

St Luke's UMC Telegraph

November 2023

Newsletter



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A Letter from the Pastor

Dear St. Luke's,

Beginning November 5, our Sunday worship service will begin at 10:00 am. We've been advertising this for the past six weeks to get us ready for the new time.

I held several "Coffees with the New Pastor" meet-and-greet events in my first months at St. Luke's. One of the consistent complaints was the worship time was a little early.

In conversation with the Executive Team and TSF group (Trustees-Staff Parish-Finance Teams), I proposed we begin the worship service an hour later. They agreed, hoping that it will make it more attractive for regular worshipers to invite others to join them.

Don't forget the first Sunday in November concludes Daylight Savings Time. Turn your clocks back an hour and head over to St. Luke's.

Blessings, Dr. Mike

Thank You

I would like to thank each and everyone for prayers and thoughts for Freya Koch and family. Doctors did an awesome job of removing the whole gland and tumor. At this point there are no side affects and she is on her way home. Now waiting to see what next step is. Blessings for all.

Jean Bailey

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

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

November

Main Menu

Canned Beef or Chicken Meals (hearty stews, chili, soups)

Any Canned Vegetable

Any Canned Fruit/Applesauce

Gelatin (Jello), Pudding mix (any flavor)

Powdered Milk or Soy Milk, (shelf stable)

All Purpose Flour, Sugar

Additional Items -

Cold Cereal or Oatmeal

Sugar Free or Low Sugar Juices (plastic bottles)

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac 'n Cheese

Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, razors

INVITABLE EVENTS

Weekly

- **SUNDAY WORSHIP at 9AM**
- **SEW N'SEWS:** Mondays, 9AM
- **PIECEMAKERS QUILTING**
Wednesdays, 9 AM
- **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

Monthly

- **GRIEF SUPPORT LUNCHEON**
Nov 6th—12 Noon
at Rizzo's
- **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**
Nov 6th—12 Noon
at Rizzo's

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= \$458,136

Loan Balance

Paid YTD= \$26,874

Principle

Paid YTD= \$21,672 Interest



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.

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 7:30 PM. There is no admission fee!

- October 24th
- November 7th
- November 14th
- November 24th
- December 5th



MONTHLY MISSIONS

THANK YOU for the wonderful response to our collection of items for making the **Missouri Youth Personal Care Packs** for the Festival of Sharing. We were able to

assemble **20 kits** from your donations and those received from the Vacation Bible School. These were delivered to the Share Fest event. Each kit is valued at \$35.00, so we made a donation of \$700.00 in non-cash items. A *Special Thanks* to the Peacemakers Quilt group that cut and sewed the 20 drawstring bags that all the items were placed in to be given to the youth! Thank you to them also for helping with the assembly.

November Monthly Missions

I encourage all our members to take an active part in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner in whatever way you are able. Whether it is cooking before the day of the event, or helping out on that day many hands are needed to serve this community meal.

Meal - A - Month Menu's for November are included in this newsletter and will be available to pick up in the Welcome Center. Please purchase the listed items and bring to the collection room or Welcome Center. What an easy and wonderful way to help out Feed My People!

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.

St. Luke's will be attending the 2023 virtual charge conference. On January 6, 2023, at 2:00-3:00 pm. Pam Jones and Dr. Mike Gillen will be the representatives for the meeting.

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 Nov 6th at Rizzo's in the Old Navy complex on Lindbergh at 12 noon.

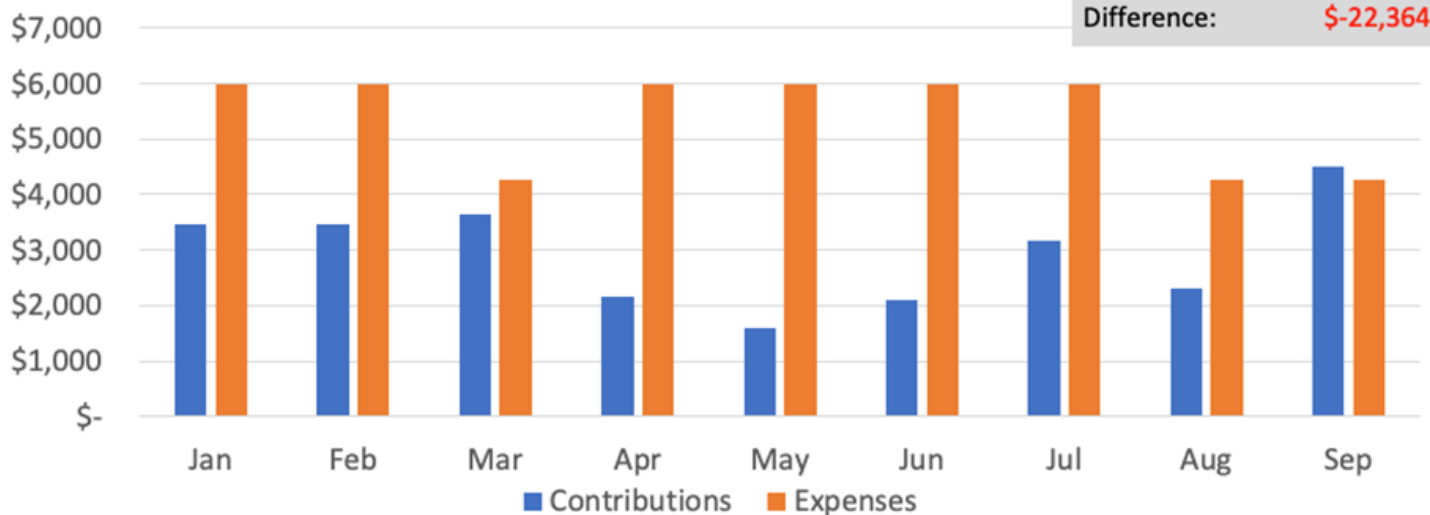
Any questions please call Jean Bailey at 314-660-2912.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and St. Luke's will again provide a free Community Thanksgiving dinner. We will serve 11:30 - 1:30 on Thanksgiving Day. Many hands are needed to make this happen. We will need a set-up crew, cooks, order takers, order fillers, servers, bussers, dishwashers and cleanup/tear-down volunteers. If you aren't available to help on Thanksgiving day, we will also need people to prepare, cook and slice the turkeys at the church on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We will also need donations of Pumpkin pies (both regular and sugar-free) and apple pies. Please bring the baked pies to church the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The remaining side dishes will be cooked on Thursday morning.

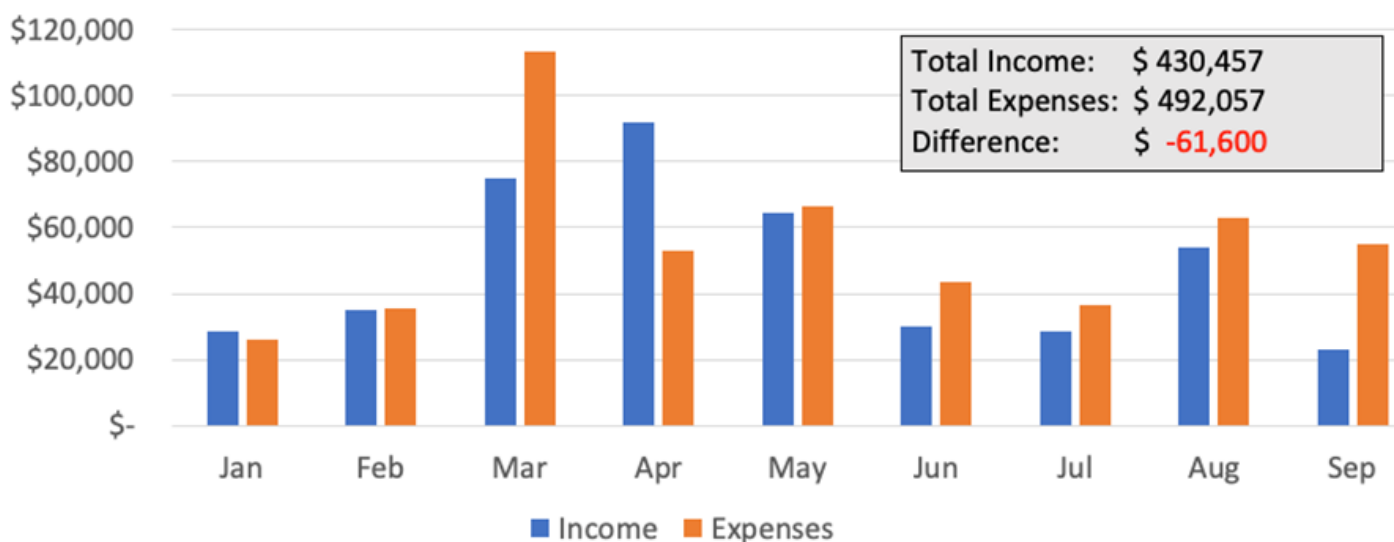
To volunteer, please use the sign up genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084AAFA929A2FDC70-45181771-thanksgiving> or contact the church office.

In addition to many volunteers, we will need donations of turkeys which can be brought to the church where a team will cook them. If donating turkeys is not your thing, you can also make a cash donation and we'll do the shopping for you. We estimate the cost at about \$10.00 per meal. A donation of \$20.00 would cover two dinners and a \$40.00 donation would cover a family of four. If you have questions or would like to help please contact Shari Scott.

Building Loan
Contributions vs. Expenses



St. Luke's UMC 2023 Income vs Expenses



UMM Spotlight *by John Newman*

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” – 2 Peter 3:9

A mom who worked as a physical therapist sometimes said, “Two steps forward, one step back” to clients who felt discouraged about the long road to recovery. “But you’ll get there,” she always added. The mom is a spiritual person, and shared with the ones she loved that her maxim applies to any process of self-improvement, it reminds her of God’s faith in us. Some are deeply struck by her observation! Self-improvement is a long haul, marked by setbacks and detours. And yet, God, you always are patient with us, and believe we can better ourselves. Thank you for believing in our potential and efforts; we are bolstered by your patience and love. – Prayers for Men

Self-improvement for the MEN of St. Luke’s UMC starts with joining the UMM to bring your thoughts, concerns, suggestions, and your abilities to help grow and improve the men at St. Luke’s.

At our next meeting we will be discussing two upcoming events. First is to settle on a date to attend a SLU Billikens Basketball game. We have been doing this for several years and have always had a good time. The second is to discuss the preparations for our proposed Trivia Night.

CALENDAR

November 6th – UMM/UWF dinner and Meetings (UWF Meal)

December 4th – UMM/UWF dinner and Meetings (UMM Meal)

Please mark your calendars.



Noah's Ark Kids

We are so proud of our Noah's Ark Kids Sunday School Class for taking on Heifer Project as their mission. It's a wonderful learning opportunity for them and allows them to help families in need.

Their gifts to Heifer will also provide training for the recipients on how to care for the animals and their uses.

So far this year, with the help of matching gifts through the Heifer Project, the kids have been able to purchase a Basket of Hope (\$50), a water buffalo (\$250) and this month they were able to purchase an Alpaca (\$150). They aren't sure what their next animal will be but they have already saved \$17.00 towards that purchase!

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!

PIECEMAKERS

If you missed our sale on October 28 or 29, we will be happy to show you our quilts and assist with your needs – maybe something for you to snuggle with during the cold evenings ahead, or a gift for someone needing a little extra snuggle. We will be meeting on Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, & 29. We will take off for Thanksgiving.

Our next projects will be baby playmats and coverlets for our spring layettes. Please join us, we can use lots of help. If you don't know anything about quilting, sewing, pressing, fabric selections – we would love to help you learn. And we always go out to lunch!

Questions?

See Karen Anderson

United Methodist Church Workshop

The pastor is developing a workshop that describes what is happening in The United Methodist Church, especially around issues related to human sexuality. To make this a relevant event, the pastor is asking St. Luke's folks to submit questions regarding the current denominational circumstances. What would you like to ask your pastor about The United Methodist Church? Please submit your questions in person at the church office or email at office@stlukesumcmo.org.

United Women in Faith Faith - Action - Sisterhood



United
Women
in Faith

November 2023 News

Our next meeting is Monday, November 6, 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 focusing on the "World Thank Offering." We welcome all women of the church to join us. Please join us for the meal at 6:00 p.m. prior to the meeting in Gospel Café.

We will be preparing the meal this month for the UMM and UWF. Anyone that can come early to assist with set up around 4:30- 5:00 p.m. would be helpful.

The December meeting will be Monday, December 4, 2023 at 7 PM.

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. (\$5.00 donation for PreSale) Plan to get those great bargains on a wide variety of items! Christmas decor, too!

Sandy Newman, President UWF



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!

PRAYER LIST

Kim Bell
Shawn Feddersen
Freya Koch
Matt & Holly Porter

Jennifer Adrian
Janet Berkley
Laura Contestable
Family of Marian Ball
Cathy Follmer
JoAnn Karri
Connie Laramie
Terry McCleary
Clint Paes
Corey Tedrick

Challie Allison
Judy Aubuchon
Carol Baitinger
Kathy Brummett
Jody Craine
Steven Davis
Tom Diekhaus
Coleen Eggemeyer
Geoffrey Fasoldt
Bridget Fischer
Ashley Halker
Althea Hart

Tippie Heimos
Dennis Ledgerwood
Caroline Lewis
Janean Little
Marlene Loesekam
Mae McAdow
Dot McCoy
Anita Phillips
Cheryl Rothe
Mary Brunstein Seyer
Larry Snelson
Laura Widman
Kathy Wyatt & Family
Bill Zimmerman
Sheila Zundel

OCTOBER'S BIRTHDAYS

1—Matt Henson
4—Lydia Neun
5—Jim Monken
7—Luke Schmidt
10—Hayden Hugguns
11—Tammy Caldwell
11—Colleen DeGuire
12—Betty Fasoldt
12—Pamela Jones
15—Jen Michaelis
20—Samantha Thureau
22—Melissa Schmidt
24—Dara Howard
24—Emily Schneringer
26—David Caldwell
26—Kerby Schuer
28—Sean Fink
30—Korie Michaelis
30—Jordan Ode
30—Sandy Turnbough

NOVEMBER'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

22—Ramona and Ken Schmidt

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

St. Luke's has been invited to participate in an ecumenical Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Thomas-Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. In addition to St. Thomas-Holy Spirit, we'll be joining Trinity Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Southminster Presbyterian Church in Crestwood, and St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church.

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!

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: Mers-Goodwill



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NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES BY

REV. DR. MIKE GILLEN:

“Thankful”

11/05 Sanctuary

11/12 Help

11/19 Blessings

11/26 Celebrating

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NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			FIRST DAY OF AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH 9a.m. Piecemakers 5:30p.m. Karate 6p.m. AA Bookstudy 6:30p.m. Stewardship Meeting 7p.m. NA Group	2 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	3 10a.m. AA Meeting 7p.m. AA Meeting	4 10a.m. AA Meeting 10a.m.-2p.m. Re-Sell-It Shoppe
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Consider “Percentage Giving” by Pamela Jones

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” –**Malachi 3:10**

Again and again the Bible lifts up tithing – giving a tenth of our income – as a benchmark for faithful giving. The prophet Malachi goes so far as to say God promises to rain down abundant blessings upon those who tithe. Yet most Christians fall quite short of tithing, generally giving less than 3 percent to the church?

Why? One reason is that in calculating how much to give, most people use the fixed-rate method. They first take stock of how much *they are able* to give, and then how much *they want* to give. Weighing these two factors, they then decide how much *they will* give.

There’s nothing particularly bad about this method, but it has limitations. While giving folks an offering amount they can live with, the fixed-rate method doesn’t necessarily put them on the path toward tithing. But, can *everyone* afford to tithe? Of course not. However, many of us, maybe most of us, could afford to give more than we do now.

A better method is percentage giving, that is, determining your offering as a percentage of income. Keeping track of your giving as a percentage of income provides you with information to gauge your offering and perhaps build up to a tithe. You can make it a goal gradually, over time, to increase the percentage until you reach a tithe – 10 percent. One simple way would be to increase your giving by one half of a percentage point per year.

Regardless of how much you give, the important thing is to be prayerful about your offering, be as generous as you are able, and keep tithing in mind, perhaps as a goal when you fill out your 2024 pledge card.

As Malachi promises, God will bless you richly for your tithing, and not only that, your church will be blessed, too. Switching from fixed-rate giving to percentage giving is a good start.



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create an account. Donors will be able to direct gifts to 5 designated areas, set-up weekly giving reminders and re-occurring gifts, receive instant emailed receipts, and track amounts given over the year!

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