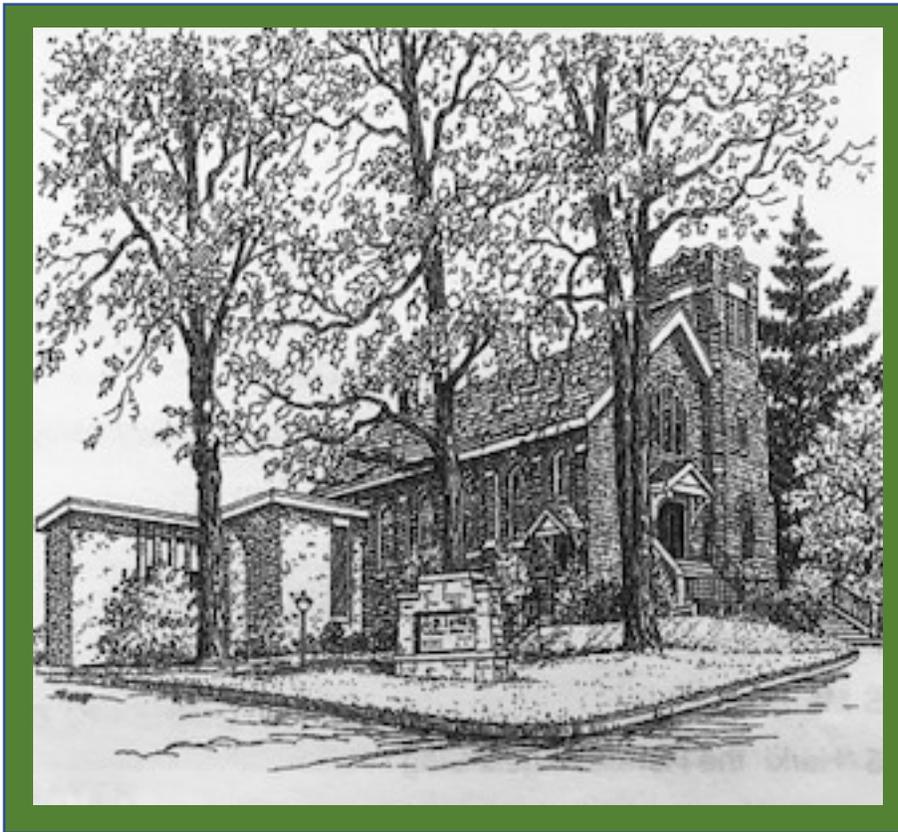


THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

6610 ST. LUKE'S CHURCH ROAD IMPERIAL MO 63052

(636) 948-3545



NOVEMBER 2022

Website: www.stlukesuccimperial.org

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

- Search Committee had an interview and did not find the candidate a good fit.
- 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 will be on November 27, starting at 9:00 with the beginning of the worship service.
- Church council minutes were gone over. The only change needed to be made is that Yvonne forgot to add that the weekly counters need to make sure they properly read all checks and have the giving statements show the proper accounts.
- Treasurers report was gone over. The congregational giving for the month of September was \$1,788 short of the expenses paid. The \$100 quarterly transfer from checking to savings will be stopped,
- Financial Secretary Report – A form for in kind giving will be had for members that make purchases for church and use the receipts as giving.
- Executive committee – Need to do a 3 month review with Pam Hemann.
- BOCE- Falling for Jesus festival is ready to go.
- Board of Elders – Minutes look good.
- Building and Grounds- The sign for the bridge should be completed by chicken dinner.
- The thermostats have been set for the winter mode.
- New nose guards have been ordered for the steps and should be installed by the chicken dinner.

Since our congregation is shrinking, the church council is in the discussion to reduce the number of council members from 9 down to 5 or 6 council members and introduce a volunteer group of members to oversee the building and grounds and to bring proposals to the council and let the volunteers coordinate the repairs. The council is needing the congregation's feedback. Please let council members know your thoughts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September

General Giving	\$8,441
Expenses	\$10,229
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ (1,788)

YTD 2022

General Giving	\$92,354
Expenses	\$116,606
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$ (24,252)

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 10/11/22. Our 4th quarter mission will be a food drive which runs from October to the end of December. Donations may be left in boxes found in the narthex, the handicap entrance and a table in the fellowship hall. Children will have a reward party when their goal of 500 items is met.

Coffee hour resumed 9/18/22. We have a sign up sheet hanging near the serving window in the kitchen for anyone that would like to help/host. Cookies and snack supplies left from VBS are being used until depleted.

Falling for Jesus Festival is scheduled 10/23/22 following Sunday School from 10:45am to 11:45am. Students are encouraged to bring a friend for games, crafts and snacks.

Santa's Breakfast is scheduled 12/3/22 with more information to come.

The Christmas Program is scheduled 12/18/22 at 6:45pm in the Sanctuary with the cookie reception in the fellowship hall to follow. Children will begin practicing for the Christmas Program during Sunday School opening.

Next meeting is scheduled 11/1/22

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Judd McLard
Evelyn Keith

Henry Perry
Fletcher McLard

Roni Belt
Maybree Saputo

Jolene Perry

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. To help Pastor Josh, we still need volunteers to read scripture on Sunday. This past Sunday the choir drafted a new member. We now have 11 choir members.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A hymn sing with a "potluck lunch" is planned for every 5th Sunday in 2022. On October 30th because that is Chicken Dinner Sunday, it will be only a hymn sing and the pot luck will be on Sunday October 16. Elders is providing the meat for this pot luck. For January, April, July and October, 2023 it will be both hymn sing and potluck lunch. More details to follow.
2. There will be no Thanksgiving Eve service again this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Totenfest will be November 6th . We have six names, 4 members and 2 non-members who have passed this past year. This year someone will read the information about the person who passed, rather than it only be displayed on the slide show being prepared. Informational letters to family members are being prepared for those who were members and a carnation flower will be presented to each.
2. The church will be decorated for Christmas on Nov 27th with a "Hanging of the Greens" church service. Pastor Josh requested that a "to do list" be prepared of everything that needs to be done, inside and outside, to accomplish decorating the church. 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)

3. Because this year Christmas Eve is on a Saturday, and Christmas Day is on a Sunday, the congregation has been surveyed as to when they want church services, Saturday? Sunday? or both Saturday and Sunday? and what times. The congregation voted for Christmas Eve on Saturday at 9pm and no service on Sunday.

OTHER ITEMS: The Hollerbach family is organizing a caroling event visiting shut-ins, for those who wish to help and participate.

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 October 2022

The Women's Circle met on October 6th, 2022. Discussions were held on:

- Blood Drive scheduled for Monday, December 5th, 2-6PM
- Festival of Sharing project ended with 58 personal hygiene kits delivered on October 1st
- 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.
- Chicken Dinner plans are coming together.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 3rd, 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!

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

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

David Belleville

Robert Perry

Tina White

Kay Carter

Family of Bob Pettit*

Lee Nations

Brenda Day

Loren Stuckmeyer

Marlyn Palmer

Chaliy Freely*

Ron White

Hermetta Stuckmeyer and Family

Megan Nuelle

Betty Gruenewald

Sharlene Schereth

Amy Gilmore*

Bob Heitert*

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).

TOTENFEST

Totenfest will be held on November 6th during our regular service and we are inviting members of the church to send in a short memorial and photo of loved ones that were lost this year. Please have this emailed or mailed to the church office by October 26 for adequate time to order flowers. If you have any questions, please see a member of Elders.

BIG THANK YOU!!!

The Women's Circle would like to give a big thank you to all who brought Personal Hygiene kits for the Festival Of Sharing project. There were 58 kits collected and delivered on Saturday, October 1st.

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

Carrie Weatherholt	11/3	Angela Rebsamen	11/16
Ethan Miller	11/3	Denise Kraus	11/16
Wesley Allen	11/4	Llewellyn Perry	11/17
Angela Otto	11/5	Jody Stockwell	11/18
Lisa Stuckmeyer	11/5	Rebecca Hollerbach	11/18
Daryl Steffen	11/5	Gracelyn Rose	11/18
Minerva Ainsley	11/6	Jane Rebsamen	11/19
Haley Stuckmeyer	11/7	Dorothy Schlittler	11/19
Abraham Kraus	11/7	Donald Scherer	11/20
Rachel Pippin	11/8	Terry Kohler	11/21
Ronald Gillman	11/9	Evelyn Stuckmeyer	11/22
Kinsey Miller	11/9	Thomas Duro Jr.	11/24
Emily Dulle	11/11	Patty Wirth	11/25
Joyce Kraus	11/12	Steven Otto	11/27
Linda Schrepel	11/12	Brian Haefner	11/28
Belinda Miller	11/14	Robert Schrepel	11/29
Dane Kraus	11/15	Gary Mueller	11/30
Mark Sumner	11/15	Kathy Porter	11/30
Katie Medina	11/15		

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

NOVEMBER

6th Totenfest
14TH Endowment Meeting
16th Christmas in November
24th Thanksgiving
27th Decorate Church

DECEMBER

3rd Santa's Breakfast
4th Cathcart Baptism
5th Blood Drive
18th Christmas Program – Cookie Reception
24th Christmas Eve Service - 9PM
25th Christmas

FEBRUARY

19th Sausage Dinner

WOMEN'S CIRCLE

“Christmas in November”

PLACE: Frankie Gianino's, 1209 Imperial Main St., Imperial

DATE: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

TIME: Arrive at 11:30

COST: Order from the Menu because we could not get the 25 required for a set menu. The lunch menu will be available.

RSVP: Brenda Dankel before **November 9th** at 636-942-3630, 314-330-0337 (cell), or dbdankel@charter.net

MENU:

- ✚ The lunch menu will be available which includes an entrée and a salad but a smaller portion. However, you will be free to order anything you want. We will be billed individually and just pay the waitress.
- ✚ Dessert: Furnished by our group

*In lieu of our gift exchange, we will be presenting gift cards to the women at Lydia House or a Safe Place. For those who wish to participate, please bring a \$15.00 gift card from a store of your choice (Target, Wal-Mart, etc). Each one will be placed in a Christmas card (provided that night).

*And/or, please bring a canned good to be added to the Food Drive.

All women are invited to join us...not just Women's Circle members. Please help us usher in the holiday season with an evening of food, fun, and fellowship.

