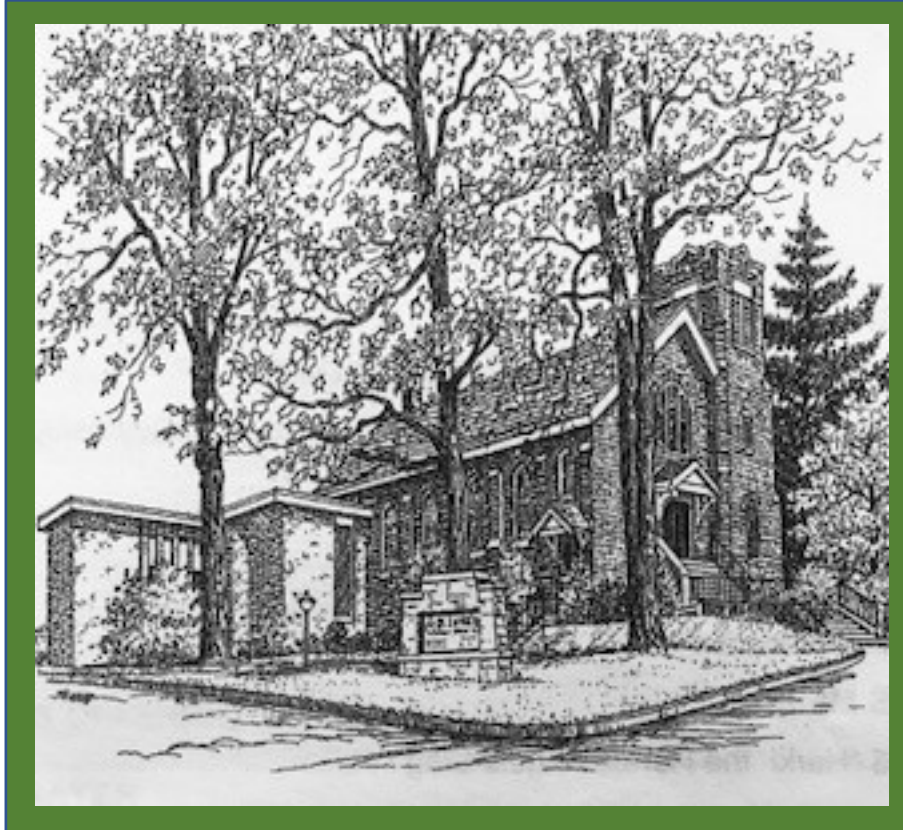


THE BEACON

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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June 2026

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

June 1, 2026

St. Luke's Family and Friends,

As we enter the month of June, we begin the part of our lectionary cycle called "Ordinary Time." This is not meant to diminish this particular season of the year, but to distinguish it from more *extraordinary* time. Our previous seasons in the life of the church certainly seemed extraordinary: the power of the cross, the wonder of resurrection, the spectacular display at Pentecost – and even the confoundedness of the Trinity. So, the season to come can seem, well, ordinary.

Both our church life here at St. Luke's UCC and our larger community can feel that way, too. We've just come through a season where we celebrated Mother's Day, Sunday School promotion and teacher recognition, and Confirmation Sunday. School is out for the Summer, family vacations have begun, and some of our activities and groups prepare for a Summer break.

Oliver Sacks was a British neurologist, naturalist, science historian, and writer who once observed regarding the "ordinary":

When we see in everyday life things that are petty, ordinary, and banal, we generally fail to remember them, because the mind is not being stirred by anything novel or marvelous. But if we see or hear something exceptionally base, dishonorable, unusual, great, unbelievable, or ridiculous, that we are likely remember for a long time...Ordinary things easily slip from the memory while the striking and the novel stay longer in the mind.

It is very easy for the ordinary to become unmemorable. However, ordinary time is holy time. The authentically lived spiritual life exists not only in the wonder-filled nature of the spectacular, but also in the rhythm of the mundane. In the month of June, I look forward to sharing about the very nature of faith, grace, and the presence of God from the book of Genesis and epistle of Romans. I hope you'll join me on this ordinary journey on Sunday mornings. Let's make the ordinary memorable.

Finally, there are two special events I want to point to, both of which you may learn more about from our Beacon newsletters throughout this Summer. In July, we have our annual VBS – something no family in our church will want to miss. In August, Rev. Carl Norton, who has served St. Luke's UCC faithfully in the past as both interim pastor and supply preacher, will be celebrating his 100th birthday. Nothing ordinary about that! Keep reading for more information.

See you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,



Pastor James

In Attendance: Warren Stuckmeyer, Jess McLard, Gary Hartmann, Dane Kraus, Garry Kraus, Don Dankel, David Pippin, Becky Hollerbach, Reverend Hill, Yvonne Davis.

At 6:30, p.m. Warren Stuckemeyer called the meeting to order. Reverend Hill said the opening prayer.

The first thing was to listen to concerns from members regarding the special congregational meeting from May 17, 2026.

- Greg McLard went over some items he was concerned about.
- Dwight Kraus, Daniel Randolph, Dwight Randolph and Mark Davis were at the meeting to give ideas for other options for a handicap ramp to the Fellowship Hall. Kay Moss had some questions.

After much discussion, David Pippin made a motion to proceed with the south entrance plans.

Garry Kraus seconded. Becky Hollerbach abstained from voting. Motion passed.

REPORTS

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

OLD BUSINESS

Roof claim – Insurance has not received bills for Downspouts on the church, fascia repair on fellowship hall and garage gutters. If no bill turned in, claim will be closed.

NEW BUSINESS

- The church has received an invitation for all members to help celebrate Reverend Norton's 100th birthday on August 2, 2025 from 2-5pm at St. John's United Church of Christ, Chesterfield
- Jess McLard has requested to use some of the tables and chairs May 23, 2026. Garry Kraus approved use. David Pippin seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.
- The construction people will be asked to no longer use our back parking lot.

Membership Changes

- Deaths: none
- Baptisms: Lauren Belt, Veronica Belt, and Samuel Reiff
- Membership: none

Open/Close

- June 21- Dane Kraus
- June 28 – Don Dankel

At 8:45 Garry Kraus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Dankel seconded the motion; all were in favor. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Church Council Meeting: June 16, 2026

BOARD OF ELDERS HIGHLIGHTS

**St. Luke's United Church of Christ Board of Elders
Meeting Minutes May 12, 2026**

6:30 p.m.

Julie Hartmann, Chairperson
Chrissy Kraus, Visitor Care
Judy Duro, Ushers
Pastor James Hill

Tuesday May 12, 2026

Kay Moss, Worship
Vicki Randolph, Secretary
Tim Hollerbach, Member
Gary Hartmann, Council Rep.

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order by Julie Hartmann at 6:37 p.m.

PRAYER Pastor James Hill

COMMUNION SCHEDULE FOR 2026

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • January-February-March-April | Kay Moss & Tim Hollerbach |
| • May-June-July-August | Judy Duro & Chrissy Kraus |
| • September-October-November-December | Julie Hartmann & Vicki Randolph |

MINUTES (April 14, 2026) Motion to approve April Minutes with the date correction of Joyce Kraus Funeral made by Tim Hollerbach, Seconded by Kay Moss

REPORTS

- Worship: Fine
- Ushers: Going good, rearranging needed due to vacations Communion: Going fine, Cups have been ordered
- Visitor Care: Not available at this time

MEMBERSHIP Confirmation Class: 1 more class with Confirmation on May 24, 2026. Everything has been ordered and should be in by then. The children's sermon will be led by the confirmands on May 17, 2026.

Baptisms: There were 3 Baptisms: Loren and Ronnie (Veronica) Belt on May 9th and Samuel Reiff on May 10th, 2026.

Weddings: None

Funerals: None

New Member: 3 Baptisms

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Promotion Sunday (5/17/26) BOCE has everything covered 2. Pentecost Sunday (5/24/26) Wear Red 3. Confirmation Sunday (5/31/26) It was approved that we would have communion for the month of June on Sunday May 31, 2026. Need to reserve pews for confirmands and families. No cake or pastries to be served this year after the service per pastor's request.

NEW BUSINESS: 4. Summer Food Drive Dates: August 2-30, 2026 for Brendan's Backpack Kay will make a sign. 5. Annie's Hope total: Not available at this time 6. Graduate Sunday (6/07/26) Order a cake for graduates. It was requested to change Graduate Sunday to 6/14/2026.

OTHER ITEMS: 1. All church Picnic will be held on 08/30/2026. 2. There may not be a confirmation class next year due to low count. 3. Pastor James has requested to not wear a robe during June, July, and August during the hot summer months, the board had no problem with this request.

Motion made to adjourn by Kay Moss and seconded by Judy Duro and closed with The Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted, Vicki Randolph

NEXT MEETING: June 9, 2026

**St. Luke's UCC
Board of Christian Education Meeting Minutes
May 5th 2026**

*Shelbey Stilwill- President (2nd yr, 2nd term)
*Greg McLard - Secretary (2nd yr, 2nd term)
*Sarah Saputo - Sunday School Superintendent & VBS (2nd yr, 3rd term)
*Joslyn DeVeydt - Missions Director (1st year, 1st term)
*Becky Hollerbach - Church Council Liaison
*Pastor James Hill
***Present at meeting**

Opening Prayer. 6:37pm - Pastor James

Welcome -

Minutes - Sarah made a motion to accept minutes, Shelbey 2nd - motion passed.

Reports

Sunday School - Sing promotion Sunday - 3 songs.

Church Council - meeting on May 17th for proposal of updated entry.

Sunday School fund - where does this money need to go? BOCE would like to understand how long and what these donations came from.

Confirmation - May 17th - Confirmands are leading children's sermon.

Budget BOCE \$2,500 VBS \$1,000

Missions -

1st quarter = School Lunches - will be sent to Antonia Elementary.

2nd quarter - helping hands and horses.

Open Close Church Schedule:

May 10, 2026 - Shelbey Stilwill

June 14 2026 - Greg McLard

July 12 2026 - Sarah Saputo

August 9, 2026 - Joslyn DeVeydt

Old Business

Confirmation needs:

- Glasses need to be engraved 1 month prior to Confirmation day.
 - Monogram + date of confirmation
 - Joslyn will take care of this.
- Church Secretary to order robes and necklaces (robes will need to be steamed)

- Becky will order necklaces
- Church Secretary getting robes.
- Corsages (red) 1 week before Confirmation day.
 - Joslyn will order.
 - May 31st is the Confirmation date for 2026.
- Bible ordering from Christianbook.com (for promotion Sunday).
 - - Joslyn will order
 - Put the student's full name on Bible.
 - Jolene Perry
 - Owen Nuelle
- Need new alter candles for Sunday School Opening.
 - *Joslyn will look at ChristianBooks.com for useable type of candle. Discuss with

New Business

Confirmation needs:

- Glasses need to be engraved 1 month prior to Confirmation day. Monogram + date of confirmation
 - Joslyn will take care of this.
 - Glasses at engraver. Waiting for contact for completion.
- Church Secretary will order robes and necklaces (robes will need to be steamed) on May 6th
- Becky will steam robes.
- Church Secretary / Pastor James getting robes.
- Corsages (red) 1 week before Confirmation day.
- Joslyn will order asap.

Promotion Sunday Needs

- Bible ordering from Christianbook.com (for promotion Sunday) - Ordered 5/5/26. NRSB Gift Version in Burgandy. Order in 'Upper and Lowercase style.' Put the student's full name on Bible. First, Middle and Last names.
 - Jolene Perry
 - Owen Nuelle
- Children's Bibles - These have been brought up to add at 1 per pew? Or put a few with the coloring books? Table this for further review. Have a few additional discussions.
- At time of this meeting, Children's Bibles with the coloring books is preferred.

Teacher Appreciation Needs (May 17th)

Cake - order from Walmart or Sams. Joslyn will get the cake.

Gifts - Shelby will get gift cards and 'fun things'.

Graduate recognition

Current date is June 7th. Move it back to June 14th so those recognized can be in attendance. BOCE is in favor of moving back 1 week.

Greg made the motion to adjourn, Joslyn 2nd.

***Next meeting to discuss Sunday school schedule for Summer.**

Upcoming Events:

- Promotion Sunday Teacher appreciation - May 17th
- Confirmation Sunday - May 31st
- VBS July 6-10th: Sarah will lead order and ask Church Secretary to purchase.

Women's Circle Meeting

There were eight women who met on Monday, May 4, to clean the sanctuary. Pew cushions were vacuumed, pews and woodwork were wiped down before polish was applied. Afterwards there was a short meeting in the fellowship hall. The minutes and treasurer reports were reviewed and approved. Plans were made for a field trip to Farmington on Friday, May 15. The May mission is \$150 to be made to DRA (Disabilities Resource Association). There were 100 hanging baskets ordered, picked up and sold for the Mother's Day sale. The Women's Circle will pay half of the camp registration fee for any St. Luke's Sunday School child wishing to attend camp MoVal. Please submit your request to Brenda Dankel, treasure, or drop it off in the church office. There will be no meeting in July, and the August 6 meeting will be a pool party at Denise Kraus' house.

Thank You For Your Support

A big thank you goes out to all who purchased hanging baskets from the Women's Circle Mother's Day Flower Sale. Your support is always deeply appreciated. Without your support we could not do the projects we do and support our church and community in the ways we do. Gratefully, The Women's Circle

Women's Circle Field Trip to Farmington

There were sixteen ladies who went on a field trip to Farmington for lunch and shopping. It was a well-deserved outing for all who attended. It's so true that all work and no play came through loud and clear on this day, a newfound energy came to life. We hit the road by 9:30 and arrived at about 10:15. Shopped for the boutiques, mercantile, and unique shops before lunch at '12 West' and then back to shopping. We ended our day with a quick trip to the Amish store and back to get some homemade ice cream at the Mercantile before heading home. It was a good day.

QUILTS! QUILTS! QUILTS!

Come anytime from 9:00am to 2:30pm to learn to quilt or help with craft projects. There is material to measure and cut as well as embroidery floss and crotchet thread to use. We would love to have you for an hour or all day!

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

*(*DENOTES NON-MEMBER)*

Robert Perry*

Mike Burcham*

David and Pam Belleville

Doris Stephenson*

Sharlene Schlereth

Kathy Porter

Bob Schrepel

Minerva Ainsley

Alan Bess*

Burnell Raebel

Kay Olsen

Jody Stockwell*

Sharon Kaplan*
Juliet Gilmore*
Jane Kraus*
Ron Gillman

Ollie Stuckmeyer
Betty Acre
Michele Day*
Lewis Johnson

Family of Joyce Kraus
Paul & Peggy Schneider
Peggy & Harold Burton

Our Military Personnel

Christopher Kettler*
Susan Bablowitz*

Samuel Lowry
Brian Randolph

Eric Watkins*
Jacob Wolters*

Isaak Hartung*

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE



Upcoming Calendar

June

June 21st Father's Day
Graduate Recognition

July

July 6-10 Vacation Bible School (VBS)
July 12th VBS Children share during worship

August

Aug 2nd 100th Birthday Party for Rev. Carl Norton, St. John's UCC, Chesterfield
(see flyer for more info)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jennifer Cano 06/01
Timothy Hendrickson 06/02
Alexia Schopp
Jackie Craig 06/03
Christopher Leiker

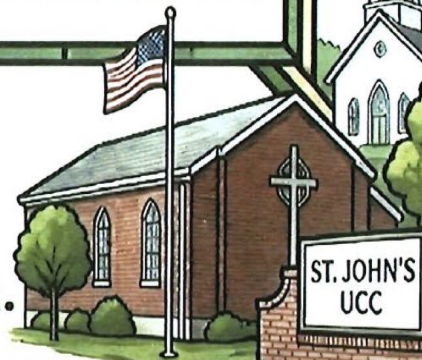
Janet Mize
Marianne Gaertner 06/04
Shawn Gilmore
Matthew Perry

Sophia Jordan	06/05	Jodi Hendrickson	06/18
Kole Williams		Clifford Rebsamen	
Susan Hartmann	06/06	Henry Perry	06/19
Andrew Kohler		Benjamin Glaus	06/21
Michael Price		Henry Lowry	
David Stark Jr.		Emily Crawford	06/22
Elaine Alexander	06/07	Easton Day	
Elizabeth Kundert		Janet Knopp	
Alice Kohler	06/09	Logan Narup	
Jessica Cathcart	06/10	Sandy Stockwell	
Betty McLard		Edith Dulle	06/25
Jeff Thurman	06/11	Tylar Nash	
Randy Carver	06/12	Bonnie Sproull	
Lora Eckert		Julie Jordan	06/27
JoLynn Harris		Julie Schimsa	
Landon Lambert		Jillian Davis	06/29
Aurora Neislein	06/13	Rebecca Doggett	
Charles Mize	06/14	Megan Gordon (Pfeil)	06/30
Chase Nash		Landen Miller	
Michelle Perry		Sherri Wilson	
Margaret Richards	06/15		



**CELEBRATING A CENTURY OF
FAITH, FAMILY, AND FAIRWAYS**

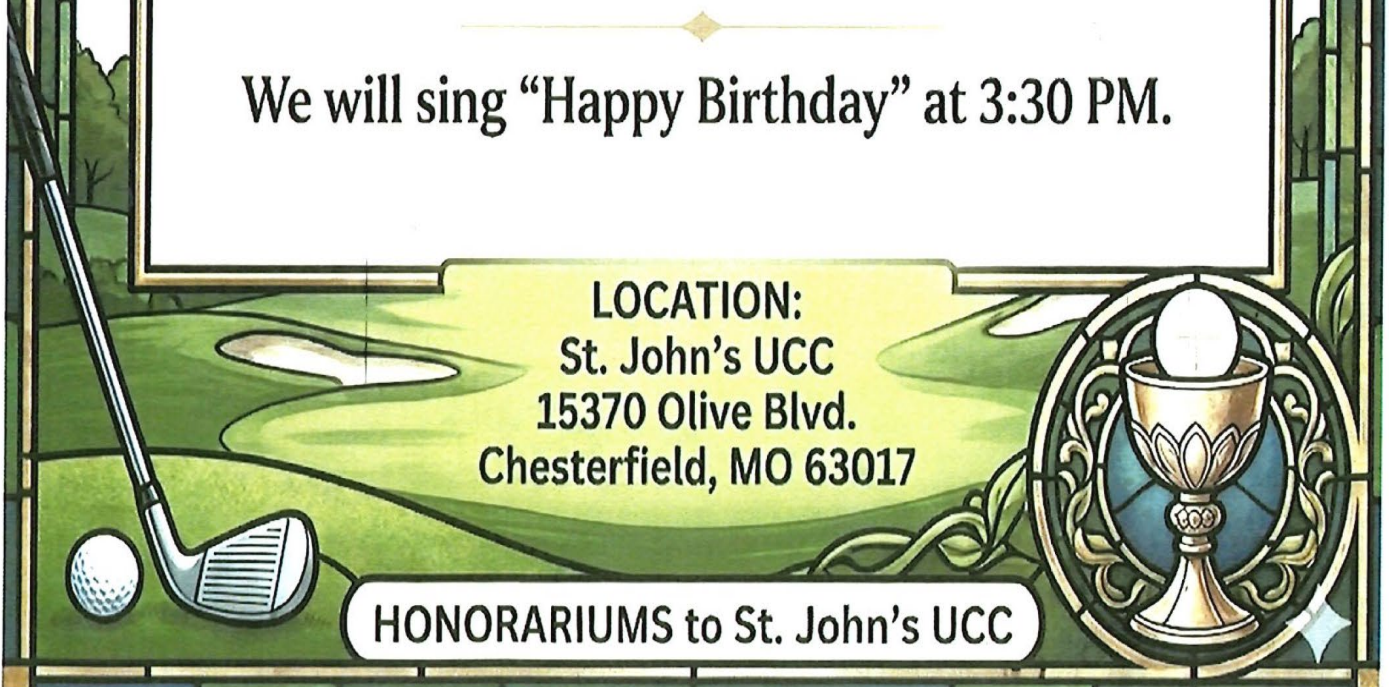
You are invited to a
100th Birthday celebration
for The Rev. Carleton Norton.



**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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