

THE BEACON

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Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Dear St. Luke's Family and Friends,

As you receive your August Beacon, our monthly newsletter here at St. Luke's, our family will still be away on vacation! However, I'm glad to share my father, Rev. Dr. Jim Hill, will be filling the pulpit tomorrow, August 2nd. I know he is looking forward to worshipping with our St. Luke's family and sharing on the miraculous feeding of five thousand by Jesus in a sermon titled, "More Than a Meal," based on Matthew 14:13-21. Come feast!

Most of the month of August is a quiet one on the church calendar. Still, I know our Board of Christian Education, Board of Elders, and the Church Council will be hard at work this month preparing for the coming season the life of the church. After all, the return of our Sunday School and choir in September, and our Apple Butter and Chicken Dinner in October, and even our Totenfest in November, are just around the corner. Before we get to September, though, we celebrate our 2026 Rally Day on Sunday, August 30th. Join us for worship on the final Sunday of August and for the all-church picnic to follow. Great food and great fun for all – look for more information in this very newsletter!

We also look forward to starting a new tradition on Rally Day Sunday this year. During our worship on August 30th, we will add a special time of prayer for our teachers and students starting a new school year. This emphasis will include a "Blessing of the Backpacks," with special backpack tags to remind our children God will be with them throughout the year. All school-aged children are invited to bring their backpacks for blessing!

Finally, I hope you are planning to worship with us throughout this month. I'll be sharing from Genesis, Matthew, and Romans as we consider the story of Joseph, the teachings of Jesus, and the Apostle Paul's writing on what it means to be an authentic Christian. See you on Sunday!

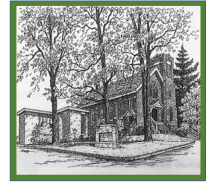
Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James", is written over a faint, artistic illustration of a white lily flower with pink stamens.

Pastor James



CHURCH COUCIL HIGHLIGHTS



President - Warren Stuckmeyer
VP - Dane Kraus
Co-Treasure - Dave Pippin & Don Dankel
B&G - Gary Dale Kraus

Financial Secretary - Jessica McLard
Secretary - Yvonne Davis
BOCE - Becky Hollerbach
Endowment - Don Dankel

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 pm by Warren
Prayer by Don Dankel

Pastor's Report

N/A

Finacial Report

Jess is going to put a note in the Beacon about renumbering and ordering envelopes for next year. Tithle is going to be discontinued, Jess is looking into another form of electronic payments for the future.

Treasurer's Report

- Gary Kraus made a motion to close the Eli credit card. Beck Ssecnded, all were in favor. Motion carried out.

BOE Report

- N/A

BOCE Report

- N/A

Church Council Report

- Accepted as present.

B &G Report

- We need to cut the tree down when it gets cooler . It only has one live branch left on it.

Cemetery Report

- N/A

Garry Kraus made a motion to accept all the reports as presented. Don Dankel seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

CHURCH COUCL HIGHLIGHTS



Old Business

- New handicap entrance – drawings will be ready July 29, 2026. We will send out for 4 bids. Daniel Randolph, Madden, Boyer and another that Warren has. We are at this time requesting bids be turned in by August 18, 2026 before the next Council meeting.
- Plaques for the front doors – Yvonne will get them ordered.
- Bonfire – Set for November 7, 2026. More details to come.
- Updated Directory – Jess McLard had met with Kay Moss and they are working on getting it up to date.

New Business

- Insurance – Warren met with the insurance agent to update the quote for building insurance for next year. He took pictures and noted the improvements
- Bells – The renters are having a family gathering on August 1, 2026 and requested that the bells be turned off for the day.
- Michelle Perry made a request to use the Fellowship Hall on September 26, 2026. Don Dankel made a motion to approve the use of the Fellowship Hall, Yvonne Davis seconded. All were in favor, motion carried
- Warren Stuckmeyer and David Pippin will need to be replaced as their terms have come to an end. Looking for volunteers.

Membership Changes

Deaths:

Ron Gillman

Births:

None

Memberships:

None

Open/ Close Schedule

Aug. 16th :

Jess McLard

Aug. 23rd :

David Pippin

Aug. 30th :

Don Dankel

Stewardship Update

June's Giving

Giving

\$13,475

Expenses

\$20,645

Year-to-Date Giving

Giving

\$108,957

Year-to-Date Giving

\$114,500

Motion was made by Garry Dale to adjourn our meeting at 7:45 pm Second by Don Dankel; all in favor.
Closing Prayer: Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Next Church Council Meeting on August 18, 2026



ST. LUKE'S UCC

EVENT SCHEDULE



**AUG.
2nd**

**100th Birthday Party for
Rev. Carleton Norton,
St. John's UCC, Chesterfield**

August 4th – Board of Christian Education meeting, 6:30pm

August 6th – Women's Circle meeting

August 11th – Board of Elders' meeting, 6:30pm

August 18th – Church Council meeting, 6:30pm



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

On Sunday, **August 30th**, we will include a special time to honor our teachers and students going back-to-school. We invite all our school-aged children to bring their backpacks to worship on August 30th for a special time of Blessing-the-Backpacks!





CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF FAITH, FAMILY, AND FAIRWAYS

You are invited to a
100th Birthday celebration
for The Rev. Carleton Norton.



**Sunday, August 2nd, 2026
from 2:00 - 5:00 PM**

We will sing "Happy Birthday" at 3:30 PM.

LOCATION:
St. John's UCC
15370 Olive Blvd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017

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ST. LUKE'S

RALLY DAY

All Church Picnic

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD, GAMES AND FELLOWSHIP
MEAT & DRINKS PROVIDED • PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT TO SHARE

Sunday, August 30th

Following 9am Worship

- INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES • ATTENDANCE PRIZES FOR KIDS & ADULTS
- ADULT RAFFLE BASKET • LOTS OF GOOD FOOD & FUN!

Upcoming Out of Office:

- Pastor James Hill on vacation July 27th -August 6th.
- Danielle (church secretary) will be out of the office on August 7th (in office Aug. 6th) and 10th (in office on Aug. 11th).
- Danielle (church secretary) September 18th (in office on Sept. 15th) and September 21st (in office on Sept 22nd).



Fletcher McLard

Wyl Belt

Morgan Belt

Roni Belt

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**DENOTES NON-MEMBER, NAMES IN BOLD R NEWLY ADDED*

Robert Perry *	Sharlene Schlereth	Alan Bess*
Mike Burcham*	Kathy Porter	David and Pam Belleville
Bob Schrepel	Kay Olsen	Dorris Stephenson*
Minerva Ainsley	Jody Stockwell*	Sharon Kaplan*
Ollie Stuckmeyer	Juliet Gilmore*	Betty Acre
Jane Kraus*	Michele Day*	Peggy & Harold Burton
Family Ron Gillman	Brenda Farson	Jim Forsythe*
Family of Burnell Raebel	Family of Lewis Johnson	

Our Military Personel

Christopher Kettler*	Samuel Lowry	Eric Watkins*	Isaak Hartung*
Susan Bablowitz*	Brian Randolph	Jacob Wolters*	

Happy Birthday

Owen Miller	08/01	Don Dankel	08/19
Craig Charleville	08/02	Angela Logan	08/20
Mark Day	08/02	Nicolle Nash	08/20
John McKenzie	08/02	Finnegan Weatherholt	08/20
Carter Wallace	08/02	Betty Kraus	08/23
Brooke Anthonies	08/03	David Nash	08/23
James Duncan	08/03	Aiden Rebsamen	08/23
Hannah Duro	08/03	Jason Gillman	08/24
Isaak Hartung	08/05	Rich Schlittler	08/24
Robert Daly	08/06	Lydia Leeka	08/25
William II Glaus	08/06	Peter Sturmer	08/25
Barbara Lovera	08/06	Vera McCullough	08/26
Garreett Schimsa	08/06	Jack Sweet	08/26
William Lowry	08/09	Gail Heckenberg	08/27
Vickey Mautner	08/09	Carol Simino	08/27
Ollie Stuckmeyer	08/12	Michelle Stockwell	08/27
Mark Davis	08/14	Rhonda Dobbs	08/28
Leighton Gillman	08/14	Louis Meyer	08/28
Leah Timeus	08/15	Taylor Olsen	08/29
Walker Nash	08/16	Nicole Ramirez	08/29
John Sievin	08/16	Katie Kable	08/31
Connie Stuckmeyer	08/16	Dwight Kraus	08/31
Abigail Stockwel	08/17	Courtney Stark	08/31
Michael Wirth	08/18		

