

St Luke's UMC Telegraph

October 2023

Newsletter



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Dear St. Luke's,

Over the last five weeks I've had 6 "Coffee with the New Pastor" meet-and-greet events. These meetings have been a great way for me to get to know so many of you who make St. Luke's what it is. I've heard a lot of important hopes and dreams, listened to your stories of connecting to this church and choosing to make this church your spiritual home. And I'm hearing what you see as the big challenges facing St. Luke's.

A number of lessons from these coffees stand out to me. First, St. Luke's has been a church that invites family, friends, and new co-workers to be part of the church. Most of you are part of this church because someone said to you, "I love St. Luke's. I think you will, too."

A second lesson that stands out to me is that St. Luke's wants to know what's going on in The United Methodist Church right now. Many have asked me what's happening in our Missouri Conference. Specifically, you want to know what is leading so many churches and pastors to disaffiliate from the conference and the denomination.

A third lesson. Many of you are seeing this chapter in St. Luke's ministry to be an important opportunity to talk about the big issues and challenges facing this church. How can we grow as a church? How do we get younger people to attend? Is this the right location for this church? What will it take for us to care for an aging campus of buildings with financial responsibility?

These lessons are very honest thoughts and feelings you've shared with me. Thank you for helping me take an important step in getting to know St. Luke's. I think it's very important for me to continue these conversations by hosting workshops that focus on St. Luke's legacy of invitation and hospitality, the denominational issues and the future of this church. I don't have all the details worked out for these workshops.

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I don't have all the answers to your questions. But I promise I'll continue to talk with you and help St. Luke's to move from talk to an understanding of where we go from here together.

Thank you St. Luke's for helping me to get to know you. I look forward to the next steps in this chapter of ministry with you.

Blessings, Dr. Mike

Give-A-Meal-A-Month For Feed My People

(Bring donations to the Collection Room off of Fellowship Hall)

OCTOBER 2023

Main Menu

Canned Tuna or Salmon in water
Tuna or Hamburger Helper
Soups (tomato, cream of mushroom, vegetable, etc.)
Any Canned Fruit/Applesauce
Powdered Milk or Soy Milk, (shelf stable)

Additional Items -

Baby Food, baby cereals, (rice, barley, mixed)
Baby juices, baby formula with Iron
Diapers, diaper wipes

Adult diapers, Boost, Ensure (or similar product)

Festival of Sharing: Collection Opportunity

by Sandy Newman

What can we do year round to help out with Festival of Sharing?
Just save the UPC Labels off of the **"Best Choice" brand items** that you purchase. It is an easy collection opportunity! There are a variety of products sold in the BEST CHOICE brand at Wal-Mart and Target. After you use the product just cut off the UPC label and bring to church to put in the Collection jar marked for that purpose. For every 1,000 labels turned in the Festival is able to collect \$33.00 to be used for hunger related projects in Missouri! We will collect these labels all year long!

INVITABLE EVENTS

Weekly

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9AM**
- **SEW N'SEWS:** Mondays, 9AM
- **RE-SELL-IT SHOPPE**
Thursdays, 9:30 - 3:30 PM
Saturdays, 10 AM - 2 PM
- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**
Thursdays, 9-11 AM,
Fellowship Hall
- **GAME DAY**
Thursdays, 12 PM
- **PIECEMAKERS QUILT GROUP**
Wednesdays, 9 AM

Monthly

- **GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON**
Oct 2nd—12 Noon
at Olive Garden

VITAL STATISTICS

St. Luke's 2023:

Average Worship Attendance

73 On Campus
42 Online Engagements

STEWARDSHIP

GOALS:

2023 Apportionment Goals for Missions

Goal= \$46,386
Paid YTD= \$28,000

2023 Breakthrough Building Fund

Goal= \$459,982
Loan Balance
Paid YTD= \$25,028
Principle
Paid YTD= \$19,257 Interest

*This is my commandment,
that you love one another
as I have loved you* John 15:12

HEALTHY MINISTRIES

by Shari Scott

When you think about the members of our church, your mind may automatically settle on the people who are here at services every week or those you serve with on committees or in small groups. It's just as important that we think about others who are just as much a part of the church but don't immediately spring to mind because they are not able to attend in person. By staying in contact with our friends that are homebound or in assisted living facilities helps them stay connected. Don't forget about those you haven't seen in church for awhile. It is so important that we reach out to these folks via phone calls or cards/letters to let them know they are in the thoughts and prayers of their St. Luke's family.

There are no October birthdays but, what about sending a Halloween card or note to our homebound friends just to let them know we are thinking of them.

If you need their contact information, you can call or stop by the church office.

And, don't forget to keep our entire St. Luke's family, in your hearts by including them in your daily prayers.

If you are contacting any of our members that are unable to attend services in person, please let the office know that you have talked with them and how they are doing.

THE MAURINE ABEL RE-SELL-IT-SHOPPE

The M.A. Re-Sell-it Shop will be having a "Cash 'n Carry" sale!

PRE-SALE: Friday, November 10, at 6 PM

Admission fee \$5.00.

We will have Exclusive Specials that night for those in attendance.

MAIN SALE: Saturday, November 11, 9:00am - 2:00pm

No admission fee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM Every
Sunday



Join us after the church service for Sunday School!

We have four classes to offer:

Children ages 5 thru 11 meet in room 220 on the second floor of the Parkhurst building.

Youth ages 12 thru 18 meet in the Youth Room also on the second floor of the Parkhurst building.

Three adult classes -

The Seekers meet in room 215/217.

The Open Door Class meets in the Parlor (room 211)

Stirring The Pot meets downstairs in the Gospel Café.

If you don't see a class that looks right for you, contact Shari Scott so we can find something that will meet your needs!

GRIEF SUPPORT

GROUP by Jean Bailey

The next luncheon will be October 2nd at Olive Garden on Lindbergh at 12 noon. Any questions please call Jean Bailey at 314-660-2912.

(As of 8/31/2023)

Contributions:

General Fund and some special dedicated accounts	\$170,391	Income (General Fund):	\$ 234,415
Building Fund	\$21,908	Expenses (Staff and Operating Funds)	\$ 296,838
Window Fund	\$61,000	Difference	\$ (62,423)

Monthly general fund contributions not covering monthly expenses.

Building loan – Paid \$25028 on the principle thru August – current value: \$459,982

Building Fund Balance: \$82,265

Building Loan Expenses YTD		Building Fund Contributions	
Principal	\$ 25,028	Total YTD Contributions	\$ 21,908
Interest	\$ 19,257	Contributions needed per month	\$ 5,535.00
Total Expenses	\$ 44,285	Avg. Monthly Contributions	\$ 2,738.50

Stewardship of community by Pamela Jones

You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. –Leviticus 19:18b

And who is my neighbor? –Luke 10:29b

Think of all the homes, apartments and condos within walking (or easy driving) distance of our congregation. Now ask, how do we interact with these neighbors? Does our congregation understand their issues, joys, opportunities and challenges? How can we love them as ourselves?

Though God has filled the world with neighbors for us to love, we have a special opportunity and responsibility with neighbors who are nearby us. They form our immediate community. Many congregations narrowly define “community” as people who are already part of church, but God calls us to broaden our vision.

Congregations across our denomination are finding renewed energy and purpose by reconnecting with their community neighbors. It takes work and a willingness to go outside our comfort zone, but it’s worth the effort that pays off for them and us.

Loving our neighbors naturally gathers us together as a community that is blessed by God. It holds true in our personal lives, as well as the life of our congregation. As summer comes to a close and the coming fall reminds us to be thankful for what we have, let’s commit to finding ways to be better stewards of our community, engaging our neighbors, especially those who live closest to our congregation.



PRAYER WARRIORS

We are looking for individuals or couples to staff the Prayer Room on a rotating basis on Sundays. You would be in the Prayer Room for 15 minutes before and 10 Minutes after the Worship service. If you would be interested in being a Prayer Warrior, please contact Shari Scott.

UMM Spotlight *by John Newman*

Strength

“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.” – Deuteronomy 31:6

“God, there are times when we must be brave and face an adversary.”

An employee works at an ad agency and is currently bidding on some client work. They’ll be making a presentation and competing against rival firms for a lucrative account. Sometimes the competition can get cutthroat. The main challenger has a reputation for badmouthing the competition, and the employee is not looking forward to interacting with this gentleman the day of the presentations.

“God, please strengthen us so that we might face our rivals with grace.” -Prayers For Men

The UMM will be the host organization for the next 5th Sunday Brunch Potluck at 10:30 AM. The UMM will be providing Pancakes, Sausage/Bacon, and Egg casserole. Others can bring what they want for the Brunch, please contact the office to let up know what you are planning to bring.

The UMYF and the UMM will be co-hosting a Trunk-R-Treat event located on the North Parking Lot from 6 PM to 8 PM on Sunday October 29th. Please contact the office to reserve a space for the event.

The October dinner will be supplied by the UMM and the menu will be Chicken Casseroles, Fruit Plate, Bread and desserts.

CALENDAR

October 2nd – UMM/UWF dinner and Meetings,

Oct. 29th – UMM sponsoring 5th Sunday Brunch 10:30 AM to 12 PM

Oct. 29st - St. Luke’s Trunk-R-Treat 6 PM – 8PM

November 6th – UMM/UWF dinner and Meetings

December 4th – UMM/UWF dinner and Meetings

Please mark your calendars.



LUNCH BUNCH

The October Lunch Bunch will on October 17th, at the Twisted Tavern. Please join us there at 12:30 PM. All are welcome!

Please notify Susan Wilhelms or the church office if interested.

QUILT SALE!

Piecemakers quilts will be displayed for sale on Saturday, October 28 in the Parkhurst Gym during the Resell-It-Shop hours and on Sunday, October 29th during the fifth Sunday Brunch. Come see our quilts. The wedding season and Holiday season are quickly approaching. Maybe you would like something to cuddle on the sofa with during the cold winter days. We have a variety of sizes, colors and themes.

We are always interested in new quilters. You don't have to know anything about sewing or quilting. We will teach one task at time. Right now, we have lots of pressing to do as we start a new project. Join us at 9:00 on Wednesdays in the Gospel Café (yes, we do spread out across the whole room!)

Questions?

See Karen Anderson

Have you invited anyone to St. Luke's lately?

Take some time this October to welcome friends, family and potential guests to St. Luke's United Methodist Church!

United Women in Faith

Faith - Action - Sisterhood



United Women in Faith

October 2023 News

Our next meeting is Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Open Door classroom across from the office area. We will be having a program titled "Living the Kin-Dom" that gives fresh eyes to the Lord's Prayer. We welcome all women of the church to join us and look forward to seeing our past members return for our first meeting of Fall. Bring a friend!

The men will be preparing a meal for us at 6:00 p.m in the Gospel Café. So please feel free to join us for the meal and meeting.

The November meeting will be Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7 PM.

2023 UWF Scholarships Awarded

We are pleased to announce the three recipients of the 2023 Academic Scholarships from St. Luke's United Women in Faith. Congratulations to the following individuals who applied for and received this year's scholarships: **Miles King** will be attending Lindenwood University studying Cinematography and Digital Business Media, **Braden Loesekam** is attending Baptist Bible College studying Business Management, and **Connor Norris** is attending Lindenwood University studying Exercise Science/Athletic Trainer. Each received a \$500.00 Scholarship towards their educational expenses. Please join us in celebrating both their educational and spiritual journey! We offer our prayers for their continued success in their new endeavors. Congratulations!

Re-Sell-It-Shoppe News

SAVE THE DATE: Re Sell It Shoppe – ***Cash and Carry Sale*** : **Saturday, November 11, 2023, with Presale on Friday, November 10, 2023.** Plan to get those great bargains on a wide variety of items! Christmas decor, too!

Sandy Newman, President UWF

PRAYER LIST

Laura Contestable	Challie Allison
Eric Heimos	Judy Aubuchon
Freya Koch	Carol Baitinger
Terry McCleary	Kathy Brummett
Keira Quintana	Steven Davis
	Geoffrey Fasoldt
Jennifer Adrian	Bridget Fischer
Janet Berkley	Ashley Halker
Jody Craine	Dennis Ledgerwood
Coleen Eggemeyer	Caroline Lewis
Family of Don Aiello	Marlene Loesekam
Family of David Bordreau	Mae McAdow
Family of Alice Weeks	Cheryl Rothe
Karen Feddersen	Larry Snelson
Tippie Heimos	Laura Widman
JoAnn Karrl	Kathy Wyatt & Family
Connie Laramie	Bill Zimmerman
Marsha Longbine	
Mary Brunstein Seyer	
Maxine Smith	

OCTOBER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11—Dawn and Ryan Follmer

12—Bob and Amy Munroe

25—Rita and Robert Champlin

26—Stephen and Stacey Lampe

Ink Cartridges

Have an old ink cartridge you need to dispose of? St. Luke's recycles them! Bring your used ink cartridges up to St. Luke's and leave them in the collection room. We will gather them and then ship them off.



All proceeds help the missions of the church!

OCTOBER'S BIRTHDAYS

4—Jean Bailey

5—Debbie Letchworth

5—Michael Vennemann

6—Michelle Ode

8—Frank Dehner

16—Shari Scott

18—Willie Rolan

19—Dee Ryan

21—Ayden Schuer

26—Samantha Fink

26—Madeline Thurau

28—Ward Klocke

29—Jeff Spaulding

31—James Donner

31—Khiry Rolan

DARTBALL

It's Dartball season!

Come support the St. Luke's Dartball team this season in the Parkhurst Gym for our home games. Doors open at 6 PM. There is no admission fee, and free snacks are provided.

- September 19th
- September 26th
- October 3rd
- October 24th
- November 7th
- November 14th
- November 24th
- December 5th

ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 2761 Telegraph Road
 St. Louis, MO 63125

Address Service Requested

Church Office: 314-892-5595

DATED MATERIAL

9AM Worship Service

Service is recorded and posted onto the St. Luke's Youtube page at 10:30 every Sunday.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Mike Gillen
Executive Assistant: Maya Quintana
Treasurer: Cheryl Rothe
Music Director: Tom Schmidt
Minister of Worship: Rev. Bruce Walker
Custodians: Building Stars & Mers-Goodwill



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OCTOBER SERMON SERIES BY

REV. DR. MIKE GILLEN:

“Legacy”

10/01 Courage

10/08 Guidelines

10/15 Relevant

10/22 Responsibility

10/29 Connected

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 the conversation on
 Facebook!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9a.m. Worship service 9a.m. Bethesda Worship 10 a.m. Fellowship 10:30a.m. Sunday School 4:30 - 6:30p.m. Basketball	2 9a.m. Sew and Sews 10:30a.m. AA Meeting 5:30p.m. Cheerleading 6p.m. UMM/UWF 7:30p.m. AA Meeting	3 10a.m. AA Meeting 5p.m. Dartball 5:30p.m. AA Meeting 6:30p.m. Choir Practice 7:30p.m. AA Meeting 8p.m. Handbell Practice	4 9a.m. Piecemakers 5:30p.m Karate 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 6:30p.m. Stewardship Meeting	5 9a.m. Prayer Shawls 9:30a.m.-3:30pm Re-Sell-It Shoppe 12p.m. Game Day 5:30p.m. Cheerleading 6p.m. Praise Band 7p.m. Al anon Meeting	6 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting	7 9a.m. New Hope Leadership Retreat 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe
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We are here for
you if you are in
need of

PRAYER

***And whatever you ask in prayer,
you will receive, if you have
faith.”***

Matthew 21:22 (ESV)

Our Prayer Room is always open.
You may use it to pray privately
or there will be someone available
to pray with you.

***“Our prayers may be awkward.
Our attempts may be feeble. But
since the power of prayer is in the
one who hears it and not in the
one who says it, our prayers do
make a difference.”***

Max Lucado



All are welcome!

Have you heard the saying “Don’t stir the pot”? This small group, **Stirring The Pot** Fellowship, invites you to do just that! Discussing some topics may make us uncomfortable but

having respectful conversations around difficult topics can build relationships and open us up to new ways of thinking! You are invited to join us Sundays, following 9am Worship, in the Gospel Café. Questions? Contact Cindy Schneringer at 314-488-8504 or Steve Wilhelms at 601-529-2539

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thank you to those that have stepped forward to serve as communion stewards. We still need a few more people to add to our list so, If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please consider being a communion steward.

We need two people each month to assist Dr. Mike with serving communion on the First Sunday of the month. Ideally, if we have 12 volunteers, you would help with communion two times per year.

If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, please contact Shari Scott at the church office. She will also have a sign up sheet available in the welcome center.

CHURCH PHONE BOOK

Looking for an updated directory of your fellow church members? Call the office and we can print you one! You can come pick your copy up during office hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 to 3 PM

Friday: 8:30 to 12 PM

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