness (wrapped in a sometimes gruff exterior) and enduring love for his family will live in our hearts forever.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings: Velma Craiglow, Jack McLard, Fred McLard, and Bertha McLard; in-laws Herbert and Olinda Young; and sisters-in-law Audrey Schutz and Lois Case..

Visitation at Heiligtag Funeral Home is scheduled for July 7, 2024 from 3-7 pm. and visitation July 8, 10:30 am until time of service at the church, with services at St. Luke's U.C.C. on July 8, 11:30 am and burial at Shepherd Hills Cemetery - in a spot Cecil selected for the view.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Luke's United Church of Christ or Shriner's Hospital.

JULY

7th Guest Minister
8th-12th Vacation Bible School (VBS)
9th BOE Meeting 6:30
14th Kids Sing In Church – VBS
16th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30

AUGUST

6th BOCE Meeting 6:30
13th BOE Meeting 6:30
20th COUNCIL Meeting
25th Rally Day

SEPTEMBER

2nd Memorial Day
3rd BOCE Meeting
8th Goodies With Grands
10th BOE Meeting 6:30
14th Second Annual Fish Fry
17th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30

OCTOBER

1st BOCE Meeting 6:30
8th BOE Meeting 6:30
15th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30
27th Chicken Dinner

NOVEMBER

3rd Daylight Savings Ends
5th Election Day – BOCE Meeting 6:30
11th Veterans Day
12th BOE Meeting 6:30
19th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30
28th Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

3rd BOCE Meeting 6:30
7th Santa's Breakfast / Caroling
10th BOE Meeting 6:30
17th COUNCIL Meeting 6:30
22nd Christmas Program / Cookie Reception
24th Christmas Eve
25th Christmas Day
31st New Year's Eve



SUMMER

at a glance

June	<p>6/9 - 6/12/24 Mini Camp Session (ages 7-9) 6/9 - 6/14/24 Leadership Camp (ages 14-17) 6/16 - 6/21/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15) 6/23 - 6/28/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15) 6/23 - 6/28/24 PRIDE - Summer Camp (ages 8-17) 6/30 - 7/4/24 Family Camp (all ages)</p>
July	<p>7/7 - 7/12/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15) 7/7 - 7/12/24 M.A.D.D. Camp (ages 8-17) 7/14 - 7/19/24 All Ages Camp (ages 8-15) 7/14 - 7/19/24 S.T.E.M. - Summer Camp (ages 8-17)</p>
August	<p>8/4 - 8/9/24 Adventures in Community (ages 18+)</p>

**For information
and to register**



<http://tinyurl.com/2s3rbmsk>

St. Luke's Church Women's Circle is covering 50% of the cost for any of our young people to attend camp at Camp MoVal this Summer. For more information, contact the church office.

Dear church member,

We are in the process of ordering offering envelopes for the 2025 year and want to get an accurate count for our order. Currently, we offer physical envelopes or a member number to track your offering and will continue that process next year. We are asking that you please let us know what your preference is by filling out the Google Form [2025 Offering Envelope Survey link](#) or sending back the paper form with your answers. You can mail the paper back, drop it in the offering plate on Sunday, or call the church office with your response. Please respond by July 31st so we can ensure the envelopes are delivered before the end of the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Linda Schrepel or Jess McLard.

Thank you!!

2025 Giving Envelopes

This form is taking a poll from members of the St. Luke's Congregation whether or not they are wishing to have giving/collection envelopes for the 2025 year. If you do not respond, your status will remain the same as last year. Please return this to the church office by July 31st. You can send by mail, place in the offering plate on Sunday, or call the church office with your preference. Thank you!

* Indicates required question

1. Name *

2. I received my 2024 envelopes... *

Mark only one oval.

- I use them regularly to mail in my giving contributions.
- I do not use them.
- I do not use them and would prefer to not receive them for 2025.

3. I did not receive my 2024 envelopes... *

Mark only one oval.

- I would like to receive them for 2025
- I am ok with not receiving them for 2025 again.

Callout to all Campers
ages 2 through 6th
grade!

CAMP FIRELIGHT

Spark JOY this summer
at St. Luke's U.C.C.
Vacation Bible School

JULY 8TH-12TH

DAILY FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON.

Kids will learn to TRUST GOD and SPARK JOY as we camp together. Each day is filled with Bible stories, songs, crafts, activities, games, food and FUN!

**TOGETHER WE WILL FIND THE
GIFT OF TRUSTING GOD**

Daily Bible Stories will teach us to:

- Trust God to go with us!
- Trust God to lead the way!
- Trust God to share wisdom!
- Trust God to Give us peace!
- Trust God to spark Joy!



Lunch served at noon on Friday 7/12/24

PLEASE JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP
ON JULY 14TH AT 9AM AS THE KIDS WILL
SING AND SHARE A STORY!

Food Donations for snack time are much appreciated. Some needed items are: peanut butter, cream cheese, little smokies, cheese cubes, pretzel sticks, cheese balls, Gala apples, grapes, Ranch dressing, vegetables, cookies, etc. THANK YOU!

ST. LUKE'S U.C.C.

VBS Registration Form

JULY 8TH THROUGH THE 12TH 2024

Please Pre-Register by 7/1/24

NAME _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:

ADDRESS _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PRIMARY PHONE _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE COMPLETED _____

AGE _____ CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY-TRAINED
OR ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

SPECIAL NEEDS/ALLERGIES/MEDICAL INFORMATION:

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE _____

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PHONE _____

Safety protocols will be encouraged. By allowing your child to participate in St. Luke's Vacation Bible School you are agreeing to not hold St. Luke's responsible for any injury or illness.

DATE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

PRINT NAME _____

**For questions please call
St. Luke's U.C.C.
VBS Coordinator
at 314- 315- 5335**

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